



JOSHUA

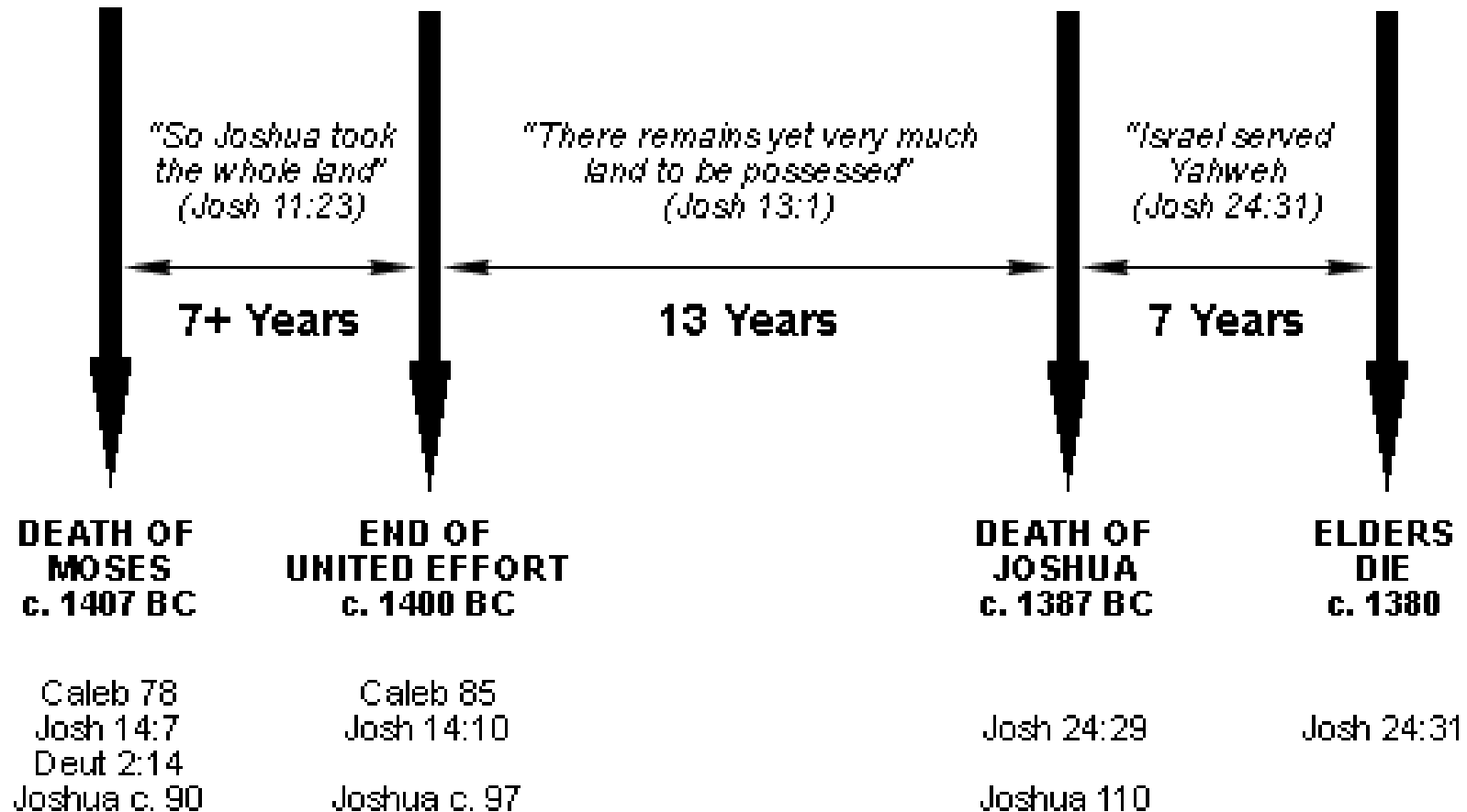
Called For Such Times

When you are done...

- **FINAL WARNING!!!**

- **Joshua's time is coming...**
- **23:2 – “I am old, advanced in years...”**
- **What do you do when it is time to go...**
- **What legacy do you leave behind you?**
- **What do you want people to remember?**
- **What is your “most important message”?**

CHRONOLOGY OF JOSHUA



His audience

- All Israel, elders, heads, judges, officers
 - Important to talk to leaders...
 - Also important to include EVERYONE!
- If you read thru this, is there a recurring theme?
 - Repeated word... YOU!!!
 - Repeated phrase: “the Lord your God” (13x)
 - Is this significant?
 - OWNERSHIP!
 - Almost 400x in Scripture (NT only quoting OT)

Message of Encouragement

- Look what the LORD has done!
 - To the nations, He is fighting FOR you! (3)
 - Thrust them out, drive them before you (5)
 - YOU SHALL POSSESS; God has promised (5)
- Is there a difference: promise and possession?
 - *yarash* - To seize, occupy, cause to inherit
 - Psalm 44:3 For by their own sword they did not possess the land, And their own arm did not save them, But Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your presence, For You favored them.

Message of Encouragement

- **3 things: (6)**
 - Be firm (strong - 1:6,7,9,18); Keep; Do all...
 - Do not turn aside! (see Joshua 1:7)
 - He is charging them like he was charged!!!
 - What if they had done, what he had done???
- **Warning to stay separate (7)**
 - NOTE: if you do the first, this will be natural!
 - Look at the order: associate, mention, swear by, serve, bow down! A process of failing!

Cling to God!

- **Cling!!! *dabaq* adhere, abide, seize**
 - If you cling to God, idols will not be a problem!
 - 1Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 5:1; Philippians 1:27; Hebrews 3:6; 4:14; 1Peter 5:8,9; 2Peter 3:17; Revelation 3:3 – **STAND FAST!!!** See John 15...
- **1 drives out 1000 – God fights for you! (9,10)**
- **Take diligent heed...to WHAT?**
 - **LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD!!! (11)**
 - **Active, full-hearted, expressive...**

Warning

- **Vs. 12,13 - If you go back, if you cling to idols... intermarry, associate with them...**
 - **God will undo these things**
 - **Nations will be a snare and trap! Whips and thorns!**
 - **2x the Lord your God! (see vs 15)**
- **Do we still need to avoid these things?**
 - **Romans 1:18-32; Galatians 6:7,8; 1John 2:15-17; Romans 12:1,2; Colossians 3:1,2; James 4:4**

I am going...

- **Death is a reality...**
 - **What we leave behind, is a choice!**
 - **Not one word of the LORD YOUR GOD has failed**
 - **GOD IS FAITHFUL to His word!**
- **God is calling us to RESPOND**
 - **His Grace is enough**
 - **His Love is sufficient and lavish**
 - **His Hand is extended...**

Next week...

Joshua 24 - Shechem

Final Warning, part 2!