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The Book of Joshua Study Notes:

The Book of Joshua stands at the beginning of the Jewish scriptural collection known as the Former Prophets. It is named after its most important character, Moses' personal aide and military commander. Joshua's name means "The Lord is Salvation." IN the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, his name take the form "*Iesous*", the same name borne by our Lord, Jesus. The book of Joshua is considered the first of the Historical Books of the English Bible, because it traces the record of the children of Israel from the shores of the Jordan River to the conquest and division of the land of Canaan. It closes with an account of the aged Joshua's farewell speeches.

The Book of Joshua is a record of God's faithfulness to His covenant people. It underscores the need of the believer to be obedient if he would appropriate all that God has designed for him. It is throughout a testimony to the might and grace of a sovereign and holy God.

The Book of Joshua has 4 categories:

- I. Entering the Promised Land. Joshua 1-5:12. Preparations and commissioning.
- II. Conquering the Promised Land. Joshua 5:13-12:24. Campaigns of conquest.
- III. Dividing the Promised Land. Joshua 13:1-19:51. Apportionment of the land.
- IV. Directions for the Promised Land. Joshua 20-24:33. Commands for the people.

Joshua 1-5 STUDY GUIDE

Joshua 1

1. The book of Joshua begins what new section of scripture? History
2. What was Joshua's former name and what did it mean? Hoshea, Salvation
3. What was his name changed to and what does it mean? Joshua, God is my salvation
4. Who changed his name? Moses
5. What was going on with the nation of Israel in the book and what lies ahead for them? Israel was prepared to go in and conquer the Promised Land led by Joshua
6. What is the phrase that is used five times in Chapter 1 about Moses? Servant
7. What does God commission Joshua to do? To lead the people of Israel to conquer the Promised Land.
8. In Joshua 1:3, what does God say to Joshua about feet? Every place that your feet shall walk upon I have given you
9. What did God tell Joshua in 1:5 that men would not be able to do? That men would not be able to stand before Joshua
10. God says "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee:"
11. Four times a phrase is used in Chapter 1; what is that phrase? Be strong and of a good courage
12. Of the phrases used four times, who used it and how many times each? God 3, people 1
13. What was not to depart out of Joshua's mouth? Book of the law

14. What two things were promised if the thing did not depart from Joshua's mouth? His way would be prosperous, and he would have good success.
15. List 2 ½ tribes that were to go over ahead of them. Reuben, Gad, and ½ of Manasseh
16. What kind of response did Joshua get from the people of Israel? Favor with the people

Joshua 2

17. How many spies were sent in? 2
18. Whose house did they go to? What was her vocation? Rahab, harlot
19. What kind of response did the woman give them regarding the people of Jericho's view of the Israelites? Our hearts have melted, and we know God is with you
20. What did she ask for in return? For her and her father's house to be spared
21. Where was her house? On the city wall
22. What was the cord called that she was to put in her window? Scarlet thread
23. Give one example of the spies' faith. They said "when" not "if"
24. Give the 3 areas/groups that Joshua found favor. With God, with Israel, with enemies

Bonus

1. What was the names of the two kings of Amorites that were defeated? Sihon, Og
2. What was the miracle regarding the harlot's house? Her house did not get destroyed
3. Who did the harlot marry and what was her relation to David? Salmon, David was her great great grandson