

Courage

Joshua

Profile in Courage

Joshua - Historical

- *Genesis* - Book of beginnings – *Doctrine: Election*
- *Exodus* – Deliverance from bondage – *Doctrine: Redemption*
- *Leviticus* – Manner of worship –
Doctrine: Fellowship & worship
- *Numbers* – Wilderness wanderings –
Doctrine: Failure of unbelief; failure to overcome, occupy
- *Deuteronomy* – The “bridge” –
Doctrine: Obedience a pre-condition

Joshua -

Conquest of the promised land

Joshua – Practical Application

- **Victorious Christian Living**

- **A call to obedience and action**

Joshua vs Ephesians

Joshua

- Israel entering & possessing
- Earthly inheritance
- Given to Abraham

Ephesians

- Christians entering & possessing
- Heavenly inheritance
- Given in Christ

Joshua – Lessons

It's not about life after death,

It's about life after “birth”!

Joshua – Lessons

It's not just deliverance from Egypt,
**but deliverance into the
Promised Land!**

And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

[Exo 3:8 KJV]

Joshua – Lessons

A Christian doesn't work for victory,

He works from victory! (His)

Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

[Rom 8:30 KJV]

Joshua – Mystical Aspects

A foreshadowing (model) of Christ

Namesake: *Ye-ho-shua = Jesus in Greek*

Prophet: *foretold God's plan*

Priest: *Moses' minister (Ex 33:11)*

King: *Commander of the Host (Israel)*

Joshua – Mystical Aspects

A foreshadowing (model) of Christ

- **He came after Moses**
- **He leads to victory**
- **He's the advocate in defeat**
- **He allots the inheritance**

Joshua – Mystical Aspects

Jordan River:

- **Chose 2 spies: not 12**
- **Circumcised at Gilgal on 10th Nisan**
- **Crossed 3 days later on Passover**
- **Crossed at Bethabara: same place as John the Baptist preached**

Joshua – Mystical Aspects

Jericho:

- **Bet Yerah:** “House of the Moon God” (Islam?)
- **Rahab:** Gentile in Christ’s genealogy

Joshua – Personal background

- **Eldest son of his father, Nun**
 - Some of his ancestors were cattle thieves
- **Fought enemies soon after exodus**
 - Moses instructed to write his name in “the book”
- **Left in charge of tent of meeting (not Aaron)**
- **Along with Caleb, only ones to give good report**
 - Stood his ground at threat of their life

Joshua – Book Organization

- **Entering the land**
 - Chapters 1 - 5
- **Overcoming the land**
 - Chapters 6 - 12
- **Occupying the land**
 - Chapters 13 - 24
- **The victory of faith**

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Joshua – Entering the land

• Chapter 1

- What do you think it means to be courageous?
- Why does obeying God sometimes require strength and courage?

Joshua – Entering the land

- **Chapter 1 – ref [Gen 12:1-3 KJV]**

1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Joshua – Entering the land

- **Chapter 1**

- **To what degree can you see the connection between God's words to Abram and Israel's circumstances in Joshua 1?**

Joshua – Entering the land

• Chapter 2

- Do you think Rahab did right by lying to the king or did she sin?
- Does your faith in God look more like the Israelites' or like Rahab's?

Joshua – Entering the land

• Chapter 2

- What would it look like to live, certain that God would do what he has promised?
- What role does remembering play in our obedience to God?

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