

Studies from Joshua.
“Yahweh is salvation.”

Welcome to Bible Exposition

“Wherever you tread the land, I will
give” (Josh.1:3, Deu.11:24)



1. Catching the vision.

a) A divine mandate.

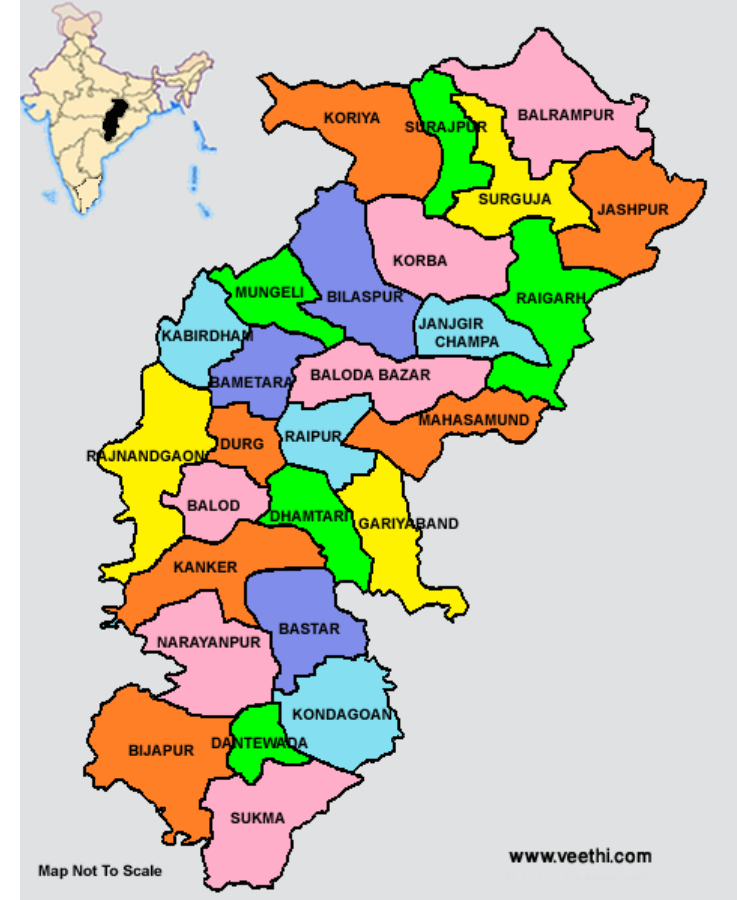
- Where there is no vision... (Prov.29:18)
- Every person /believer must have a vision in his life.
- The vision must not be self-generated but imparted from God.
- Many say, I am seeing visions.....end up only as visionaries without any mission.
- Joshua's vision was a fulfilment of Abrahamic Covenant.
- So, what is your vision?

b) Joshu's vision was to inherit the land (Josh.1:2-4).

- Moses is dead, Arise, I am with you.
- God's promise is the foundation of Joshua's vision.
- Entire territory is promised.



- Today, we have a big territory to win 5:100 in India.
- God has given a vast land, the state of chhattisgarh, with 33 districts.
- Our God is giving the same promise, “I will be with you.”
- Go ye therefore (Matt.28:18-20)....
- Proclaiming the Gospel is mandatory. It is given all four Gospels and Acts. (Matt.28:18-20; Mk.16:15; 13:10; Luke 24:47; John 20:21-22; Acts 1:8).
- God’s presence is much more than what it was before (Joel 2:28). “I will pour out my Spirit.....”
- God’s presence is not just a distant power but an intimate, empowering force that guides, protects, and works through us according to His purpose.



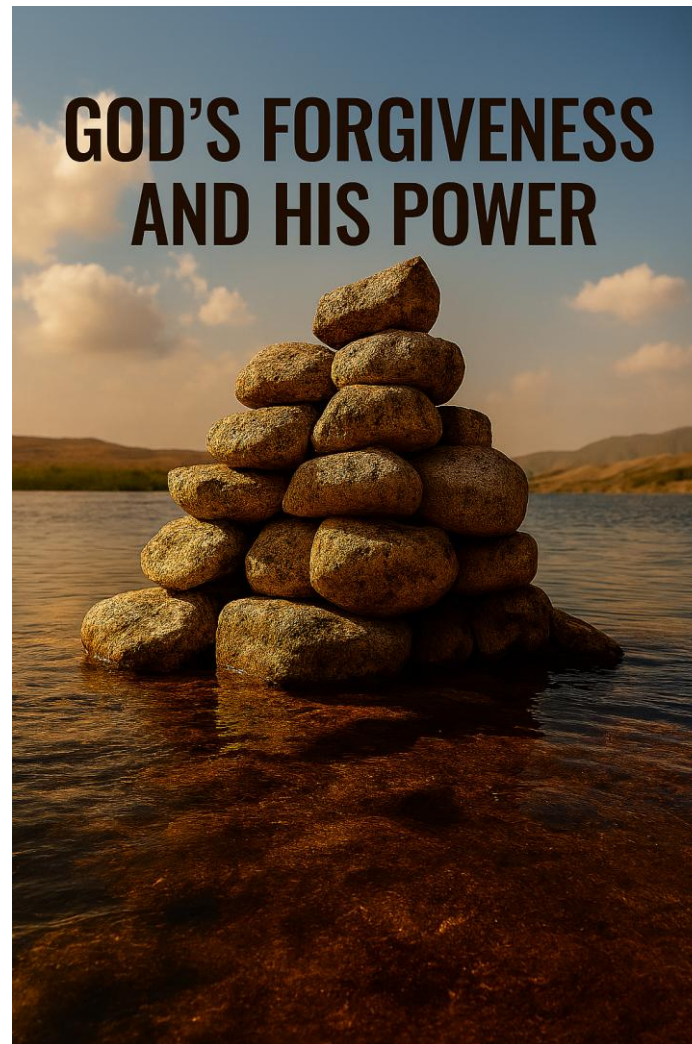
- His presence is everywhere, wherever we go. Prophet Jonah felt God's presence deep inside the sea in a whale's belly.
- **Do you want to obey like Joshua or want to run away like Jonah?**
- God's work cannot be stopped.
- In the Gospel = Go + Spell is already given.

c) Converting Vision into Mission:

- Convinced 2 ½ tribes, i.e. Reubenites, Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh, after defeating Amorites.
- Sent two spies to spy the land before their first battle with Jericho. – Campus walk.
- **Relied on God's will, despite the news that the people of Jericho were very much scared of the Israelites.**
- Spiritual consecration (Josh.3:5).
- Crossing the Jordan when it was in flood.



God's faithfulness



GOD'S FORGIVENESS
AND HIS POWER

Two heaps of stones

1. **The pile at Gilgal (Josh. 4:3, 20)** carried out of the river to set up at Gilgal was meant to teach the future generation that Israel could enter the Promised Land.

- Our God is a covenant-fulfilling God.
- It shows God's faithfulness.

2. **The Pile of stones in the Jordan River (Josh.4:9).**

- God stopped Jordan river so that Israel could pass through.
- Oh| Israel, your sins are covered. (Micah 7:15).
- Stop remembering your previous sinful life and start a new renewed life (2 Cor.5:17).



How did Joshua complete his
Mission?

Equipping

Engaging

Enlarging

Joshua equipped himself

a) Spiritual equipping:

- Obedience and Meditation: Followed Moses in every aspect.
- Moses laid hands on Joshua (Deu.34:9). – (Back to basics)
- A two-fold confirmation of God's choice (Josh 1:17).
- Relying on God's Word (The Law): The book of the Law shall not depart (Josh.1:8).
- Received the Spirit of Wisdom (Deu.34:9).
- Affirming the Covenant. - Physical circumcision (Josh.5:5), symbolising putting to death the deeds of the flesh (Col.2:9-13)

- Setting up God's ark and stones at Gilgal. Do you have a strong EGF/Church base?
- What spiritual equipping is needed for you?

b) Joshua was commissioned by God.

- Be strong and courageous (Josh.1:6,7,9)
- He was obedient to God and Moses for 40-years (Ex.24:13).
- He had a great experience as a faithful spy (Num.14:6-9).
- He was a seasoned warrior (Ex.17:9-13).
- He had an encounter with the angel of God.
- God is commissioning you (2 Cor.5:20) – We are ambassadors of Christ...



3. Engaging God-given resources.

- His success was not due to a superior military strategy but faithful engagement of supernatural resources.
- God's divine presence – The Ark. Priests carried the Ark of the Covenant (3:14-17).
- Although Manna stopped, they ate the produce of the land (Josh.5:17).
- People listened to Joshua for supernatural victory (6:6-9)
- Joshua developed faith and patience among the people (6:10-14).



Victory over Jericho.

- They trusted the God of impossibilities.
- They obeyed him in every detail that God had given him.
- Rahab and her household were spared – a promise fulfilled.
- The curse on Jericho, God fulfilled (1 Ki.16:34).
- God blessed Rahab, Zacchaeus (Lk.19:1-10), Blind Bartimaeus (Mk.10:46-52), all from Jericho.



Joshua defeats 5-Kings. (10:12-14)

- **Miracles on the battlefield.** “Do not be afraid; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you. (Josh.10:8).
- **Hail stones from Heaven:** This killed more enemies than the sword.
- **Sun Stands Still:** “The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day’ (Josh.10:13)

Celestial intervention



- The defeat and victory of Ai helped Joshua to cleanse the sin among the Israelites.
- The Gibeonite deception: Joshua defended Gibeonites despite their deceptive treaty. God honours covenant faithfulness.
- God fights for His people.
- Victory comes through obedience and prayer: Joshua's bold prayers and trust in God led to supernatural victory.
- Would you like to see such supernatural things?
- Radhakrishna said: Christians are ordinary people, but their claims are extraordinary.

4. Enlarging the Kingdom

“Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, to you have I given it, as I said to Moses” (Josh.1:3).

“Every place where the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory” (Deu. 11:24).

Enlarging the Territory through Divine strength.

- Central and Southern Campaigns: After Jericho and Ai, Joshua led decisive campaigns, broke the power of major Canaanite alliances, conquering the heartland (Josh.8-10).
- The Lord gave Israel all the land he swore to their fathers. (Josh.21:43-45).

- Joshua divided the Land: He made a precise division of the conquered land by lots (Josh.14-22).
- He made the Cities of refuge (Josh.20).
- Finally, he made an emotional Farewell speech at the end of his life. Choose this day, whom you will serve;
“**But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**”



Strengths:

- **Unwavering Faith:** Joshua and Caleb (Num. 13:30; 14:6-9).
- **Servant Leadership:** Served Moses faithfully for 40-years (Ex.24:13).
- **Absolute Obedience to God:** Followed divine instructions.
- **Spiritual Resolve:** His farewell address – Personal and Family commitment to God. (Josh.24:15).

Weakness:

- **Failure to seek counsel** – made treaty with Gibeonites (Josh.9:14).

Things to ask.

Dear brother/ sister.

Q.1. Do you have a vision like Joshua?

Q.2. God is calling you to possess the Land of Jharkhand? Are you listening?

Q.3. Whom do you serve? What is your priority? Your profession, business, your home, your studies?

Q.4. Do you believe that you have a definite work to do, a place in God's ministry?

Q.5. Do you see how God treated those who were careless?

Q.5. Can you publicly say! Yes, I and my household are serving the Lord!

FOR I AM
BUILDING A
PEOPLE OF
POWER

- **Verse**

For I'm building a people of power
And I'm making a people of praise
That will move through this land by My Spirit
And will glorify My precious name

- **Chorus**

Build Your church, Lord. Make us strong, Lord.
Join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son
Make us one, Lord In Your Body
In the kingdom of Your Son
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May the Lord bless you.