Joshua

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INTRODUCTION TO JOSHUA

Joshua: *Yeshua* Means Yahweh is Salvation

Author: Scholars believe that Joshua authored this book (completed by the High Priest Eleazer and his son Phinehas after Joshua’s death)

Unique place in the Canon:
• 6th book of the Bible in the Hebrew book order and modern Christian order
• 1st of the OT history books
• Bridge between the books of Moses and the history of Israel in the land of Canaan.
INTRODUCTION TO JOSHUA

The Christ in Joshua:

• *Yeshua* Means Yahweh is Salvation and is the Hebrew equivalent of Jesus

• Joshua leads Israel into their possession the same way Christ leads many sons to glory *(Heb. 2: 10)*

• Joshua succeeds Moses and achieves what he could not - Christ succeeds where the Law could not

• Joshua was the commander of the Lords army is intended to be a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ
KEYS TO JOSHUA

Key words: Conquest
Key Verses: Joshua 1:8; 11:23
Key Chapters: Joshua 24
The entire book of Joshua describes the entering, conquering and occupying of the land of Canaan.

Joshua 1: 2-3
Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. 3Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.
1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war.
CHAPTER 1
Joshua 1

Joshua is chosen to be Israel’s next leader

- God enabled Him
  - Be strong and courageous (3x)
  - Reasons to be strong:
    - God’s Promise
    - God’s Word
    - God’s Presence
Joshua 1: 5, 6

God’s Promise:

- It is impossible for God to Lie \(\text{Heb 6: 16-18}\)
- He is faithful to fulfill His promises \(\text{Num 23: 19}\)
- God’s plans can not be thwarted \(\text{Eph 1: 7-11}\)
Joshua 1: 5,6

God’s Promise:
- Every place your foot treads is yours
- No man will stand against you
- As with Moses, I will be with you
- You will lead this people…
God’s Word:
- Observe all of the law
- Meditate on it day and night \( \text{Ps 1: 1-2} \)
- Now, as then, believers are assured of prosperity and good success fulfilling God’s task when you keep all of His Word
God’s Presence:
- Comforting to know that the Lord has chosen you
- There is confidence knowing God is with you ALWAYS
- No need to fear when God is with you
Joshua Commanded the people:
- Prepare to go into Canaan and possess it
- everyone must be committed to the end
- Israel accepts Joshua’s leadership and command
CHAPTER 2
Joshua 2: 1-7

Two spies are sent to scout Jericho:
- They stayed at a harlot’s house
- The king tried to arrest them
- Rahab hid the spies from the king
God Rewards Great Faith

The Faith of Rahab:

- I know the Lord has given you the land
- We heard what the Lord has done for Israel…
  ▶ The people of Canaan are afraid
- Swear to me by the Lord…
- Hang a scarlet cord from the window in order to save your whole house
God Rewards Great Faith

The Faith of the Spies:

- They hid in the mountain three days
- Their report to Joshua was a declaration of God’s faithfulness
  - Truly the Lord has delivered ALL the land into our hand
  - All the people of the land are fainthearted because of us
CHAPTER 3
JOSHUA 3: 1-17

Crossing the Jordan

Obstacles to Faith will ALWAYS be present:

• Uncertainties
• Mental, Physical and/or Spiritual
Lessons for Crossing your Jordan

• Get into position
• Wait on the LORD
• Follow the LORD's leadings
• Revere, Extol and Honor the presence of the LORD
• Consecrate/Purify yourself
• Obey ALL the instructions of the LORD
• Believe the LORD's promises
Joshua 3: 1-17

God uses a life event to establish Joshua

- 3:7 The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.”
CHAPTER 4
Joshua 4: 1-24

Remembering What God has Done

God commands:

• Choose one man from each tribe (12 total)
• Take 12 stones from the middle of the Jordan River…
  where the priest stood with the Ark
• Place the stones in the place they camped
Joshua 4: 1-24

Remembering What God has Done

The stones a to be a memorial:

• Share with your children
• They are a reminder of what God did at the river
• This happened when the presence of God steps into man’s desperate circumstances
Joshua 4: 1-24

Remembering What God has Done

God’s response to Joshua’s faith was to exalt him:
- All Israel was in awe of him the same way we were in awe of Moses

This was done so that all the People of the earth will know the hand of the Lord is mighty
CHAPTER 5
Reverberating Impact of God’s Favor

God’s favor is a game changer:
• Done spectacularly and publicly
• Caused the enemies of Israel to fear them
JOSHUA 5: 1-9

Reverberating Impact of God’s Favor

- Obedience is expected
- Covenant relationship is required (Gen. 17:9-14, 23-27)
  - A whole generation was out of covenant relationship with the LORD God
- Circumcision made Israel a marked nation. It reminded Israel that their bodies belonged to The LORD
Joshua 5: 10-15

Passover in Canaan

- Israel celebrated the Passover in the promised land.
- When Israel ate the fruit of the land, manna from God ceased.
- God fulfilled his promise.
- Worship is appropriate throughout the journey.
Walking in the Freedom of Christ

Prayer Request
Walking in the Freedom of Christ

Shalom