JOSHUA
EXPLAINED: Episode Summary

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1. ESSENTIALS

What Do You Need to Know First to Study Joshua Well?

DATE: ***1406-1366 BC:*** Conquest to Joshua's Death
GENRE: ***Historical:*** Stand-Alone (Like Acts)
AUTHOR: ***Unknown:*** Possible Compilation
SETTING: ***Canaan:*** Conquering & Claiming
PURPOSE: ***Conquest:*** God's Promise Fulfilled
AUDIENCE: ***Israel:*** Second Generation

2. STORYLINE

What Do You Need to Know First to Study Joshua Well?

Israel Finally Inheriting the Land Promised to Abraham

- Law Revisited
- People Prepared
- Joshua Appointed
- Moses Dies, Buried
- The Time Has Come

KEY VERSES

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

- Joshua 1:8-9

3. THEMES & IDEAS

What Major Biblical Concepts Do We Find in Joshua?

- Crossing the Jordan River
- Overcoming by Faith
- Facing Different Enemies
- Loyalty & Disloyalty
- Rest, Refuge & Renewal
- Stewardship Within the Tribes
- Taking Possession of the Land

4. STRUCTURE

What are the major sections of Joshua?

CH 1-5: 1. Entering the Land
Joshua takes command, spies go ahead, Israel is prepared

CH 5-12: 2. Conquering the Land
God leads Israel to victory over the Canaanite peoples

CH 13-21: 3. Possessing the Land
The land is divided among the twelve tribes

CH 22-24: 4. Epilogue
Covenant renewal and the death of Joshua



4. STRUCTURE - EXPANDED

4. What are the major sections of Joshua?

5. What do we learn about God from each of these sections?

6. What do these sections offer our Christian life?

CH 1-5: 1. ENTERING THE LAND

God commissions Joshua, a Gentile shows covenant faith, and Israel crosses the Jordan on dry ground

CH 1-2: Joshua Commissioned; Rahab
Joshua is called and commanded; Rahab, a Canaanite woman, shows covenant faith and hides the spies

CH 3-5: Crossing & Renewal
God leads across the Jordan, twelve memorial stones are set, and Passover and circumcision are obeyed

CH 5-12: 2. CONQUERING THE LAND

Every victory is the Lord's, won by faith and obedience; sin and self-reliance bring defeat

CH 5-6: Conquering Jericho
The Commander of the Lord's army appears; Israel marches in faith, the walls fall, and Rahab is spared

CH 7-8: Struggle at Ai
Achan's sin brings defeat at Ai; his idolatry is punished, and then victory over the city is gained

CH 9-12: Southern & Northern Conquests
Gibeon's deception, the Amorite kings defeated and their cities taken, then battles across the northern regions

CH 13-21: 3. POSSESSING THE LAND

Each tribe receives its stewardship, though not all the land is fully possessed

CH 13: East of the Jordan
Allotments for Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, who chose to settle east of the river

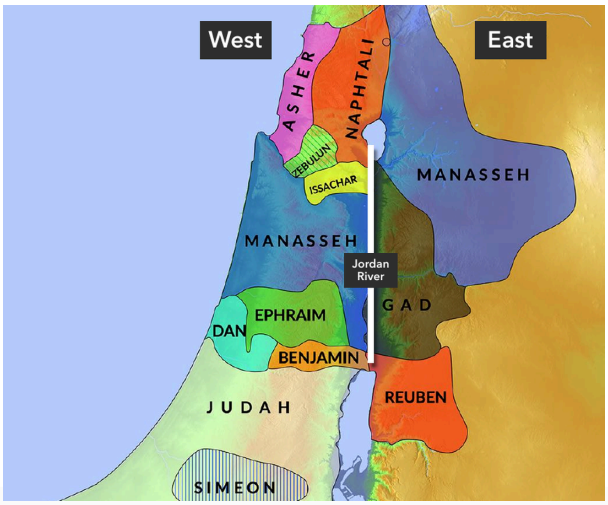
CH 14-21: West of the Jordan
Caleb, Judah, Joseph's sons, lots at Shiloh, Joshua last; cities of refuge and the Levites

CH 22-24: 4. EPILOGUE

Joshua calls the tribes to stay loyal: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"

CH 22: Eastern Tribes' Altar
Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh build an altar and nearly cause civil war

CH 23-24: Final Address & Death
The tribes renew the covenant; Joshua and Eleazar die; Joseph's bones are buried



5. HOW JOSHUA POINTS TO CHRIST

- In Joshua (Yeshua), whose name Jesus bears
- In the Commander of the Lord's army: Jesus our victor
- In the cities of refuge: we run to Jesus, our rest and refuge
- Not the Promised Land but the Promised Man, King Jesus

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