

# Deuteronomy 11:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.

## Analysis

The imminence of conquest: 'For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.' The double use of 'possess' emphasizes certainty and ownership. The Hebrew *yarash* (יָרַשׁ, possess/dispossess) indicates both taking and inhabiting. God 'gives' the land, but Israel must actively 'possess' it—grace enables, effort applies. The sequence: pass over → possess → dwell describes conquest process. The promise combines divine gift ('the LORD giveth') with human responsibility ('ye shall possess'). This partnership of grace and works appears throughout Scripture: God provides what He commands, but we must appropriate what He provides.

## Historical Context

Joshua 1-12 narrates the conquest: crossing Jordan (ch. 3-4), Jericho's fall (ch. 6), Ai campaign (ch. 7-8), southern conquest (ch. 10), northern conquest (ch. 11), summary of defeated kings (ch. 12). The process took approximately seven years. However, Judges 1 reveals incomplete conquest—Israel failed to drive out all inhabitants, leading to persistent idolatry. Full possession required full obedience; partial obedience yielded partial blessing and ongoing conflict.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage illustrate that God's promises require active faith to appropriate?
2. What 'promised land' blessings has God given you that require effort to fully possess?
3. What are the consequences of partial obedience—settling for less than God's full provision?

## Interlinear Text

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H3588 H859 For ye shall pass over H5674 H853 Jordan H3383 H935 to go in H3423 to possess H853

וַיַּרְשֶׁתָּ מִלְבָא | נָתַתָּ מִלְבָא | אֱלֹהִיכָּ מִלְבָא | יְהִי הַ  
the land H834 which the LORD your God giveth H0 to possess H3423  
H776 H3068 H430 H5414 H0

בָּהּ | וַיֵּשְׁבְּתָם אַתָּה |  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 1:11** (References God): Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

**Deuteronomy 9:1** (Parallel theme): Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

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