

JOSHUA – BOOK SURVEY

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Joshua's name means "Jehovah the Savior." Translated into Greek, it is: "Jesus."

(Examples Acts 7:45 & Heb 4:8)

The book can be seen as an allegory:

**Joshua is the picture of the Savior,
The Promised Land (Canaan land) is a type of salvation, and
Canaan rest illustrates heaven.**

In Deuteronomy - the land was still a promise – at best, a prospect!

In Joshua - the land was possessed.

In Deuteronomy – Moses set a vision before the people

In Joshua - the Israelites were led on a vision of faith.

CLAIMING THE LAND (Joshua 1-5)

FAITH BELIEVES THE BIBLE (GOD – THE AUTHOR) (1)

FAITH COUNTS THE COST (2)

FAITH MAKES A MOVE (3)

FAITH STRENGTHENS A STAND (4)

FAITH PAYS THE PRICE (5)

CONQUERING THE LAND (Joshua 6-11)

FACING MAJOR FOES (6) (Jericho)

FACING MINOR FOES (7-9) (Ai - 7)

FACING MODERATE FOES (9)

FACING MULTIPLE FOES (10-11)

COLONIZING THE LAND (Joshua 12-24)

DECLARING THE SPOILS OF VICTORY (12)

DIVIDING THE SPOILS OF VICTORY (13-21)

STATUTES OF LIBERTY (13-19)

STATEMENTS OF EQUALITY (20)

STANDARDS OF JUSTICE (21)

DEDICATING THE SPOILS OF VICTORY (22)

DEFENDING THE SPOILS OF VICTORY (23-24)

CLAIMING THE LAND (Joshua 1-5) (*THE NATION IS ON BOTH SIDES OF JORDAN*)

THE NATION - EAST OF JORDAN (Joshua 1-3)

FAITH BELIEVES THE WORD OF GOD (Joshua 1) "*The Lord spoke unto Joshua... Moses my servant is dead.*" (1-2)

Rom 10:17 "*Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.*"

#1 - **ENCOURAGEMENT** (3,5) - *Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses...⁵ There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*

#2 - **COMMANDS** (6-9) *Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.*

⁷*Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest. ⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. ⁹Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."*

FAITH COUNTS THE COST (Joshua 2)

(Josh 2:24) “Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.”

FAITH MAKES A MOVE (Joshua 3) (Josh 4:7)

THE NATION WEST OF JORDAN (Joshua 4-5) *the people at Gilgal*

A REMINDER OF THE PAST (4) – **THE SETTING OF A MONUMENT****A REMINDER OF THE POWER & PREPARATION** – **A STATEMENT ABOUT MILITARY**

(Josh 4:23) 40,000 men prepared for battle,

(Josh 4:24) “That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the Lord your God forever.”

A REMINDER OF POSSESSION (5) **HE SYMBOL OF CIRCUMCISION****CONQUERING THE LAND** (Joshua 6-11) ... *involved a 3-phase military campaign:***1- THE CENTRAL CAMPAIGN (MAJOR AND MINOR FOES)**

MAJOR FOE (6) *(the walled city of Jericho)*

MINOR FOE (7-8) *(the small village of Ai)*

Ai'S CONQUEST (7-8)

ACHAN'S CONDITION (7)

2 - THE SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN (9) (**MODERATE FOES**)**3 - THE NORTHERN CAMPAIGN** (10-11) is about **MULTIPLE FOES****COLONIZING THE LAND** (Joshua 12-24)

After a **DECLARATION OF THE 31 VICTORIES IN BATTLES** (Joshua 12), the *land was divided among the tribes of Israel* (Joshua 13-21.) Much space is given to the inheritances of 3 tribes - *Judah, Ephraim and Manasseh* –

There were several factors that were still taken into account as the land was distributed: 1 - *the capacity of the land holder*, 2 - *rights of conquest*, 3 - *rights of petition*, and 4 - *faithfulness during the time of conquest*.

(Joshua 20) **CITIES OF REFUGE** Golan, Ramoth, and Bosor, east of Jordan River, Kedesh, Shechem, and Hebron on the west of the River.

(Joshua 21) **The Levites** - 48 cities were designated for habitation

(Joshua 22) The tribes of Rueben, Gad and ½ the tribe of Manasseh set up an altar of worship out of convenience –

(Joshua 23-24) (Josh 23:2 “And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them.”)

a **rehearsal** a **reminder** of where they came from, what God had done for them, what they had been given, what needed to be done.

Joshua's last speech **was a motivation to LOVE the Lord**,

SERVE and OBEY the Lord's will for them.

All the ground gained will be lost if they failed to watch and war against their foes. There was no discharge from the service of God, or to the nation, or to the land. Their deliverance and their inheritance was not to be assumed to be permanent.