

# **Stones and Stories #1**

## **Joshua : Entering the Land**

### **Outline of the Book of Joshua**

Chapters 1-5 Entering the Land: Spies, Crossing Jordan, Circumcision, First Passover

Chapters 6-7 Jericho Conquest and Aftermath

Chapter 8 Battles of the Ai, Blessings and Curses

Chapters 9 – 12 Conquest: Givonim, Center, North

Chapters 13 -21 Settling the Land

Chapters 22 – 24 Joshua's Legacy

### **Entering the Land**

#### **Chronology of the first 5 chapters of the book of Joshua**

Based on the Vilna Gaon's interpretation of the text, as explained in Daat Mikra

**7 Adar** Moshe Rabbenu dies

**6 Nisan** Bnei Yisrael are camped in Shittim (about 10 kilometers east of the Jordan)

End of the 30-day mourning period for Moshe Rabbenu Joshua tells officers to warn people of 3-day preparation period before crossing the Jordan (to begin tomorrow)

Joshua sends the spies to Jericho

Joshua reminds the tribes of Reuben, Gad and Menashe of their promise

**7-9 Nisan** Preparation period for Bnei Yisrael to enter the land

**6-8 Nisan** Spies hide in mountains after escaping Jericho

**9 Nisan eve** Spies return to the camp

**9 Nisan** Bnei Yisrael travel from Shittim to Jordan

**10 Nisan** Bnei Yisrael cross Jordan and enter the land

Bnei Yisrael set up two monuments of twelve stones, one in the Jordan and one in Gilgal

Bnei Yisrael camp in Gilgal

Joshua circumcises the people

**14 Nisan** First Pesach celebrated in Eretz Yisrael

**16 Nisan** Manna stops falling, Bnei Yisrael begin to eat the produce of the land

Now she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under some stalks of flax which she had lying on the roof. (Joshua 2:6)

When the feet of the priests bearing the Ark of the LORD, the Sovereign of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan—the water coming from upstream—will be cut off and will stand in a single heap.” (Joshua 3:13)

the waters coming down from upstream piled up in a single heap a great way off, at Adam, the town next to Zarethan; (Joshua 3:16)