

"There is nothing, there is no god and no universe, there is only empty space and in it a lost, and homeless and companionless indestructible thought. And I am that thought. And god and the universe and time and life and death and sorrow and pain are only a grotesque and brutal dream evolved from the frantic imagination of that insane thought."

Mark Twain

The MYSTERIOUS  
STRANGER - *by*  
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Heb. 4:12-13 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Confidence

Joshua “The Lord gives victory”

Joshua/Jesus

1. Entry into the promised land

2. Battles

3. Dividing of land among the twelve tribes

4. Joshua's final speeches before he dies

Josh. 1:6-9 “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

God is sovereign  
-and-  
Joshua must “step up”

# Rahab

1. A Canaanite

2. In the line of King David...King Jesus

The day after they ate in Canaan the manna stopped

Joshua 4:12

Josh. 5:13-15 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

## Two important first battles that tell the whole story:

Jericho: The Lord fights for them

Ai: The Lord fights against them

-Based on whether they are on His side-

Josh. 23:14-16 “Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. But just as every good promise of the LORD your God has come true, so the LORD will bring on you all the evil he has threatened, until he has destroyed you from this good land he has given you. If you violate the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, the LORD’s anger will burn against you, and you will quickly perish from the good land he has given you.”

"This stone has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke to us. It will be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God."

Joshua 24:27

Why is God declaring war on these people?

"When you draw near a city to fight against it, offer terms of peace to it...if they refuse to make peace then kill the soldiers but not the children or the women."

Deut. 20:10

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