GROW: INTO OUR DESTINY CHRIST

Fulfilling Our Destiny God's Way Joshua 1.1-9

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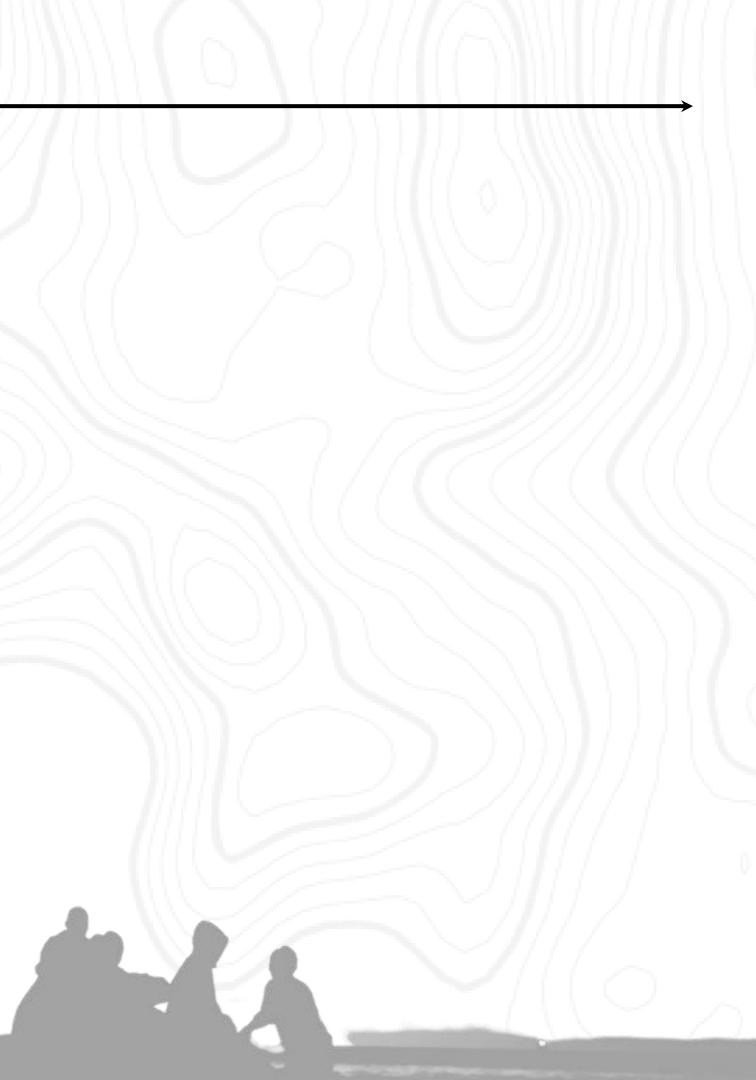
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- Promised Land
- Protection
- Presence

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."

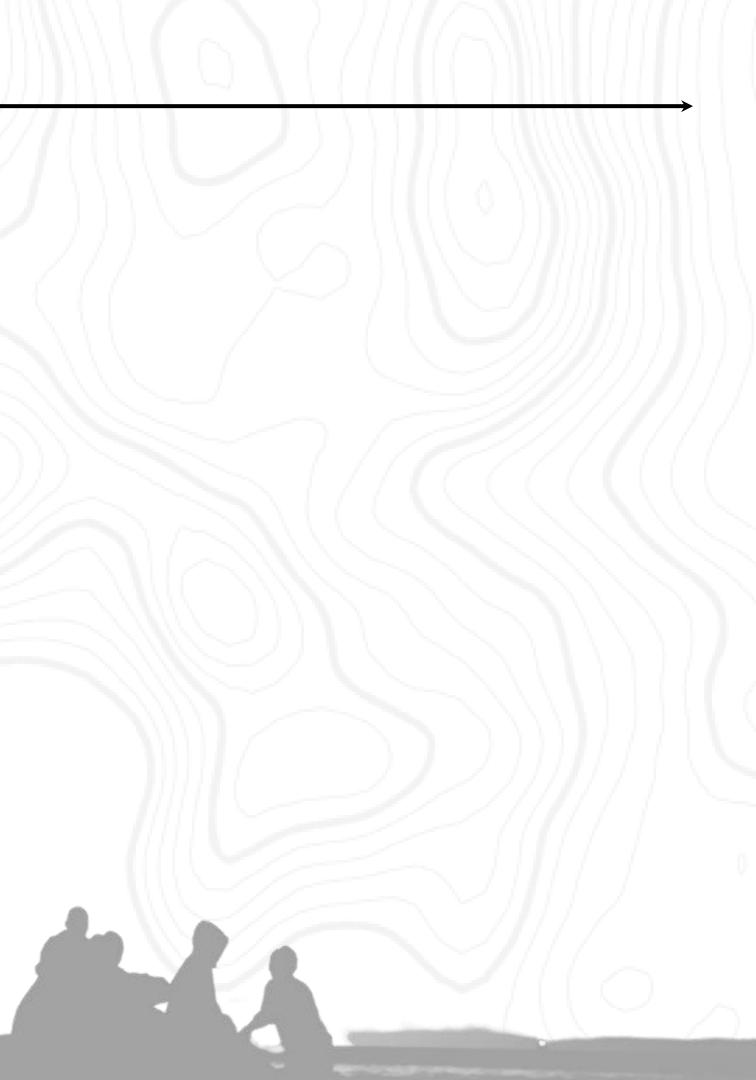


Significance of Israel's destiny:

- 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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Be strong and courageous

- 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?

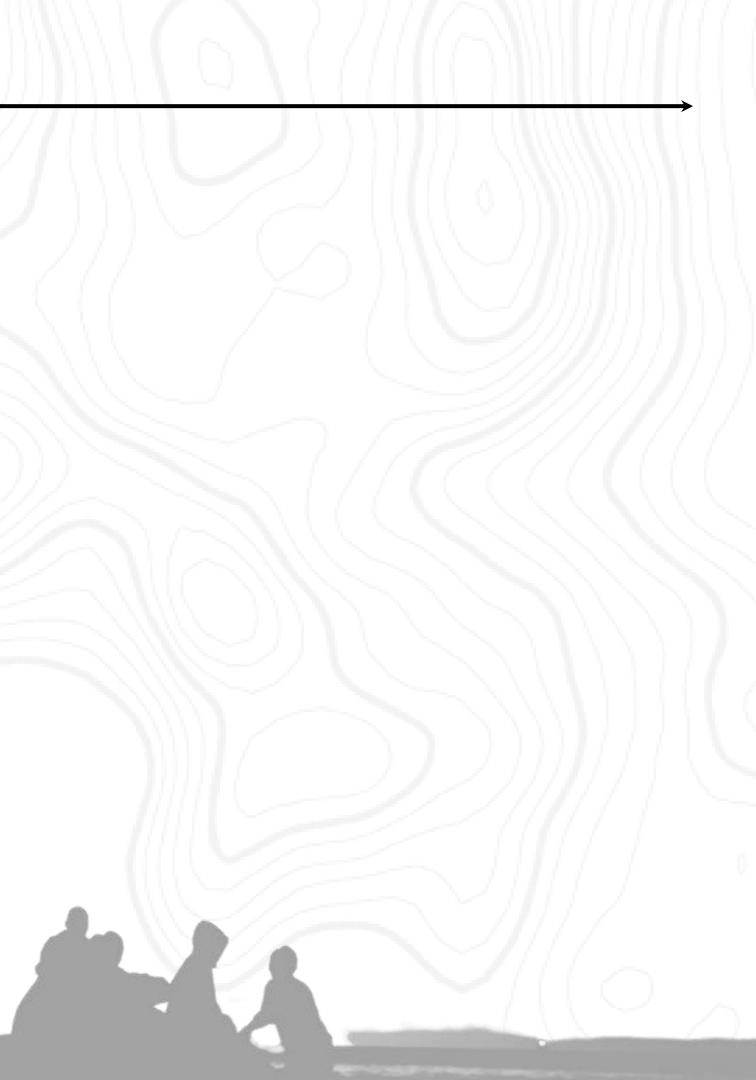


Our Response

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

