

Overview of The Book of Joshua Minister Jermel Williams

The Book of Joshua

- I. The history and overview of the book of Joshua
 - A. It is estimated that the book of Joshua was written between 1400 – 1370 B.C. The book of Joshua is one of the 12 historical books of the Old Testament. (Joshua- Ester)
 - B. Joshua's name is translated as Jehovah is my help or Jehovah the Savior.
 1. Joshua's name was changed in Numbers 13:16 by Moses.
 - C. It is speculated and assumed that Joshua is the author of this book. Someone else finished the book after his death.
 1. Joshua was about 80 years old when he took over for Moses.
 - D. Joshua was an assistant to Moses and a military commander. Joshua was Moses's successor as leader of the nation of Israel. (Exodus 17:9-10), (Exodus 24:13)
 - E. It all started with Abram. Abram was promised the land of Canaan and his descendants. (Genesis 12:1-9) (Genesis 15:8-21)
 1. Jacob's son Joseph ends up in Egypt. Joseph winds up becoming 2nd in command due to interpreting Pharaoh's dream. The dream interpretation not only saves Egypt from Pharaoh's dream about a severe famine but also his family that sold him into slavery. Joseph and his family, along with Jacob end up leaving Canaan. They stay in Egypt. Before Joseph dies, he tells his family take my bones out of this land and bury me in the Promised Land.
 2. Then there arose a Pharaoh in Egypt that did not know Joseph and they got worried about the Israelites, so they enslave them.
 3. After approx. 400 years of slavery God raises up Moses to draw his people out of Egypt into the land promised by God to Abraham and his descendants. They leave Egypt with a lot of wealth.
They get to the Red Sea and God splits the Red Sea and they get to the wilderness.
 - F. Joshua and Caleb
 1. They were two of the 12 spies that reported on this Promised land that they were about to inherit. They were the only two with a good report and the children of Israel were about to inherit. Joshua and Caleb and the 2nd generation were the only people to enter into the promised land. (Num 14:30) (num 14:24)
 2. God said that Caleb had a different spirit. If you are going to have a different spirit you have to believe what God said. You have to focus on the fruit and

not the fear. You have the best back up. (God, Joshua, other saints with a different spirit)

- G. Why is God giving this land to Abraham's descendants
 - 1.) God is Sovereign and it all belongs to him (Psalms 24:1)
 - 2.) The iniquity of the Amorites had become complete. Genesis 15:16 (Deut 9:4-5) (Lev 18) list of their iniquities were child sacrifice, incest, human sacrifice, homosexuality, and bestiality. God wanted to cleanse this land and give it to a people that would follow his way. (Deut. 12:29-32)
 - 3.) God wanted to demonstrate his love and power through an obedient people. This will draw non-believers to Him. (2 Peter 3:9)
- H. The division of the book of Joshua
 - 1. Joshua 1-12 Entering and conquering the Promised Land.
 - 2. Joshua 13-22 Instructions for distributing the portions of the Promised Land.
 - 3. Joshua 23-24 Joshua's farewell address.

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