

JOSHUA

The word 'Joshua' means **the LORD is salvation!**

The book **Joshua** is to be classified as *a prophetic-historical book*. What is recorded here is *history but not just mere history*. Instead, the author presented this part of Israel's history in such a way as to convey a message to the first readers and all the readers in the generations to come. What is narrated is not merely to inform but also to convict; not just to enlighten but also to comfort. So our first duty as we read Joshua is to ask:

What's the message? 1st to the Israelites then, and then to us Christians today?

Theme: **No Falling Words** (cf. 21:43-45, 23:14)

Outline: Entering Canaan (Chapters 1-4)

- Encouragements from the Lord
- Defection of Rahab
- Crossing of Jordan

1 Month



Finally! Up till now, inheritance promised. Now, inheritance possessed. Begins with a funeral, but God is alive. He will give them land, not because of their might or merit, but as they obey Him.

Taking Canaan (Chapters 5-12)

- Before you fight ... !
- Divide and Conquer!
- Go South!
- Go North!
- Summary

7 Months



Know who is the Commander! Strategy == divide and conquer; yet you conquer not because of strategy, but because of obedience. You have victory as long as you remain faithful to God. Joshua 11:23.

Possessing Canaan (Chapters 13-21)

- Special Division Assembly 1: With 2 ½ tribes
- Main Division: 9 ½ tribes
- Special Provision: Levites

18 Years



Dangerous trend: 13:13, 15:63, 16:10, 17:12-13, 17:14-18

Easy to be heroic, difficult to be faithful!

Retaining Canaan (Chapters 22-24)

- Assembly 1: With 2 ½ tribes
- Assembly 2: With the elders
- Assembly 3: With all Israel



22:5 – take careful heed

23:8 – hold fast

24:14-15 -- fear .. serve

Genesis ends with *Joseph's funeral*, **Deuteronomy** ends with *Moses' funeral*, **Joshua** ends with *Joshua's funeral*; in contrast the 1st 4 books of the New Testament ends with *Christ's resurrection*!

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it ... For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

Hebrews 4:1, 8-10

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THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Reuben	Judah	Naphtali	Issachar	Zebulun
Simeon	Dan	Gad	Asher	Benjamin
Ephraim	Manasseh			

Read **Joshua 20**. Then mark out on the map above the 6 cities of refuge.
What do you see? Write down your observation: