

FCF Daily Bible Reading For May

Tuesday, May 1	Intro and Chap. 1
Wednesday, May 2	Joshua Chap. 2
Thursday, May 3	Joshua Chap. 3
Friday, May 4	Joshua Chap. 4
Monday, May 7	Joshua Chap. 5
Tuesday, May 8	Joshua Chap. 6
Wednesday, May 9	Joshua Chap. 7
Thursday, May 10	Joshua Chap. 8
Friday, May 11	Joshua Chap. 9
Monday, May 14	Joshua Chap. 10
Tuesday, May 15	Joshua Chap. 11
Wednesday, May 16	Joshua Chap. 12
Thursday, May 17	Joshua Chap. 13
Friday, May 18	Joshua Chap. 14
Monday, May 21	Joshua Chap. 15
Tuesday, May 22	Joshua Chap. 16
Wednesday, May 23	Joshua Chap. 17
Thursday, May 24	Joshua Chap. 18
Friday, May 25	Joshua Chap. 19
Monday, May 28	Joshua Chap. 20 & 21
Tuesday, May 29	Joshua Chap. 22
Wednesday, May 30	Joshua Chap. 23
Thursday, May 31	Joshua Chap. 24

Introduction to the Book of Joshua

Author: Joshua

Date Written: The period between the death of Moses to the Conquest of the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua.

Land. Land flowing with milk and honey. Promised land. Holy land. Canaan land. The land. Joshua, Moses' successor as leader of Israel, was poised at the River Jordan to enter and take possession of Canaan, an unremarkable stretch of territory sandwiched between massive and already ancient civilizations. It would have been unimaginable to anyone at the time that anything of significance could take place on that land. This narrow patch had never been significant economically or culturally, but only as a land bridge between the two great cultures and economies of Egypt and Mesopotamia. But it was about to become important in the religious consciousness of humankind. In significant ways, this land would come to dwarf everything that had gone on before and around it.

The People of Israel had been landless for nearly five hundred years. The “fathers”—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his twelve sons—had been nomads in the land of Canaan. That was followed by a long period of slavery in Egypt (over 400 years!), a miraculous deliverance into freedom led by Moses, and then forty years of testing and training for living as a free people under God's guidance and blessing.

The company camped at the Jordan on the day that opens the Book of Joshua had nearly half a millennium of slavery behind them. They were a dispossessed, ragtag crew—and only very recently set free. The transition from being landless slaves to landholding free men and women was huge. Joshua leads the transition, first in taking the land (chapters 1 through 12), then in distributing it among the twelve tribes (chapters 13 through 22), and concluding with a solemn covenant-witness (chapters 23 through 24) that bound the people to the gift of land and the worship of the God from whom they received it.