



A Scenic Overlook

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Joshua

The book of Joshua is named after its principal character, Joshua. In Hebrew, *Joshua* has the following forms: *yehoshu'a* (Deut. 3:21), *hoshe'a* (Deut. 32:44) and *yeshu'a* (Neh. 8:17). In the LXX, the name appears as *lesous* (cf. Luke 1:31). *Hoshea* means *salvation* while *Jehoshua* means *God's salvation*. As the "servant of the Lord" (Josh. 1:1), *Hoshua* was the one by whom God made this salvation a reality for His chosen people.

Joshua shows how God brought the theocratic nation from the wilderness into the promised land. Since God never leaves His work incomplete, Joshua completes what Moses began. "It serves to show how Joshua faithfully

performed the work which had been entrusted to him by God, and how God, in fulfillment of His promises, gave the promised land to His people." —Young

The five books of Moses (Genesis–Deuteronomy) lead the children of Israel up to Canaan; Joshua leads the children of Israel into Canaan. The remainder of the historical books (Joshua–Esther) covers Israel's history inside the land. Joshua could be subtitled, "Commissioned to Conquer."

Outline

- I. Penetrating Into the Land Joshua 1–5
- II. Prevailing Within the Land Joshua 6–12
- III. Permeating Throughout the Land Joshua 13–24

Truths Found in Joshua

1. _____

God _____ and _____
His leaders. 1:9

2. _____

God's promises wait on both the _____
and _____ of His people 1:6–7; 7:1ff

3. _____

God's people were to be _____,
but not _____ from others. 10:29; 11:23

4. _____

God uses _____
and _____
for His conquests.

5. _____

The _____ of God's
Word is stressed. 1:8

6. _____

It is important to establish spiritual _____
_____ for future generations. 4:1

7. _____

The cities of refuge are indicators of God's
_____ for the unfortunate
and _____ toward the innocent.

8. _____

God's people must not _____
or _____. 9:3-27; 15:63

9. _____

The necessity and urgency of _____,
based on principle, are stressed. 24:14ff

10. _____

The history of God's _____
and _____ of a
chosen people is provided. 4:24