

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# The Book of Joshua

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## Course Description

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The book of Joshua covers the period of Israel's history from the conquest of Canaan to just after Joshua's death. Although certain events in the book can leave modern audiences feeling more than a little uncomfortable, it helps to remember that God promised to be with Joshua in all that he did, especially in leading the Israelites into the Promised Land, establishing Israel's tribal inheritances, and calling God's people to remain faithful to the terms of God's covenant.

## Course Objectives

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Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Understand the background, purpose and design of the book of Joshua.
- Examine the primary events and major themes in the book of Joshua in relation to their original meaning and Christian application.

## Course Lecturer

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*Seth Tarrer, PhD*

**Education:**

- University of St. Andrews, UK, PhD
- Beeson Divinity School, MDiv
- Auburn University, BA

**Teaching Career:**

- Visiting Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages, Knox Theological Seminary
- Former resident and teacher at seminaries in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Medellín, Colombia

**Other Career Highlights:**

- Research in the History of Interpretation of Old Testament prophets, along with Old Testament ethics and moral formation

- Member of the Society of Biblical Literature

## Course Methods

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Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage you in understanding, processing and applying the information learned in this course to your life. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**  
The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.
- **Additional Resources**  
Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, images, etc. that you can use to supplement your learning.

## Course Requirements

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To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
  - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
  - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
  - **Lectures:** Approximately 60-minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
  - **Further Study:** Suggested further study that will help you dig deeper into the material.
2. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.  
Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.