

## Handout 1: The Book of Joshua Lesson 1

The conditions that had to take place before the gift of the land of Canaan could be fulfilled. See Gen 15:13-16.

1. Abraham's descendants will be exiles in a foreign land where they will be enslaved for four hundred years.
2. God will bring judgment on the nation that enslaves them and after their liberation they will leave with many possessions.
3. All this was to take place after Abraham's death.
4. In the fourth generation, his descendants were to return to Canaan.
5. The gift of the land to Abram/Abraham's descendants will not take place until the sins of the inhabitants of Canaan (Amorites) reached its full extent.

In Deuteronomy 20:1-18, two conditions of war are listed: rules of engagement for pagan cities outside the borders of the Promised Land and rules of engagement for Canaanite cities during the conquest.

1. All battles were to be consecrated by the priests to the glory of God (Dt 20:1-4).
2. For Gentile cities outside of Canaan, an offer of peace was to be issued prior to conflict in which the Gentiles were allowed to surrender under the terms of a vassal treaty, offering their lives in service to the Israelites and as tribute to God (Dt 20:10-11).
3. If the offer of peace was refused, only the male population of a non-Canaanite city was to be put to the sword; women, children and material goods became booty acquired by the Israelites.
4. Towns within the borders of Canaan were to be placed under the conditions of *the curse of destruction*, receiving the sentence of death for every human and all animals. No booty was to be acquired from the condemned town under God's Divine judgment.

Early history of Joshua:

1. Joshua, who had served Moses since he was a boy, was the military commander of the armies of Israel.
2. He waited on the side of Mt. Sinai the forty days Moses was with God on the mountain.
3. Joshua guarded the Tent of Meeting where the presence of God resided during the building of the Tabernacle.
4. Joshua was a descendant of Joseph son of Jacob-Israel. He was the son of Nun of the tribe of Ephraim and was one of the twelve men selected to reconnoiter the Promised Land and bring back a report.
5. Moses changed his name from Hoshea ("salvation") to Yahshua ("Yahweh is salvation"/ "Yahweh saves").
6. Only Caleb of the tribe of Judah and Joshua of the tribe of Ephraim believed in God's promise that the Israelites could take possession of the Promised Land.
7. God ordained that because of their faith Caleb and Joshua would be the only men of the Exodus generation to live to see the Promised Land.
8. Moses announced to the people that Joshua was chosen by God as his successor.
9. In the ceremony in which he became the people's leader, the High Priest anointed him and Moses laid hands upon Joshua who was filled with the spirit of the wisdom of God.
10. Yahweh personally spoke to Joshua, giving him the mission to conquer the Promised Land of Canaan, and God promised to be with Joshua as He was with Moses.

Handout 2: The Book of Joshua Lesson 1  
SUMMARY OF THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

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| <b>BIBLICAL PERIOD</b>  | #4 The Conquest of Canaan   |   |  |
| <b>COVENANT</b>         | The Sinai Covenant  |   |  |
| <b>FOCUS</b>            | Taking possession of the Promised Land and the covenant blessings |   |  |
| <b>SCRIPTURE</b>        | 1:1-----13:1-----23:1-----24:33                                   |   |  |
| <b>DIVISION OF TEXT</b> | Conquest of the Promised Land                                     | Allotment of Tribal Lands                         | Israel's Future in the Promised Land   |
| <b>TOPIC</b>            | Intro. and invasion plan  | Holy war of purification                          | God's command to distribute the land   |
|                         | 12 tribes preparing for holy war                                  | The 3 campaigns against the iniquitous population | Review of distribution of tribes to the East of the Jordan River (the Transjordan) |
|                         |   |   | Joshua's farewell address: 3 calls to covenant obedience                           |
|                         |   |   | Covenant renewal & Epilogue  |
| <b>LOCATION</b>         | East side of the Jordan River                                     | West side of the Jordan River (Canaan)            | Settlement in the Transjordan = 2 ½ Tribes<br>Settlement in Canaan = 9 ½ Tribes    |
| <b>TIME</b>             | c. 1 month  | c. 7 years  | c. 25 years  |

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| TIME LINE BC             | UNITED KINGDOM/DIVIDED KINGDOMS—EXILE----- |                    |  |                          |                              |  |              |
| WORLD EMPIRE: EGYPT----- |  |                    |  |                          | ASSYRIA-----                 |  | BABYLON----- |
| c. 2000?                 | ?  | 1300?              | 1212/1202                              | 1000                     | 930                          | 722  | 587/6        |
| Abraham                  | Moses                                      | Conquest of Canaan | Merneptha Stele names the "Israelites" | David conquers Jerusalem | Civil War = divided kingdoms | Southern Kingdom destroyed<br>Northern Kingdom destroyed |              |

| The Typology of Joshua and Jesus: "Yahweh is salvation"                              |   |
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| Joshua   | Jesus   |
| Moses named him Yahshua/Joshua.  | The angel Gabriel told Mary of Nazareth to name God's Son Yahshua/Jesus.                          |
| His name defined his mission.  | His name defined His mission.   |
| Joshua's mission was to lead the children of Israel into the Promise Land of Canaan. | Jesus' mission was to lead the children of God into the Promised Land of Heaven.                  |
| Joshua began his mission by crossing the Jordan River from the east to the west.     | Jesus began His mission after His baptism by crossing the Jordan River from the east to the west. |
| Joshua faithfully served God all of his life.  | Jesus faithfully served God the Father all of His earthly life and beyond.                        |