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“The Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the mighty warriors.

Now you shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do this [once each day] for six days.

Also, seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns ahead of the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

When they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall cry out with a great shout (battle cry); and the wall of the city will fall down in its place, and the people shall go up, each man straight ahead [climbing over the rubble].”

Joshua 6:2-5

Key Joshua Leadership Tactics

- ◆ Know God has given victory. Jericho has been given into our hands.
- ◆ Surround the territory on all sides.
- ◆ Blow the trumpets: Worship for Victory.
- ◆ Unite in unison to take down the walls of Jericho.

Parallels Between Joshua & Today’s Joshua Leaders

Our Final Hurdles to Freedom

Joshua faced a last hurdle before being able to enter the Promised Land. Moses was gone. Joshua had survived the 40 year purge in the desert and now was at the edge of the final barrier to entering the Promised Land, the city of Jericho. We too face the last hurdles to freedom.

Seemingly Impossible Walls

Jericho was the gateway city to Canaan that the Israelites came to when they entered the Promised Land. The city of Jericho was surrounded by walls so that no one was able to get in, and the walls served as solid protection against attacks. The gates had been locked to keep the

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Israelites out (see Joshua 6:1). It seems like we are facing unsurmountable walls, but with God all things are possible!

We Are On the Precipice of Emancipation

This moment is incredibly important because the Israelites have finally entered the land promised to them by God and they go on to successfully conquer the first city along their journey. Today's prophets have mapped our timeline to the prophecies of Daniel. We are in a cycle of leaving our Egypt of bondage on the way to the Promised Land of emancipation God is providing His people.

Supernatural Warfare

God instructed Joshua and his warriors to surround the impenetrable walls of Jericho and blow their trumpets in unison to topple the walls. The fallen walls of Jericho became a key affirmation that God was fulfilling His promise to them, and that God would be with them as they took possession of the Promised Land.

Victory thru Unity

The key to this supernatural victory was to be *in unison, in unity*. Victory was through God's sound.

The 3 P's of a Joshua Leader

- PREPARE
- PROVISION
- POSSESS the Land

*“Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,
“Go throughout the camp and command the people, saying,
‘Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to cross this river
Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land which the LORD your God
is giving you to possess [as an inheritance].”*

Joshua 1:10-11

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What is a Joshua Leader?

God has provided us with a roadmap on how to be a Joshua Leader, to ensure protection, provision and victory. A Joshua Leader:

- **Answers the Call to Leadership.** “Joshua 1:2 says: *Now therefore arise and take your place*”¹
- **Leads People to Emancipation.** Joshua 1:2 says: “*Cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them.*”
- **Is Given Territory & Authority.** Joshua 1:3 says: “*I have given you every place on which the sole of your foot treads.*”
- **Knows that God Stands with Us.** Joshua 1:5 says: “*No man will [be able to] stand before you [to oppose you] as long as you live. Just as I was [present] with Moses, so will I be with you; I will not fail you or abandon you.*”
- **Is Strong, Confident & Courageous.** Joshua 1:6 says: “*Be strong and confident and courageous, for you will give this people as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.*”
- **Knows that the Land is Ours.** Joshua 1:6 says: “*The land which I swore to their fathers to give them.*”
- **Must Adhere to God’s Law for Victory.** Joshua 1:7 says: “*Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do [everything] in accordance with the entire law which Moses My servant commanded you.*”
- **Must Obey God’s Instructions Exactly.** Joshua 1:7 says: “*Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may prosper and be successful wherever you go.*”
- **Uses the Word as Victory Proclamations.** Joshua 1:8 says: “*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall read [and meditate on] it day and night, so that you may be careful to do [everything] in accordance with all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will be successful.*”
- **In God We Trust.** Joshua 1:9 says: “*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed (intimidated), for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*”

God is calling you to be a Joshua Leader!

¹ The Hebrew verb “arise” is an instruction to get ready to fulfill a command, somewhat similar to the military command “attention.” AMP

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Character Traits of a Joshua Leader

Joshua is a forerunner and foreshadow of Yeshua, both names meaning “to deliver/save/rescue/salvation.” God is calling us to embody the noble, godly traits of Joshua, God’s warrior and leader. Joshua always did what God told him to do, when and as God told him to, even when it was a hard task. What is God asking and requiring of **you** in this season of your life and in this season for America?

Sacrifice & Selflessness.

- ◆ There is a sacrifice required of God’s leaders. They lead the way and bring others to safety.
- ◆ Joshua 1:14-15 demonstrates this: *“But you shall go across [the river] before your brothers (the other tribes) armed for battle, all your brave warriors, and you shall help them [conquer and take possession of their land], until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as He has given you, and they also take possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall [be allowed to] return to your own land, and take possession of that which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you.”*

Obedience Brings Victories.

- ◆ “Obey” comes from the Latin word for *listen*. There is also a dimension of the meaning which is to *heed*; that is, to act on what you hear, act on the command or directive.
- ◆ Joshua 1:16-17 says: *“They answered Joshua, saying, “All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. In the same way we listened to Moses in all things, so will we listen to you; as long as the LORD your God is with you, like He was with Moses.”*
- ◆ Joshua 2:10 says: *“For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan [on the east], to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.”*
- ◆ In Joshua 2:10, the conquest of the land and the destruction of its inhabitants were acts of divine judgment decreed by God, and carried out through **acts of obedience** by Joshua and the sons of Israel.
- ◆ Obedience led to taking the land and conquering their enemies. Disobedience by one soldier led to hardship for the whole community. His whole family ended up losing their lives with him.

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Timing is Everything.

- ◆ A critical aspect of obedience is doing things in God's timing. Act WHEN He directs you to act, not when it is convenient or fits in to a pre-planned schedule. Timing is absolutely CRITICAL to victories.
- ◆ God cannot protect us against our own free will choices. Executing His commands 100% His way and 100% His timing is critical for provision, protection and possession.

Bringing Others to God's Emancipation.

◆ Let God's Presence Precede You.

- Joshua 3:3 says: *"When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from where you are and follow it."*
- Ask and allow God's Presence to precede you everywhere you go.

◆ Sanctify Yourself.

- Joshua 3:5 says: *"Sanctify yourselves [for His purpose], for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders (miracles) among you."*
- Sanctification can include a clean, pure diet of food as well as activities (exposure to movies, entertainment etc.); purity of thoughts, speech and actions; keeping a sanctified (clean, blessed, anointed) home.

◆ Be Still for God.

- Joshua 3:8 says: *"You shall stand still in the Jordan."*
- Psalm 46:10 says: *"Be still and know that I AM God."*
- Being in stillness, we hear God more clearly.
- In the stillness we allow God to act in and through us.

◆ Let God's Presence Precede You.

- Joshua 3:11 says: *"Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you [leading the way]."*

◆ God's Miracle Help Arrives.

- We often forget that God parted the waters on more than one occasion to bring deliverance to His people. In each case, God required His intercessors.

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- Joshua 3:16 says: *“Those [waters] flowing downward toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed [the river] opposite Jericho.”*

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Joshua knew the trap the pagan nations would be to Israel, so he proposed three guidelines:

- ◆ Obedience to God’s word (Joshua 23:6).
- ◆ A diligent separation from the Canaanite nations (Joshua 23:7).
- ◆ A dependence on the Lord with heartfelt love (Joshua 23:8-11).

In our culture, there are other versions of these “Canaanite nations” amongst us. Meditate and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal these to you.

### Joshua Leadership Vows

From the Book of Joshua, we learn what Joshua and God’s people did right and also what mistakes they made. We can then formulate them into repentance and vows to become Joshua Leaders of God. We are sons and daughters of God’s Israel. “Israel” means ‘struggled with God and with man, and prevailed.’ God is telling us that though we shall go through struggles with Him and in our life, we shall prevail. Victory is assured.

#### Let Us Take Our Vows Before God’s Throne of Mercy and Grace

*“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

Hebrews 4:16

“Lord God Adonai, I come before Your throne of mercy and grace to take the vow of being a Joshua leader. I ask for Your blessings and anointing to carry out all that is needed in these times to lead others to salvation and emancipation, to break down walls of captivity and do the greater works.

Every statement of repentance and recommitment to you, I speak on behalf of myself, my entire bloodline and as an Intercessor for my domains of authority (name them) including my country, America.”

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## 1. Making Covenants With/Yoking With Those We Should Not.<sup>2</sup>

- ◆ Joshua 8:14-15 shares: *“So the men of Israel took some of their own provisions [and offered them in friendship], and [foolishly] did not ask for the counsel of the LORD. Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant (treaty) with them, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation [of Israel] swore an oath to them.”*
- ◆ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I have yoked to people, parties, entities, organizations that have NOT been Your will, that fit my own desires, agendas, needs, values, attachments and impulses. I repent for keeping or sustaining relationships and alliances with others past their expiration date, because they or the relationship shifted out of alignment with Your will and also its purpose in fulfilling my God destiny. I repent for all the times I yoked, created relationship with others without checking in with You first, for acting out of my own self will, selfishness, pridefulness, blindspots, impulsiveness, greed, stubbornness, ignorance or weakness.
- ◆ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to making sure that I ask YOU what is YOUR will for my life, with whom I shall socialize, conduct business, create relationships. I now realize that yoking to others opens the doors for other things, beliefs, activities, even demons to enter into me, my life and my home, and that Your will for me in this regard is for my own good so that You may fully protect and provide for me.

## 2. Finish the Job.

- ◆ In Joshua Chapter 10, ten times it is recorded that Joshua left no survivor. Ten is Your number for law and order, and for governance. I accept that I am being called to have a spine of steel, to make tough calls, to do 100% Your will and Your way. Several times throughout the scriptures we see kings and warriors who did not purge 100% of the evil seed, to their detriment and the detriment of many future generations. I recognize there are spiritual metaphors for this lesson.
- ◆ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I did not ‘finish the job’, did not go all the way to what You wanted and needed me to do. I repent for all the harm that my inactions and actions caused to others and to You. I repent for all the times and ways I was inappropriately soft and weak, took the easy way out because I did

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<sup>2</sup> During the time of the judges, some Israelites began to intermarry with the Jebusites, causing God to bring judgment on the nation (Judges 3:5).

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not want confrontation or to fall out of favor with someone. I repent for being more concerned about acceptance and favor with people, over being in favor and attuned with You.

- ◆ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to always ‘finish the job’, in whatever that looks like and means in each situation. Give me a spine of steel to be strong and courageous to do Your Will and to also speak out Your Will as prophetic warfare.

### 3. Have Certainty Against Overwhelming Odds.

- ◆ Lord God Adonai, You sent Joshua to take down several dozen kingdoms and territories seemingly against all odds. Joshua and his men slew a total of 31 kings. 31 is the gematria for “El” a name for God. You, Lord God, were and ARE always in the victories!
- ◆ Joshua 11:5-6 says: *“So all these kings met and they came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel. Then the LORD said to Joshua, ‘Do not be afraid because of them. For tomorrow about this time I AM will deliver them up.’”*
- ◆ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I have had doubt, fear, anxiety, lack of faith that You will come through for me, for my country. I repent for my timidity, weakness and wavering faith.
- ◆ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to hold certainty that You will follow through to save America, that You will honor Your covenants with America and me, that we shall be victorious in defeating ALL of our enemies.

### 4. Know and Do Only What is God’s Will.

- ◆ Joshua 11:20 says: *“For it was [the purpose] of the LORD to harden their hearts, to meet Israel in battle so that Israel would utterly destroy them, that they would receive no mercy, but that Israel would destroy them, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.”*
- ◆ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I did not follow You completely, when You told me either directly or through others what was right, what are Your laws and statutes, what was Your will for me and my life, and yet I did not listen, I did not heed, I did not act accordingly and rightly. I repent for all the times I did not even ask You what was Your will in a situation or action. I repent on behalf of the leaders of my country and domains of authority for going their own way, contrary to Your way and Your will.



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- ◆ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to going to You about all areas of my life: my relationships, vocation, actions and choices. I commit to waiting on You, to hear and heed what is Your will. I commit to holding our leaders accountable to walk righteously in their service to us.

### 5. Follow the LORD God Completely.

- ◆ Caleb in Joshua 14:8-9 declares: *“My brothers (fellow spies) who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear; but **I followed the LORD my God completely.** So Moses swore [an oath to me] on that day, saying, ‘Be assured that the land on which your foot has walked will be an inheritance to you and to your children always, because you have followed the LORD my God completely.’”*
- ◆ Joshua 14:14 says: *“Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, completely.”*
- ◆ Joshua 22:1-3 says: *“Then Joshua said to them, ‘You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and **have listened to and obeyed my voice in everything that I commanded you.** You have not deserted your brothers these many days to this day, but have [carefully] kept the obligation of the commandment of the LORD your God.’”*
- ◆ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I did not follow You completely, when You told me either directly or through others what was right, what are Your laws and statutes, what was Your will for me and my life, and yet I did not listen, I did not heed, I did not act accordingly and rightly. I repent for the ways we Your people have deserted our brothers and sisters, deserted our family and country. I repent for all the disloyalty, for giving up my post. I repent for all the laziness in the Ekklesia that deserted their call to make disciples of nations.
- ◆ **Father God, I COMMIT** this day to taking the time and care to ask and then wait to listen for Your answers, Your will, Your directives for my life and leadership. I commit to doing my part to make disciples of nations. I commit, as in Joshua 22:5, to be very careful and diligently observe the commandment and the law which Moses commanded me to love the LORD my God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all my heart and with all my soul [my very life].”

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### 6. Steadfast and Determined.

- ◆ Joshua Chapter 23 says that as I remain steadfast and determined, You Lord God will fight my battles for me. So I shall find greater strength in giving the battle over to You.
- ◆ Joshua 23:3-6 reveals: *“And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake; for the LORD your God is He who has been fighting for you. See, I have allotted to you these nations as an inheritance ... the LORD your God will push them away from before you and drive them out of your sight and you will take possession of their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. **Be steadfast and very determined** to keep and to do everything that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses.”*
- ◆ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the ways I and Your people have mixed, appropriated, adopted cultural, religious and spiritual ways, traditions, practices, values of those who were not of You and Your ways. I repent for spiritually mismatched marriage, yoking and wrong associations, for all the ways I have allowed them to be a snare and trap, for transgressing (violating) the covenant of the LORD my God, which He commanded me to follow, for in any way serving and bowing down to other gods and idols, including people, objects and ideologies. I repent for how we have allowed molech and baal rituals and practices into our culture and our lands.
- ◆ **Father God, I COMMIT** to being a Joshua leader, as Your Word in Joshua 23:6-8 says, so that I do not turn aside to the right or the left; I will not make wrong associations, worship other gods, make anyone swear an oath by them, or serve them, or bow down to them; including cultural gods of entertainment and media. I will cling to the LORD my God in a true union as in marriage.

### 7. Do Not Serve Other Gods.

- ◆ Joshua 22:19-20 advises: *“But do not rebel against the LORD, or act unfaithfully in the things under the ban (prohibited), and as a result God’s wrath come on the entire congregation.”*
- ◆ **Father God, I REPENT** for all the times and ways I, my bloodline, my domains of authority and America have been in rebellion, served other gods, be they spiritual, material, relational, any kind of idol set up to compete with and overshadow You, and compromise my relationship with You. I repent for how America has forgotten her

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Covenant roots, has taken for granted the moral anchor of Your laws and Gospel and allowed other gods and practices to infiltrate our culture.<sup>3</sup>

- ◆ **Father God, I COMMIT** to restoring America to one nation under God, restoring our covenants with You in every area of life, to being an apostle for the Gospel, to being fearless in representing You and sharing Your Word, to leading by example.

### 8. As a Joshua Leader, I COMMIT to:

- **Answering the Call to Leadership.** Joshua 1:2
- **Leading People to Emancipation.** Joshua 1:2
- **Taking Territory & Authority.** Joshua 1:3
- **Knowing that You Lord God Adonai Stand with Me.** Joshua 1:5
- **Being Strong, Confident & Courageous.** Joshua 1:6
- **Knowing that the Land is Mine.** Joshua 1:6
- **Adhering to Your Law for Victory.** Joshua 1:7
- **Obedying Your Instructions Exactly.** Joshua 1:7
- **Applying the Word for Victories.** Joshua 1:8
- **In God I Trust.** Joshua 1:9

### 9. Prayers of Thanksgiving.

- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I thank you for receiving me before Your throne of mercy and grace, and receiving my repentance in preparation for becoming a Joshua leader. I thank you for receiving my oath of office.
- ◆ Father God, You foreshadowed in the Book of Joshua all that You would do for us in these times of leaving our current version of Egypt bondage, into the freedom that was declared almost 250 years ago by our Founding Fathers when they established a covenant with You.<sup>4</sup>
- ◆ Father God, just as You did for the Israelites, I thank you for driving out all of our enemies from our soil, that none shall stand in opposition before us this day. Thank you LORD God for fighting for us, just as You promised us in Joshua. Thank you Lord God!
- ◆ Father God, thank you that when I cried out to You for help, You put darkness between me and my enemies and the enemies of our lands;

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<sup>3</sup> **Regarding Mercy:** God gives nations and people many opportunities to repent before judgment (2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 2:20-21). The Amorite nation had plenty of time to turn from their idolatry, but they despised God's goodness and longsuffering and refused to repent (Romans 2:4). The Lord's judgment upon them was severe, and those in rebellion receive the fruits of it (Romans 2:5; Matthew 10:28; Revelation 2:22-23)

<sup>4</sup> Joshua Chapter 24

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and brought the sea upon them and covered them. Thank you for giving me land for which I did not labor, and cities which I did not build, to live in them and possess them; to eat from vineyards and olive groves which I did not plant.

- ◆ Father God, I commit to serving You with reverence, in sincerity and in truth; removing from America all false gods; serving YOU LORD GOD ALONE.
- ◆ Father God, I commit to taking my place in the mountains of society with all the spiritual authority You have vested in me. And I commit to making disciples of nations as we are called to do in these times.