

Joshua (“Joshua” is Hebrew for “Jesus”; means Yahweh is Salvation)

Quick Outline

Joshua 1-12	Conquest of Promised Land
Joshua 13-24	Genesis - Joshua: Promises Fulfilled

Theme: Let God be True though Every Man a Liar (Romans 3:4)

Joshua 21:43-45 “Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.”

Moses dies in the Wilderness. Joshua (Jesus) leads (shepherds) his people into the promised land.

Moses and the Law only get us so far!

Joshua in a Week		
Thursday	1-2	Joshua Commissioned
Friday	3	Jordan Crossed
Saturday	6	Jericho Falls
Sunday	7	Achan Falls
Monday	11; 21:43-45	Canaan Falls
Tuesday	14	Caleb Rewarded
Wednesday	24	Joshua Dies

The Promised Land - Center of the World?

300 Miles North of Egypt, 700 miles SW of Nineveh, 700 W of Babylon, 1000 miles W of Persia, 800 SE of Greece, 1,500 miles SE of Rome

Middle East = Cradle of Civilization & Graveyard of Nations!



Quick Notes

Genesis - From Father to Family (12 Tribes)

Exodus- From Family to Nation

Exodus - Deuteronomy- A Homeless Nation

Joshua - a Home for the Nation - Joshua 13-19, 24:13

Jesus in Joshua (p. 10 in J Montgomery’s Concise Summary of the English Bible)

- God converted Rahab from Gentile prostitute to an ancestor of our Lord Jesus Christ (Mt 1.5)
- The Commander of the Army of Yahweh (5.13-15) is theophany of God the Son
- Joshua’s victory at Makedah (10.24-25) becomes the image of Christ’s victory (Ps 110.1, 1Cor 15.25)
- The total annihilation of the Canaanites (6.21) provides a startling image of the final judgment (20.15)
- Then and now, God saves his people not to amuse themselves, but to serve him (24.15, Eph 2.10)

Summary (1.9, Jn 16.33, Heb 4)

- “The name ‘Jesus’ is the Greek form of the Hebrew name ‘Joshua’ [“the LORD gives victory”]. Joshua was the man God raised up to lead his people to victorious rest in the Old Testament. This historical reality gives redemptive focus to the actions of Jesus, the new Joshua... Just as Joshua encouraged the Israelites in their battles to keep their eyes focused on the source of their victory and not to rely on anyone or anything else, Jesus does the same for us... our rest, our victory come from him alone... [and] involves struggle. But there is nothing in the world that can successfully overcome the Creator of the world or his Son.”²⁰