

Joshua:

the man... the book...

why bother?

1. Joshua - the man

Our first introduction to him: *Exodus 17:8-13 & 24:13*

Chosen to be one of the 12 spies sent into Canaan:
Numbers 13 & 14

Chosen by God to be Moses' replacement: *Numbers 27:17-18*

He's filled with God's Spirit: *Numbers 27:18 & Deuteronomy 34:9*

Joshua spent time alone with God: *Exodus 33:11*

1. Joshua - the book

5 books of Moses (*Pentateuch*), Genesis – Deuteronomy

Book of Joshua... covers a period of 15 years about 1,400BC.

From Judges – Nehemiah the historical books cover the next 1,000 years of Israel's history.

1. Joshua - the book cont'd

Chapters 1-5

Cover a period of 1 month.

Joshua prepares the people militarily and spiritually.

Chapters 6-13

Cover a period of 7 years.

Recalls the conquest of Canaan (the walls of Jericho etc.)

Chapters 13-24

Cover a period of 8 years.

Sees the 12 tribes of Israel settled and established in the land and concludes with the death of Joshua at the age of 110.

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The experience of God's people in Joshua is not unlike the experience of Christians today.

Canaan was promised to Israel, it was God's gift given freely by His grace... and yet they had to fight for every inch of it.

Our salvation is also promised and is God's gift given freely by His grace... and yet we must fight many battles in order to run the Christian race.

“The sovereign grace of God and the discharge of His peoples’ responsibility run side by side.”

A.W. Pink