

grow: INTO OUR
DESTINY IN **CHRIST**

A study of Joshua



Fulfilling Our Destiny God's Way

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- Promised Land
- Protection
- Presence



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Backstory:

- Land that was promised to the patriarchs
- 400 years in Egypt
- 40 years in the wilderness

Num 13.31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." **32** ... They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. **33** ... We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."



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Significance of Israel's destiny:

1. New vocation
2. New generation
3. New leader

Implications for us?

- Our destiny?
- Our enemies?
- Our reliance on God's promises?



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- Perception of enemies 40 years prior (Num 13.32)
- Untrained soldiers
- Ill-equipped, facing fortified cities

Focus on the right God, rightly!



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Be careful to obey

- Keep on your lips...
- Meditate...
- Careful to do everything...

Are we being strong and courageous?

Are we careful to obey God's Word?



Our Response

1. Rely on God's Promises (Jos 1.1-5)

2. Remember God's Commands (Jos 1.6-9)

Both are inseparable



Our Response

What is your destiny?

1. How are you **relying on God's promises?**

2. How are you **remembering God's commands?**

- Being strong and courageous?
- Being careful to obey everything?

