



"Now proceed to cross the Jordan..." Joshua 1:2

I can't believe it's already August and that summer is almost over! I feel like this summer has been shorter, but I guess that's because I traveled to Africa in June. It was good to be back after spending time in Gambella. I concluded my trip with a big spiritual conference, cherishing the reunion with those I hadn't seen in years since I moved to America. I felt at home and was reminded of my childhood. Gambella was green, and the Opono River was filling up.

When I was growing up, from late June through late August, this river would flood, causing our villages and huts to sit in water. The rainfall in the high mountains of Ethiopia raises the level of the Opono River during this time. Roads would close, and only dugout canoes could be used for transportation. The Opono River, also known as the Baro, is the only river in Ethiopia accessible for commercial transportation, facilitating the movement of goods between Ethiopia and South Sudan in winter. When the British occupied the then Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, they would bring salt and clothes from Sudan and exchange these commodities for Ethiopian coffee. Gambella City served as ports of entry and commercial.

Standing on the Opono Bridge in Gambella for a picture, I was reminded of the River Jordan and reflected on the journey of faith depicted in the Book of Joshua, which we will explore this month. This narrative encompasses great lessons, including the significance of the name Joshua (Yeshua), the Greek translation of Jesus, the miracle of the sun standing still, and the harsh consequences faced by Achan. This highlights our struggles, God's grace, and the promise of the New Jerusalem, urging us to live victoriously despite challenges.

As Moses' leadership came to an end, Joshua, his assistant, faced the daunting task of leading a new generation into the Promised Land, having witnessed Moses' trials. Filled with questions about crossing the Jordan, Joshua sought God's guidance. He was called to trust and obey God's promises, and as they entered the land, victory was assured. Our journey mirrors this, reminding us to trust in the Lord's deliverance as we navigate our own struggles. The Book of Joshua illustrates key themes relevant to our spiritual journey as followers of God, emphasizing inheritance, faithfulness, and victory while establishing a new identity in Christ.

It also brings impactful correlations with the New Testament: Joshua's leadership parallels Jesus' spiritual guidance; both embody promises of fulfillment. Joshua leads to earthly inheritance, while Jesus offers spiritual salvation. Both texts highlight the significance of faith and obedience, as seen in Rahab's story and the covenants, while also symbolizing spiritual battles and the importance of seeking divine guidance in decision-making.

Now, I appeal to you, Grace Family, to continue your journey with God as you navigate the valleys and hills that life presents. God has promised to be by your side through Jesus, our New Joshua—Shalom!

Pastor Owar



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while vegetable gardening!

BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTIONS

5 questions | The Book of Joshua

1. **How many times did the Israelites march around the city of Jericho?**

- ☐ 7
- ☐ 13
- ☐ 16
- ☐ 49

2. **Who hid the spies Joshua sent into the promised land?**

- ☐ Sheeba
- ☐ Micah
- ☐ Salome
- ☐ Rahab

3. **After Moses' death who did God want to lead His people?**

- ☐ Jesus
- ☐ Abraham
- ☐ Peter
- ☐ Joshua

4. **Which river does God dry up in order for all of Joshua's people to cross?**

- ☐ Nile
- ☐ Red Sea
- ☐ Jordan
- ☐ Tigris

5. **How many days did Joshua and his army circle the walls of Jericho before they fell?**

- ☐ 30
- ☐ 100
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 7

1. How many times did the Israelites march around the city of Jericho?

- ☐ 7
- ☒ 13 < Your Choice < Correct Answer
- ☐ 16
- ☐ 49

Explanation: They marched around the city once a day for six days, then seven times on the seventh day.
Reference: Joshua Chapter 6

CORRECT!

2. Who hid the spies Joshua sent into the promised land?

- ☐ Sheeba
- ☐ Micah
- ☐ Salome
- ☒ Rahab < Your Choice < Correct Answer

Explanation: After the spies entered Jericho, the king of Jericho made a search for them (Joshua 2:2). She knew that God had given the land into the hands of Israel and she wanted to be on God's side (Joshua 2:11). To protect them she hid them on the roof of her house (Joshua 2:4).
Reference: Joshua 2:4

CORRECT!

3. After Moses' death who did God want to lead His people?

- ☐ Jesus
- ☐ Abraham
- ☐ Peter
- ☒ Joshua < Your Choice < Correct Answer

Explanation: When Moses died, God asked Joshua to lead His people
Reference: Joshua 1:1

CORRECT!

4. Which river does God dry up in order for all of Joshua's people to cross?

- ☐ Nile
- ☐ Red Sea
- ☒ Jordan < Your Choice < Correct Answer
- ☐ Tigris

Explanation: pass through the river Jordan and as they do the river dries up allowing the Israelites to pass.
Reference: Joshua 3:15

CORRECT!

5. How many days did Joshua and his army circle the walls of Jericho before they fell?

- ☐ 30
- ☐ 100
- ☐ 3
- ☒ 7 < Your Choice < Correct Answer

Explanation: Joshua was instructed to circle the walls seven times, once a day, for the first six days and seven on the seventh.
Reference: Joshua 6:2

CORRECT!