



Introduction

The Israelites are now about to cross the river Jordan and enter the promised land.



Questions

1. How often did God say Joshua should meditate on his law?
2. Who from the tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh, stayed on the east side of Jordan in land given them by Moses?
3. When would the men from the tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh be allowed to return to their families?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 9** God encourages Joshua to lead the Israelites over the Jordan into the land. He tells him to be strong and very courageous (see theme)
- **v 10 to 18** The people prepare to cross the river Jordan, including all the men from the tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh. (Deuteronomy 3 tells us about Moses giving them land on the east of Jordan) They are to leave their families behind and go over armed to help the other tribes take the land which God is giving them as their possession

Timeline 1400 BC (see below)



Theme

God helps those who trust him

A selection of verses telling us that God is always ready to help those who trust him.

King Hezekiah encourages the Jews to trust in God when threatened by the king of Assyria:

2 Chronicles 32 verses 7 and 8

Many of the Psalms express confidence in God's help:

Psalms 31 verse 19 Psalms 33 verses 20 to 22

The book of Proverbs has similar sentiments:

Proverbs 3 verses 5 and 6

The prophet Jeremiah encourages his hearers to trust in God:

Jeremiah 17 verses 7 and 8

The apostle Paul tells Timothy to trust in God rather than riches:

1 Timothy 6 verse 17



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 8, Q 2: v 14, Q 3: v 15



Bible timeline

