

# Joshua Bible Study

## A Joint Exploration of Scripture and Modern Politics

### Introduction

Beth Jacob Synagogue and Park Congregational Church are collaborating to present a unique study that focuses on the intersection of religious scripture and contemporary politics. This joint exploration aims to foster peaceful dialogue and thoughtful consideration of challenging issues that arise when religious teachings intersect with modern-day political realities.

### Focus of the Exploration

The study centers on the Book of Joshua. Historically regarded by the Jewish people as the concluding book of their canon. However, over time, it became clear that an additional eighteen separate books were needed to complete the canon. We will explore in the Book of Joshua, the ancient story of conquest of the Land of Canaan, and discuss broader themes it raises relevant to both faith and politics.

### Connecting Scripture to Modern Geopolitics

In addition to examining the Biblical texts, participants will analyze portions of two contemporary books that address the widespread application of Biblical teachings. This part of the study aims to bring the discussion up to date, considering how scriptural interpretations can influence or reflect current global political dynamics.

Members and friends of our respective congregations are welcome to join us. We will meet over the course of four sessions at our respective houses of worship on these dates and times:

Sunday, May 3 at Park Congregational Bible Study begins at 11:30am

Saturday, May 9 at Beth Jacob, with the lunch study beginning about 12:00 Noon

Saturday, June 6 at Beth Jacob, with the lunch study beginning about 12:00 Noon

Sunday, June 14 at Park Congregational Bible Study begins at 11:30am