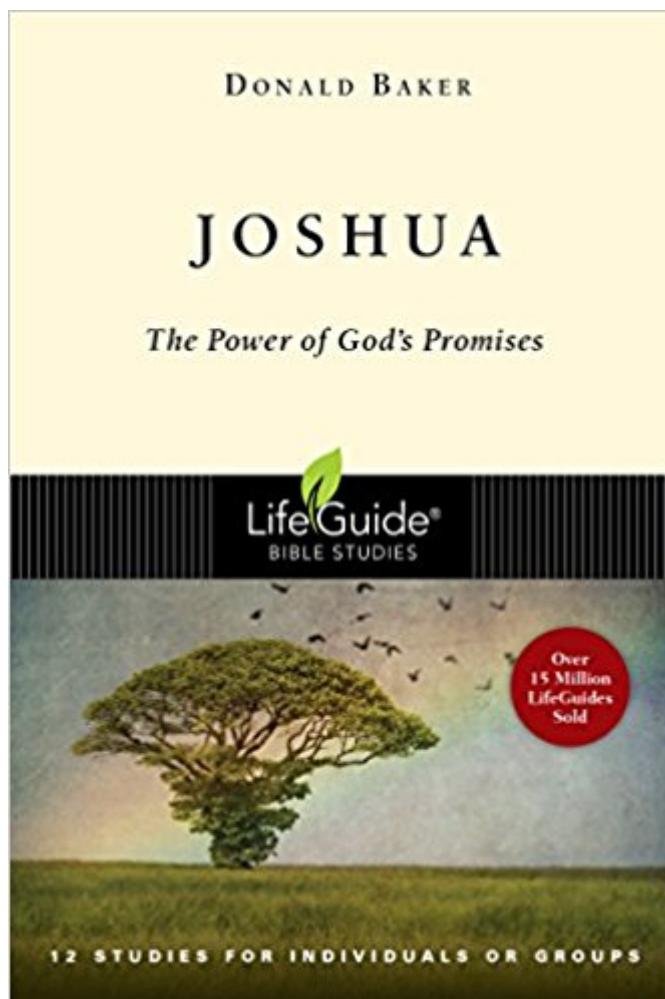


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# Joshua: The Power Of God's Promises (Lifeguide Bible Studies)



## **Synopsis**

The Old Testament book of Joshua reads like an exciting novel--from the miraculous crossing of the Jordan to the crash of the walls of Jericho and the sun stopping in the sky. Through all the twists and turns, you'll witness God's power and faithfulness. Digging into the story of Joshua will encourage you to persevere in your own daily battles and arm you with the most powerful weapons you'll ever need--God's promises.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Baker is pastor of First Reformed Church of Doon, Iowa, and Bethel Reformed Church of Lester, Iowa. He formerly served as a staff member with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

We like the format of the book for our Sunday school class ages 50-60's; the content of the book and bible reading is a tough subject with God's plans for the Israelites. We are glad to use it to enlighten us on an Old Testament story.

SO far I like everything about this book-it will be a great study as I am looking into the book of Joshua-about faith is the victory and remembering God's promises....

Great resource

Hmm - I don't know whether it's this booklet or the book of Joshua that raise my chagrin - probably elements of both. Whatever way you put it, Joshua is a difficult book with what is at best violence and at worst genocide featuring luridly throughout. This booklet covers Joshua in 12 sections and is well written, but does not tackle the issues head on, which I would have liked (especially in light of Dawkins...) The booklet is designed as a group exercise, hence the price of £3.50 a copy. It has leadership notes in the back for various questions and group discussions/ice breakers and personal reflection questions at the start of each section. Following this, there are usually 12 questions and a 'now and later' section, connecting the theme to other passages. Although this format is good, and the questions cover the chapters in depth (except boring listy bits), the sections can be a little long for 1.5hr sessions, and it really does require a disciplined group leader to circumvent digressions. Saying all this, the booklet is adept at exploring Joshua and does give you a good feel for the book as a whole. To an extent, it's slightly easier to see why certain things happen in Joshua at the end and the whole 'ethnic cleansing' angle, is slightly more understandable when you hear of Rahab, and the wickedness of the Canaanites. As a conclusion I would say this booklet provides a good group study framework for the book of Joshua and does engage you in exploring it. However, as it provides little in the way of apologetics and as Joshua is a rather nasty book anyway, it'd probably be best avoided unless you feel called to tackle it as a group. A good alternative would be either the cover-to-cover booklet for Phillipians, or the *Steps to Freedom in Christ* course, both of which avoid the more difficult and thorny parts of belief.

This is the fourth study book by Don Baker that our church small group has used for a study guide. They all work very well for us. The questions get our group into some really lively discussions. We have fun and gain a lot of insight into the Bible.

Good for a small group of men study found it to be a subject of interest that appealed to the men.

We are using this for a small group Bible study. Each lesson is based upon the assigned scripture reading, and it is very concise. I would recommend this study.

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