

The God Who Ambushes, March 26-29, 2026

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? **Circle Two Opportunity...**

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth and 2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

“Good or bad... hard to say!”

A Chinese farmer gets a horse, the neighbors stop by, “That’s good.” Farmer replies, ***“Good or bad; hard to say.”***

Sometime later the horse runs away, the neighbors stop by, “That’s bad.” Farmer replies, ***“Good or bad; hard to say.”***

Sometime later the horse returns and brings 7 horses from the wild with him, the neighbors stop by, “That’s good.” Farmer replies, ***“Good or bad; hard to say.”***

The farmer’s son goes out to ride and tame one of the wild horses. He is thrown and badly breaks his leg. The neighbors stop by, “That’s bad.” Farmer replies, ***“Good or bad; hard to say.”***

A week later the emperor’s men come and take every able-bodied young man to fight in a war. The farmer’s son is spared, the neighbors stop by, “That’s good.” Farmer replies, ***“Good or bad; hard to say.”***

LESSON: The very circumstances that feel bad just might be God’s ambush to deliver on His Romans 8:28 promise.

Deuteronomy final chapters, (1407 to 1406 B.C.), are wrap up preparation to start God’s next chapter in “His-Story” to Messiah who will rescue mankind and restore God’s original design. With the end of the Torah or Pentateuch (the first 5 book), we move into the books of history starting with Joshua.

The primary goal of the history books of the Bible is to **reveal God** more than reveal history.

Joshua, (1406-1375 B.C.), is the account of God partnering with Joshua to occupy the land where He will dwell on earth with His chosen people, fulfilling His promise to Abraham. Michael Heiser called it “Cosmic Geography” – God working in the Earthly Realm and the Heavenly/ Unseen Realm at the same time to accomplish His purposes in both.

The Bible Project. *The Big Idea: Israel enters the land of Canaan, fulfilling God’s promise to Abraham, and Joshua instructs Israel to live according to the covenant.*

The storyline of Joshua is designed with four main movements. Joshua leads Israel into the promised land (Josh. 1-5). Once they’re there, they are met with hostility from the native Canaanites, and they engage in battle (Josh. 6-12). After their victories, Joshua divides up the land as an inheritance for the twelve tribes (Josh. 13-22), and finally, the book concludes with Joshua delivering his final words to the people (Josh. 23-24).

GROUP: What are the major themes, ideas, truths you notice in this week’s chapters?

Daily Reading Chapters Discussion - Scan the chapters – what insights and questions do you have?

Deut. 28 Blessings for Obedience, Curses for Disobedience

Deut. 29 The Covenant Renewed in Moab

Deut. 30 Repentance and Forgiveness, The Choice of Life and Death

Deut. 31:1-29 Joshua to Succeed Moses, The Reading of the Law, Joshua Commissioned to lead Israel

Deut. 31:30-32:47 The Song of Moses

Supernatural view of Cosmic Geography

Deuteronomy 32:8–9 (ESV)

Psalm 82 (ESV)

Deut. 32:48 - 34 Moses’ Death Foretold, Moses’ Final Blessing on Israel, The Death of Moses

Ps. 91 My Refuge and My Fortress

Psalm 91 (ESV)

Josh. 1 God Commissions Joshua, Joshua Assumes Command

Josh. 2 Rahab Hides the Spies

Josh. 3 Israel Crosses the Jordan

Josh. 4 Twelve Memorial Stones from the Jordan

Josh. 5 The New Generation Circumcised, First Passover in Canaan, The Commander of the Lord's Army

Josh. 6 The Fall of Jericho

Josh. 7 Israel Defeated at Ai, The Sin of Achan

Josh. 8 The Fall of Ai, Joshua Renews the Covenant

Josh. 9 The Gibeonite Deception

Josh. 10 The Sun Stands Still, Five Amorite Kings Executed, Conquest of Southern Canaan

Joshua 10:1–15 (ESV)

Josh. 11 Conquests in Northern Canaan

Joshua appears to learn and live thorough and consistent obedience FINALLY.

Joshua 11:6a (ESV) Joshua is listening to God,

Joshua 11:9a (ESV) Joshua obeyed

Joshua 11:15–23 (ESV) Joshua is successful

Chronological Guide: pages p. 35-37

Takeaways:

