

JOSHUA STUDY

CHAPTER 1:1-9

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

The Call to Enter In

ENTERING THE LAND OF CANAAN 1;1-5;15

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

Joshua 1:6

"Be strong and of good courage"

Introduction to the Book

The first 5 Books of the Bible is what is called, "The Pentateuch"

1. **Genesis being the Book of the Beginning of Life**
2. Exodus being the Book of Redemption
3. **Leviticus is the Book of Sanctification**
4. Numbers is the Book of God people Under test
5. **Deuteronomy being the Book of God's Government**
(authored predominantly by Moses himself)

Joshua is the Book of Relationship

1 Corinthians 10:11

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

The Author

Joshua in Hebrew, Jesus in Greek

We know that Joshua authored nearly all of the book,
he was a man of faith and he acted out his faith

acting out your faith

Hebrews 11:30

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down **after** they were encircled for seven days.

God **Stood** Ready,

While The People **Walked** Around Jericho

The Times

It was approximately 1,400 b.c. It was now in the latter end of the wilderness wanderings of Israel. Moses was now dead, Joshua was called up to take his place, and the 40 years of camping was about to come to an end.

The Purpose

was that God was out to fulfill His Word that He had promised. Also, God was out to create a people that would have the opportunity to lead by a theocracy.

The Picture

the book of Joshua is a living, prophetic example of the life of the redeemed believer, the Christian in our day. Like Joshua and the people, we too have received the promises. We too have been called to take back the land. We have been fully equipped for the battle... the promise, the land, the equipment!

But did you say battle Jack? -- Yes Battle!!!

Joshua was to lead the people into the promised land, a land that was filled with pagan, canaanite religions and violence.

Josh 24:31

So Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had known all the works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

The Emphasis of the Book

#1

The Holiness of God

as seen in the Judgment of the Canaanites and their practices

#2

The Written Law of God

God had called Israel to be obedient to His written Law received by Moses

#3

The Faithfulness of God

as displayed in the keeping of all His promises made to the people in the Land

The Theme(s)

are 2, the first, being that God had **divinely chosen** Israel to Possess the Land of Promise

(requiring faith on the part of Israel)

and Second is that God would be **faithful to Perform** all that He had promised regarding the Taking of the Land.

(Requiring Obedience on their part)

The Application for Us Today

Josh 21:43-45

43 So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. **44 The LORD gave them rest all around, according to all that He had promised to their fathers.** And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

Hebrews 4:9-11

9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest,

The Call to Enter In

1.) The Lord Commissions Joshua

vv. 1

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, - Moses' assistant, saying: **2 "Moses My servant is dead.** Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them-- the children of Israel.

a.) Joshua and His Years of Preparation

vv. 1-2a

Verse 2b

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, - Moses' assistant, saying: **2 "Moses My servant is dead.**

“it came to pass”

The Journey from Egypt to Canaan land is an 11 day walk @ 2.5 miles per hour

but when complaining and disobedience is in the air
nothing of value will take place

Moses was now Dead

Moses had been molded into a faithful leader of God.

He appeared larger than Life Itself...

1. It was this Moses who was placed in an Ark
2. It was this Moses who had been Adopted by Pharaohs Daughter
3. It was this Moses who became heir to the Dynasty
4. It was this Moses who God began to Call out from Egypt
5. It was this Moses who God said..."I will speak to him face to face"

It was Announced Clearly to Joshua - Moses is Dead

Exodus 24:12-15

12 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." 13

So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. 14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them." 15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

Put Your Self in Joshua's Sandals for a minute,
-- Wait, 40 days!!!

Exodus 24:18

For So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Scruffy Waited 16 hours Once for Us

The Death of Moses Was Necessary

he brought them to the border of the promised relationship, but could not take them in to that relationship...

The Old People,
the old wineskins had died as God had said they would.

The Old Way of Thinking;
embodied in the hearts & minds was the first generation
that had to be replaced

Matthew 9:16-17

16 "No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. 17 "Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Because Moses was the Representative of the Law

and the law can only take you to the point of reality,
but there it drops you off!

Deuteronomy 34:1-6

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." 5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. 6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses,
but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

But Joshua Was Called to Give Life

b.) Joshua and His New Marching Orders

vv. 2b

Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people,
to the land which I am giving to them-- the children of Israel.

“The Promise” - In The Promised Land Deal

Genesis 12:1

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.

But Forty Years Had Passed

driving around the block

#1 - Arise -- this demands obedience

#2 - Go Over -- this demands faith

#3 - Which I am Giving to them -- this demands trust

Having The Title to the Land is One Thing; Living in the Land is Another

2 Corinthians 5:5-7

5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

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2.) Joshua Had Heard the Promises, Time to See v.v. 3-7

a.) Joshua Was Being Divinely Led v.3

"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon
I have given you, as I said to Moses.

b.) Joshua Receives what Moses Had Longed For v.4

"From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates,
all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall
be your territory.

The Land Has Never Been Fully Possessed by Israel, Solomon came close
and it won't be Until the Millennium

Obadiah 1:17

"But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; the house of Jacob shall
possess their possessions.

c.) Joshua Receives Encouragement and a Guarantee

The Guarantee

5 "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **I will not leave you nor forsake you.**

The Encouragement

6 "**Be strong and of good courage**, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

The Encouragement Again

7 "**Only be strong and very courageous**, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Are You Victorious in Your Christian Walk?

If Not -- I Know Why

It's because;

- you have slipped from your daily Bible reading
- you have ceased from your morning prayers
- and you have not obeyed His written word

When The Great John Bunyan of England Died
they found written on the first page of his Bible

*"This Book will keep me from sin,
and sin will keep me from this book"*

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3.) Joshua Had Known the Blessings of Obedience vv. 8-9

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate** in it day and night, that you may **observe** to do according to all that is written in it.

For then you will make your way prosperous,
and then you will have good success.

Guaranteed Success

reading is like eating
meditation is like digestion

* meditate **heb** 1897 hagah (daw-gaw');
to murmur, to ponder, to think upon and speak forth. to imagine, to
review again and again out loud

Psalm 143:5-6

5 I **remember** the days of old; I **meditate** on all Your works; I **muse** on the work of Your hands. 6 I **spread** out my hands to You; my soul longs for You like a thirsty land. **Selah**

Psalm 42:5-6

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance. 6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan,

9 "Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed**, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Fear Comes from Not Knowing
Being Afraid of God - Is not to Know His Word

1 John 4:18-19

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

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2 Corinthians 6:1-2

1 We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

John 8:24

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."