

# L10 FIGHT FOR THE PROMISED LAND

*Exodus 17:8-16, Joshua 1-12*

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## **Overview**

The Israelites had been wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, waiting to enter the Promised Land. After Moses' death, Joshua became their new leader and led them across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. They conquered the city of Jericho and began their journey to possess the land, just as God had promised.

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## **The Israelites Face Enemies in the Desert**

*(Exodus 17:8-16)*

The Israelites faced many enemies in the desert, including the Amalekites. They fought bravely, and with God's help, they won the battle. (Exodus 17:8-16)

## **Entering the Promised Land**

*(Joshua 1-4)*

When they reached the border of the Promised Land, they met more enemies, including the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites. Joshua became their new leader after Moses died. (Joshua 1:1-9) They crossed the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land, a miraculous event that demonstrated God's power and presence. (Joshua 3-4)

## **The Battle of Jericho**

*(Joshua 6)*

The first major battle was at the city of Jericho, which they won by following God's instructions. They marched around the city walls for seven days, and on the seventh day, the walls fell, giving them victory. (Joshua 6)

## **Defeat and Victory at Ai**

*(Joshua 7-8)*

However, they faced a defeat at Ai because of sin in the camp. (Joshua 7) After dealing with the sin, they attacked Ai again and won. (Joshua 8)

## **Conquering the Promised Land**

*(Joshua 9-12)*

They fought many battles with different kings and peoples of the land, including the Gibeonites and the kings of the northern and southern regions. (Joshua 9-12) God promised Joshua that He would be with them in all their battles. (Joshua 1:9)

## **Miraculous Victories**

*(Joshua 10)*

They had victories at places like Gibeon, where God made the sun stand still, giving them more time to defeat their enemies. (Joshua 10:12-14)

## **Settling in the Promised Land**

*(Joshua 13-22)*

Joshua led the Israelites in many more battles to conquer the land, including defeating the kings of Hazor, Madon, Shimron, and Achshaph. (Joshua 11-12) Despite some defeats and challenges, they finally took possession of the Promised Land. They settled in the land, fulfilling God's promise to their ancestors.

## ***Lessons***

- God always keeps His promises.
- We must trust and obey God, even when it's hard.
- God is powerful and He can do amazing things.

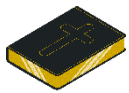
- We must work together as a team to achieve great things.
- Forgiveness is important, and God forgives us when we make mistakes.
- We must remember to thank God for His blessings.
- Being brave doesn't mean we're not scared, but we face our fears with God's help.
- We can always ask God for help, and He will be with us.

## *Activity*

Imagine you are one of the Israelites, walking alongside Joshua as you enter the Promised Land. You've been on a long journey, and you're excited to finally reach the land God promised to your ancestors. As you walk, you see the Jordan River parting, and you hear the walls of Jericho crumbling. You feel grateful for God's power and protection.

1. Can you recall a time in your life when you witnessed a breakthrough after a long period of waiting or struggle-something that made you feel deeply grateful for God's guidance and protection?
2. How did you feel before you witnessed a breakthrough?

## *Memory verse*



*"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Jos 1:9)*

## *Reflection*

Just like Joshua, we can be brave and strong because God is always with us. We might face challenges or feel scared, but God's promise to be with us gives us courage. Remember, God loves you and wants to help you through tough times. So, be brave, trust God, and know that He's always by your side!

## ***Song: Onward, Christian Soldier (G)***

Onward, Christian soldiers,  
marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
going on before!  
Christ, the royal Master,  
leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle,  
see his banner go!

*Onward, Christian soldiers,  
marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
going on before!*

At the sign of triumph  
Satan's host doth flee;  
On, then, Christian soldiers,  
on to victory!  
Hell's foundations quiver  
at the shout of praise;  
Brothers, lift your voices,  
loud your anthems raise! (Refrain)