

Joshua the Conqueror

In **Joshua 1**, a new leader had to step up after Moses had died. In English, we pronounce his name, "**Joshua,**" but the children of Israel would have pronounced it, " _____," which means "**Yahweh**_____."

But what does that have to do with our search for our King? In [Matthew 1:18-21](#), the miraculous birth of our King was promised by an angel. A young woman named Mary was betrothed to Joseph, and the angel foretold of her...

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name _____, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matt 1:21)

We pronounce the name of Mary's son, **"Jesus,"** but do you know how the Jews of the first century would have pronounced his name? **"Yahweh"**

Joshua was a great military leader who courageously led the children of Israel into the Promised Land. But Jesus? Our King



saves us from our sins! He's not leading us into physical battles "against flesh and blood," but he *does* call each one of us to "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole _____ of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the _____" (Eph 6:10-18).

As we put on the armor of God and follow our King,
where is he leading us? "To an _____
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in
_____ for you" (1 Pet 1:3-4).

Our King—**Yeshua**, “**Yahweh saves**”—is the greatest conqueror of all.



For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ Let's revisit [Joshua 1:9](#). How would you summarize or rephrase the LORD's message to Joshua in your own words? How does that message connect to the meaning of Joshua's own name?
- ▶ As we open our Bibles to [Matthew 1](#), look at that long list of names from [1:1-17](#)...
 - What sort of things had God accomplished or brought about through those people?
 - Which ones needed a Savior? A Savior from *what*, and why?
 - How does what we're reading in [Matthew 1](#) connect all the way back to [Genesis 12:1-3](#)?
- ▶ What do we need to hear and take away from [Ephesians 6:10-18](#)?
- ▶ As you read [1 Peter 1:3-4](#), how is the inheritance of the disciple of Jesus different from the Promised Land of Israel? How is it *better*?