



# Land

Joshua · Judges · Ruth

God gives the Israelites the promised land through Joshua's leadership. Over the following years the people repeatedly reject God, falling into a self-destructive spiral. They need a leader.

## **Video Summary**

Moses dies and Joshua becomes the new leader. He leads the Israelites into the land of Canaan, the promised land, fighting battles and overcoming the resistance they face.

The land is shared out between all of Israel's tribes and clans — it is now the land of Israel. God keeps his promise, giving the people rest in a land that is their own. God's people have become a great nation in God's place.

Joshua and other leaders die. As years pass, Israel enters a repeating cycle: they reject God; God allows enemies to attack and oppress them; they cry out to God for help; God raises up a hero called a judge to rescue and lead them. Every time the leader dies, the people fall back into the same downwards spiral.

The pattern is clear: people need a leader, a champion from Team Human who won't side with Team Snake but who will crush the head of the Snake. We need someone who can save us from our enemies and save us from ourselves — from the chaos, death and darkness in the world and in our hearts.

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1** God fully keeps all his promises in detail. What does that show us about God? How can we cultivate awareness of that truth?
- 2** Why do people often fall into negative cycles or repeating past mistakes? What helps to stop that from happening?
- 3** Israel entered a cycle: rejecting God, facing consequences, crying out for help, being rescued, and then rejecting God again. Do you see patterns like this in your own life?
- 4** The people needed someone to save them from their enemies and from themselves. In what ways are each of these relevant for people today?

## **Bible Passages for Further Study**

**Joshua 1:1-9** — The Israelites enter the promised land

**Joshua 21:43-45** — God gives the Israelites rest in the promised land

**Joshua 23** — Joshua's dying speech reminding the people of God's promises and their responsibilities



**Judges 2:6-23** — The people fall into a repeating downward spiral