

Joshua

1. **Titles:**

- A. Joshua = Jehovah is salvation
- B. The Book of Conquest

2. **Author:**

Written by Joshua (18:9; 24:25, 26).

3. **Date:**

- A. Covers approximately 30 years, from the death of Moses to the death of Joshua.
- B. Written between 1390 and 1370 B.C.

4. **Key Words:**

- A. Inherit (ance) 61
- B. Possess (ion) 24

5. **Key Verses: 11:23; 21:43-45**

6. **Purpose:**

- A. To show the fulfillment of God's promises in the giving of the promised land to Israel (23:14).
- B. To show how Israel failed to fully possess the land (18:3).

7. **Message:**

- A. God is faithful to keep His Covenant (Abrahamic) by giving the "Land" to the "Seed".
- B. Those who believe must labor to enter into all that God gives (Heb. 4).

8. **Outline:**

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| I. <u>Entering</u> the Land Ch. 1-5 | III. <u>Dividing</u> the Land Ch. 13-22 |
| II. <u>Conquering</u> the Land Ch. 6-12 | IV. <u>Farewell</u> and <u>Burial</u> in the Land
Ch. 23, 24 |

9. **Summary:**

The focal point of this book is clearly the promised land. IT contains the accounts of how Israel entered, conquered and divided Canaan. It is primarily a book of victory and fulfilled promises. While the Pentateuch covers the events up to the possession of the land, Joshua records the actual entering into the land. The following is a summary of the first six books of the Bible as they relate to the land.

Genesis - the promising of the Land

Exodus - the leaving for the Land

Leviticus - the Laws for living in the Land

Numbers - the wandering outside of the Land (old generation)

Deuteronomy - the preparing for the Land (new generation)

Joshua - the possessing of the Land

10. **Christ Seen:**

Christ is seen as our Joshua (Heb. 4:8), The Captain of our Salvation (Heb. 2:10) wielding the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Josh. 5:13-15; Eph. 6:12-18), and leading the New Testament Israel into her Inheritance (Heb. 4; Eph. 1:3, 14).