

Book of Joshua

Introduction

1. Title - Joshua
Joshua means "*Jehovah saves*"
Man God used to lead to victory
2. Author - Not specifically told
But there are some clues:
Eyewitness reports - 5:1,6
Vivid details
Description of battles one who saw them
Rahab still living when author wrote - 6:25
Joshua seems to have written at least some
Perhaps he may have written all 24:26
3. Purpose - fulfillment of God's promises
Give us a record of this fulfillment
Promise given to Abraham in Gen. 12:2,3
"To a land that I will show you"
Extent of the land given in Gen. 13:14-17
"North, south, east, and west"
Covenant with Abraham – Gen. 15:18-21
From river of Egypt to Euphrates river
The entire land of Canaan
Promise to Israel in Egypt – Ex. 3:6-8
4. Theme
Faithfulness of God to His promises
God's authority to govern His people - 1:7-8
To lead and guide them in the land
To give them victory over their enemies
To provide for all their needs
Holiness of God and His Judgment of Sin
To judge iniquities of the Amorites – Gen. 15:16
Commanded by God – Deut. 20:17-18
When Israel sinned through Achan – Josh. 7:1
Israel suffered defeat because of sin

Outline of Joshua

Introduction - Joshua 1 – A New leader

God's leader & people - committed to obedience

I. Entering the Land - Joshua 2-5

Inheritance is available but people must claim it

II. Conquering the Land - Joshua 6-12

Battles to be fought but victory is assured

As they trust God and obey Him

III. Dividing the Land - Joshua 13-21

There is a portion for all of God's people.

All share in victory

Conclusion - Joshua 22-24

Enjoying God's Inheritance

To enjoy God's gifts there must be obedience

Joshua's Conquest of Canaan

