

Series "Fixed On 66"
"Joshua"
Book-6

Key Passage – Joshua 1:8; 11:23

Joshua is the first of the Historical Books of Scripture.

Joshua – Esther

Author – Joshua is the known writer. Joshua 24:26

Joshua - "Salvation, Jehovah is salvation" His name was **Hoshea (Numbers 13:16)** his name was changed. Joshua came back with a report of faith in God. He stood in faith.

When Written – The period of time covered.

1-5 - (One month) 6-12 – (7 Years) 13-24 – (18 Years)

Where it was Written – The land of Canaan.

Purpose – Joshua (Jesus) can bring us into the promise land, Moses (Law) could not! Joshua is prepared by God to take the people in. Defeat the enemy and then to divide the land.

Theme – *"The Victorious Christian"*

Key Words – "Inheritance" which is used **58 times Ephesians 1:11, Col 1:12 "Possession."** The word **"Land"** is used **87 times.**

1. Taking possession of the land is entering into the rest of heaven.

2. Represents the Christian that walks in the Spirit and in obedience, who enjoys here and now all that God has for him. (Hebrews 3-4)

"Canaan rest" is a picture of the rest that Christian believer's experience when they yield their all to Jesus and claim their inheritance by faith.

Key Chapter – Joshua 24 The transition from Joshua to the Judges.

Key Passages – Joshua 1:8; 11:23

Outline:

1. Joshua 1-5 Dedication of The Nation

2. Joshua 6-12 Defeat of The Enemy

3. Joshua 13-24 Division of The Land

Joshua starts at the age of 80 and finishes his work at 110 (**Joshua 24:29**)

Jesus Christ is the God of "Second Chances" or "New Beginnings!"

1. Joshua 1-5 Dedication of The Nation: (One month)

Joshua 1 The Commission of Joshua: Joshua 1:1-3

Moses – His name is mentioned 57 times. It showed that Joshua respected Moses. Joshua built on this great leader.

Joshua 1:4

This area is 300,000 square miles of land; all Israel claimed was 30,000 square miles. They took 1/10 of what God offered them.

Joshua 1:9

“Divine sovereignty is not a substitute for human responsibility”

Joshua 2 The Covenant with Rahab: Joshua 2:9-10

Joshua 3-4 The Crossing of Jordan: Joshua 3 - Israel takes her first step and crosses the Jordan. We all have Jordans to cross.

Joshua 3:3 "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God - The key word of this chapter is the word "Ark" that is used 10 times. The ark represented the very presence of God.

Joshua 3:4 "*Don't run ahead, you don't know where you are going!*"

Joshua 4 - Israel sets up a memorial after crossing. We need encouragement, we need to remember, we need to tell others.

- 1. This was a new generation that was going into the land, they needed encouragement – Joshua 4:5**
- 2. The Israelites would need to teach and remind the next generations because we forget God's faithfulness. Joshua 4:6-7**
- 3. The memorial was a testimony to the existence and nature of the one true God. Joshua 4:24**

Joshua 5 The Circumcision at Gilgal: Joshua 5 - Israel renews their covenant with God, the past, present, and future. **Joshua 5:1-2**

- 1. Guaranteeing the everlasting continuation of Abraham's seed.**
- 2. The everlasting possession of the land.**
- 3. It was a sign, or symbol of a contract between God and His people (Genesis 17:7-8, 23-27)**

Deuteronomy 10:16 "So circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer.

That these Israelites needed to learn that they became "marked people."

Joshua 5:13 "**Are you for us or for our adversaries?**" It is called a "Christophany" or "Theophany" It is Christ in different forms. Usually by the "Angel of The Lord."

- 1. To Abraham the pilgrim.**
- 2. To Jacob the schemer, Jesus came as a wrestler, to bring him to the place of submission.**
- 3. To the three Hebrew men, Jesus was their companion in the furnace.**
- 4. To general Joshua, Jesus came as the captain.**

Joshua 5:14-15

2. Joshua 6-12 Defeat of The Enemy: (7 Years)

Joshua 6 The Defeat of Jericho: (40 years later, they face the same enemy again, but this time in faith.)

Joshua 6:20, Hebrews 11:30 **By faith the walls of Jericho fell down,**

Joshua 6:25 How wonderful God is to take us, the outcast, and to bring us into His family; and to be accepted in Him. (Fulfillment of **Joshua 2**)

Joshua 7 Defeat of Israel (A Valley Chapter): That first word of Joshua 7 tells us that things are going to change! That word is "**But**" **Joshua 7:1** 36 of Israel's finest are killed in battle. The others run for their lives. Israel is made a laughingstock.

We learn in "**Joshua 7**" **Ai – Flesh** - What causes defeat, and how we must handle the discouragement of life.

Joshua 7:11-12

Joshua 8 Victory at Ai: Joshua 8:26

Lesson - No compromise with the enemy, the flesh.

Joshua 8:32 (Deuteronomy 27:1-8)

Israel's secret to victory was not Joshua or their fighting machine, it was obedience to the Law of the Lord. (Romans 8:1-4)

Joshua 9 A Bad Decision: We have 3 great enemies:

1. Jericho – World
2. Ai – Flesh
3. Gibeonites – Devil

Joshua 9:3-6; 1 John 4:1

Joshua 10 Human Frailty & Divine Resources:

Our passage centers around Joshua and Israel that are short of time.

Joshua 10:11

the Lord threw large stones from heaven on them - God used hail in Egypt in (**Exodus 9**). We see in the great tribulation that God will use some great hail stones. **Revelation 16:21**

Joshua 10:12-14

Joshua 11 Victory Over the Kings of The North: Joshua 11:12

(Obedience)

Joshua 11:15 Lord commanded Moses, Moses commanded Joshua and he did!

he left nothing undone of all that the Lord had commanded Moses.

What a tremendous example of obedience! The key to victory is obedience.

Joshua 11:18 Joshua waged war a long time with all these kings.

Spiritual battles take time. For Joshua it **took 7 years**.

Joshua 12 The Victory in 7 Years: North south, east and west. The victory promised was delivered.

3. Joshua 13-24 Division of The Land: (18 Years)

The word “**Inheritance**” is found over **50 times** in these next 9 chapters. The next chapters are looked at as long tedious and detailed lists of boundaries and cities, it is basically a **real estate deed**. It is a **title deed** that was an important document.

Joshua 14 Caleb, The Man of Faith: Numbers 14:24

Six times it says this phrase about Caleb, that was the theme of his life.

Verse - 8 followed the LORD my God fully.

Verse - 9 followed the LORD my God fully.

Verse - 14 followed the LORD God of Israel fully.

Numbers 14:24 different spirit and has followed Me fully,

Numbers 32:12 followed the LORD fully.

Deuteronomy 1:36 he has followed the LORD fully.

Joshua 14:10-11

Joshua 15-19 Gives in detail the borders, the names of cities, the names of the tribes and their families.

Joshua 15:14 And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak (85-year-old man)

Joshua 16 -17 Inheritance of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh) These were the two sons of Joseph that Jacob adopted. They were especially blessed. **(Genesis 48:15-22)**

Joshua 17:12

We should expect resistant and persistent enemies.
Joshua 17:13

Joshua 18 The Diligent Receive: Here were some tribes that had crossed the Jordan and had fought for 7 years, that were just hesitating to claim their inheritance.

Joshua 18:1-3

Joshua 20 Cities of Refuge: These 6 cities of refuge give to us some characteristics of Christ, that He alone is sufficient to be our refuge, to meet every need, and the needs of all.

Refuge - "*asylum*" God now gives direction about a place of refuge. It was a place that a "**Manslayer**" could flee to in the event of manslaughter, they would find "Refuge."

1. Jesus is "A Refuge for the Unclean" – Verse 7 Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali - (This was farthest North in the territory of Naphtali)
Kedesh - "*Holy place, Righteousness*"

2. Jesus is "A Refuge for the Weary" – Verse 7 Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, (Was in the middle of the nation of Manasseh)
Shechem - "*Shoulder*" It was upon the shoulders of the shepherd's that lost sheep found safety and rest.

3. Jesus is "A Refuge For the Homeless" – Verse 7 Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah. (In the South in the tribe of Judah) **Hebron** - "*Fellowship.*"

4. Jesus is "A Refuge for the Helpless" – Verse 8 Bezer in the wilderness on the plain from the tribe of Reuben, (South in the tribe of Ruben) **Bezer - "*Stronghold.*"**

5. Jesus is "A Refuge for the Hopeless" – Verse 8 Ramoth in Gilead from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth - "*exalted, heights.*"

6. Jesus is "A Refuge for the Tempted" – Verse 8 Golan in Bashan from the tribe of Manasseh. (North in Manasseh) **Golan - "*Separated, exile.*"**

Many Christians are tempted by the world because they are tampering with the world.

Joshua 21 God had made a promise, a "Pasture and a Parsonage" for the Levites. The nation's future depended upon their salting influence of these servants. (Fulfilled in **Joshua 21, 1 Chronicles 6:54-81**)

48 cities. There are 6 of which are the cities of refuge.

Joshua 22-24 "Farewell Address" that is given by Joshua to the nation following the allocation of the land of Canaan.

There is the farewell address of Moses - **Deuteronomy 31-34**

There is the farewell address of David - **1 Kings 2:1-9**

There is the farewell address of Jesus - **John 13-17**

There is the farewell address of Paul - **Acts 20**

**Joshua 22 Joshua's Charge to the Borderline Christians:
Joshua 22:9**

Joshua 23 Joshua's Charge to Israel's leaders: He passes the torch on to them. **Joshua 23:2,6,8**

"But you are to cling - Same word as in **Genesis 2:24**

Joshua 23:11 "So take diligent heed to yourselves to love the LORD your God.

Joshua 24:29 Joshua died at 110 years old.

Joshua 24 Joshua's Charge to the Nation of Israel:

Joshua refers to the "Lord" **21 times** in **Joshua 24**. The word "serve" is used **15 times** in this chapter.

Joshua 24:14-18

Notice how Joshua responds to this great commitment!

Joshua 24:19 It can't be done with a shallow resolve. Force them to look at their hearts. (Are we serious about JESUS?)

Application:

1. Alexander Whyte said, "The Victorious Christian life is a series of new beginnings."
2. "Divine sovereignty is not a substitute for human responsibility."
3. George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."
4. Christians are tempted by the world because they are tampering with the world.