

Inheriting the Promised Land, Illustrating Faith

Joshua 13-15

I. Intro

A. We Begin a New Section of Joshua

1. Entering the land (ch. 1-5)
2. Conquering the land (ch. 5-12)
3. Dividing the land and possessing it (ch. 13-21)

B. “Inheritance” is a Key Idea in This Section (Joshua 13:6, cp. Gen 12:1-3, 6-7)

II. Transitioning from Conquest to Inheriting the Land (Joshua 13)

A. Setting the Scene for Chapters 13-21 (Josh. 13:1-7)

1. “There is yet very much land to possess” (v. 1)
2. God’s promise and help remain (v. 6b)
3. Joshua is old (v. 1)

B. Inheritance Already Distributed East of the Jordan (Josh. 13:8-33)

III. The Inheritance and Example of a Faithful Israelite: Caleb (Joshua 14, 15:13-19)

A. Setting the Scene for Allotting the Land West of the Jordan (14:1-5)

B. Learning about Faith from Caleb’s Example (Josh. 14:6-15, 15:13-19)

1. Faith aims to “wholly follow the Lord” (Josh 14:8, 9, 14; see Num. 13:27-30, 14:4-10)
2. Faith enables one to endure suffering patiently because of God’s promises (Josh. 14:10; see Num. 14:28-30, Deut. 1:35-36)
3. Faith is anchored in God’s promises and past faithfulness (Josh. 14:6, 9, 10-12)
4. Trusting in the Lord gives us zeal and confidence in serving Him (Josh. 14:10-12)
5. Faith involves action that is in accord with God’s promises and commands (Josh. 15:13-19)

IV. The Details of God’s Faithfulness Mapped Out for Judah (Joshua 15:1-12, 20-63)