

THE MESSENGER



"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

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Joshua Period of Conquest

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Theme – Israel's conquest and possession of Canaan (1:2-9).

The book of Joshua compliments the five books of Moses and introduces the next historical group of twelve books (Joshua – Esther). In the first five books we see God carefully selecting and preparing a people in accordance with the promise He made to Abraham in Gen. 12:1-3 and 17:1-8. These people are led up to Canaan, the promise land in the first five books. Joshua describes the Israelite conquest and settlement in Canaan, and the next eleven books cover Israel's history inside Canaan.

The book is therefore the LINK between the two historical groups in the Old Testament.

Author – The author of the book is unknown, however there are a few things which favor Joshua as the principal writer.

1. The Jews, both ancient and modern, ascribe the book to Joshua.
2. Joshua is specifically pointed out as the writer of some parts (24:26).

There are other parts of the book which may not have been written by Joshua (4:9; 6:25; 8:28; 10:27; 24:29-31).

Whoever the penman, God is the true author (II Tim. 3:16, 17).

Content – The book can be easily divided into three major parts.

I. ENTRANCE INTO CANAAN (1:1 – 4:24)

A. Joshua confirmed as the leader of Israel (1)

B. Two spies sent to Jericho (2)

C. Passage over the Jordan (3)

D. Memorials (4)

II. CONQUEST OF THE LAND (5:1 – 12:24)

A. Preparation (5)

B. Central campaign (6, 8)

C. Southern campaign (9, 10)

D. Northern campaign (11:1-15)

E. Tabulation of the conquest (11:16 – 12:24)

III. ALLOTMENT OF CANAAN (13 – 24)

A. Plan for division (13, 14)

B. Tribal allotment (15 – 19)

C. Refuge and Levite cities (20 – 21)

D. Farewell and death of Joshua (22 – 24)

News & Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

James 5:16