

Bible Study on Joshua
INTRODUCING JOSHUA

- Where are we in the Canon of Scripture? Luke 24:27, 44.

- Who wrote Joshua? Joshua 24:26.

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11.

- We need to see ourselves as part of the same covenant and people of God (1 Cor. 10:1).

- Bible study is *education* and *transformation* (John 17:17; Rom. 12:1-2).

- It's been over 500 years since God gave Abraham and his descendants three great promises: (1) He would make them into a great nation; (2) He would give them the land of Canaan; (3) He would make them a blessing for all nations through the Messiah (Gen. 12:1-7).

- *Joshua* is about conquering, and taking possession of the Promised Land.

- The events of Joshua cover about 20 years (1406–1386 BC).

- Main Theme: The Covenant Nation Receives Its Land

- Main Outline (see handout)
 - I. Israel Conquers the Promised Land (Joshua 1-12)
 - II. Israel Divides the Promised Land (Joshua 13-24)

Joshua's Preparation

- Exodus 17:9-16; 24:13; 32:17; 33:11

- Numbers 13; Numbers 27:15-23; 34:17

- Deuteronomy 1:37-39; 3:12-29; 31:1-8; 34:9-12.

Joshua 1:1-2

The “first major point of Joshua is that God’s purposes do not change. People change ... Leaders change: Joshua replaced Moses. But God does not change. God is the same, and so are the purposes that he has established for his redeemed people” (James Boice, *Joshua*, 18-19).

APPLICATION

1. “This transition from Moses to Joshua stands as a warning to not put hope in man. Too often today Christian men try to build empires around themselves, and their work ultimately falls because it was centered in a personality” (*Reformation Heritage Bible*).
2. The Lord is always preparing us for the future and his future work for us to do!
3. Joshua is a type of Christ. *Jesus* is the Greek form for the Hebrew name *Joshua*. Joshua and Jesus = “Jehovah saves.” “Joshua saves God’s people from the Canaanites; our Lord Jesus saves them from their sins. Christ...is the captain of our salvation, a leader and commander of the people, to tread Satan under their feet, to put them in possession of the heavenly Canaan, and to give them rest which Joshua did not do (Heb. 4:8)” (Matthew Henry).