





After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide:

"Moses My servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them — to the Israelites.

"I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.

"Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates all the Hittite country — to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

"No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."

# God Presents His People with New Life Realities

The book is not ultimately about Joshua; it is about God. God is the hero of the book.

So the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him.

NUMBERS 27:18

"Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence.

NUMBERS 27:19

"Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him."

NUMBERS 27:20

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### "God buries His workers, but His work goes on."

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# God Gives Commands for His People

"This land fulfills God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; it is the divine gift to the Israelites and belongs to them as they accept and obey the covenant."

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The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

GENESIS 12:1

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

GENESIS 12:2

"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

GENESIS 12:3

"The land was a gift, but Israel had to 'possess' it. Divine sovereignty and human responsibility were complementary ideas rather than antithetic pairs."

WALTER KAISER





"God's people live on promises and not on explanations."

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# God Offers Promises to His People

## Possession of the Land

# Assurance of Protection and Victory

### Presence of God

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**MATTHEW 28:19** 

"and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**MATTHEW 28:20** 

"Joshua was a type of Jesus Christ, our great captain who has conquered not a passing earthly kingdom but sin and sin's horrible offspring, death...All Christians enter into the victory that Christ won for us."

MARK DEVER

"God's promises are prods, not pillows."

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It was easy for people to see the land as a **destination** rather than a **launchpad**. It was easy for people to see the land as a **destination** rather than a **launchpad**.

We want to invite people into a movement, not to a monument.

### God is faithful to His people, keeping His promises as settings and circumstances change.