

**BOOK OF JOSHUA**  
**INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK-PT 2**  
**THE BOOK OF JOSHUA IS A BOOK ABOUT A CHARACTER**  
**JOSHUA 1:1-11**

**Introduction**

Last week we began our introduction into this book and we saw:  
**THAT JOSHUA IS A BOOK ABOUT A CONQUEST! (Joshua 1:11)**  
*THE LAND GOD GAVE ISRAEL WAS GOD'S TO GIVE!*  
*THE LAND GOD GAVE THEM WAS ISRAEL'S TO POSSESS!*

*POSSESSING THEIR POSSESSIONS would not and did not come without CONQUEST! But the LORD was with them in the CONQUEST as they BELIEVED HIM and OBEYED HIM!*

We said that **THE APPLICATION THAT WE SHOULD SEE** is that the **LORD** gave the nation of **ISRAEL** a **MATERIAL HERITAGE** (i.e. **Specifically, a LAND flowing with milk and honey!**) But they had to actually enter into the **PROMISED LAND** and **POSSESS THEIR POSSESSIONS!** (What good is a gift if you never take possession of it?)

As **BELIEVERS**, we have a **SPIRITUAL HERITAGE** in the **LORD JESUS CHRIST, (the ABUNDANT LIFE in HIM)** that we must also enter into and **POSSESS OUR POSSESSIONS!** As we move forward in **FAITH** and **OBEDIENCE**, we are assured of **VICTORY** through **JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR** as we **TRUST AND OBEY HIM!**

*UNDERSTAND THAT JOSHUA IS A BOOK ABOUT A CONQUEST!*  
**UNDERSTAND THAT JOSHUA IS A BOOK ABOUT A CHARACTER!**  
There are four people named **JOSHUA** in **SCRIPTURE!**

1. **JOSHUA the son of NUN and successor of MOSES and author of the book bearing his name. (This is the one that we are looking at!)**
2. Joshua the Beth-shemite, and owner of a field in the days of Eli.  
*(1 Samuel 6:14, 18)*
3. Joshua the Governor of Jerusalem in the days of Josiah. *(2 Kings 23:8)*
4. Joshua the son of Josedech who was high priest at the time of the rebuilding of the Temple after the Babylonian exile.  
*(Haggai 1:1; 2:4; Zechariah 3; 6:11)*

I want us to look at **JOSHUA** the man tonight. We cannot properly understand this **BOOK** without knowing **JOSHUA** the man!

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We will see in our study of both this **MAN** and the **BOOK** that bears his name, that **JOSHUA the son of NUN was both a great MAN and a great LEADER!** Though he was born in slavery, he rose to great heights as a **MILITARY, POLITICAL, and SPIRITUAL LEADER!**

**JOSHUA** was chosen by **MOSES** to head up **ISRAEL'S** first "*army.*" He became **MOSES' MINISTER** and served him **FAITHFULLY** all the years of **MOSES' life.** At **MOSES' death** **JOSHUA** became **ISRAEL'S** head in **MOSES' stead** and led them into **CANAAN** to possess **THE PROMISED LAND!**

There are two words that describe **JOSHUA** and these two main **CHARACTER TRAITS** were keys to his being the man he was:

1. **JOSHUA Was FAITHFUL!**  
(If I, as a preacher, have a hobby horse, this is it—**FAITHFULNESS!**)  
He was **FAITHFUL** first of all to **GOD!**  
He was **FAITHFUL** to **MOSES, GOD'S CHOSEN LEADER!**  
He was **FAITHFUL** to perform any task that was given him!  
He was **FAITHFUL** to raise his **FAMILY** to serve the **LORD!**  
His **FAITHFULNESS** was recognized and rewarded by **GOD!**
  2. **JOSHUA Was A SERVANT!**  
He was a man with a **SERVANT'S HEART!**  
He was a **SERVANT OF GOD!**  
He was a **SERVANT OF MOSES, GOD'S CHOSEN LEADER!**  
He was the **SERVANT OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL!**  
This **FAITHFUL SERVANT** lived a life we can learn much from!
- I. **JOSHUA'S BACKGROUND!**
    - A. **His Family.**  
His father was **NUN** of the tribe of **EPHRAIM.** His mother is not named in **SCRIPTURE.** He was born and reared in **EGYPT** during the time when **ISRAEL** was in **SLAVERY.**

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His character of life indicates that he was blessed to have had a **GODLY, SPIRITUAL** upbringing!

**B. His Name.**

The name *JOSHUA* means “*Jehovah is salvation.*”

He was originally named *Oshea* which means “*deliverer*” but **MOSES** changed his name to *Jehoshua*. (*Numbers 13:16*)

In the **OLD TESTAMENT** he is referred to as *JOSHUA, JEHOASHUA, JEHOASHUAH, JESHUA, HOSHEA, and OSHEA!*

In the **NEW TESTAMENT** he is called *JESUS* which is the **GREEK** equivalent of *JOSHUA*. (*Acts 7:45; Hebrews 4:6-8*)

**II. JOSHUA AS THE MINISTER OF MOSES!**  
(*EXODUS 24:13; JOSHUA 1:1*)

**A. JOSHUA Was Appointed Military Leader Of ISRAEL To Fight AMALEK. (*Exodus 17:8-16*)**

This was very shortly after **ISRAEL** left **EGYPT** and so we see that **JOSHUA** was already recognized as a **LEADER** at that time by **MOSES!**

This is the first mention of **JOSHUA** who was **approximately forty-six years old at the time.**

**JOSHUA** defeated **AMALEK** on the basis of **DIVINE** help but was informed there would be war with **AMALEK** from generation to generation. (*vs 11, 16*)

**AMALEK**, who was the grandson of **ESAU**, is a **TYPE** of the **FLESH** and so this story should teach us as **BELIEVERS** that we will have an ongoing battle with the **FLESH!**

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**B. JOSHUA Went Up MOUNT SINAI With MOSES As His Minister. (*Exodus 24:12-18*)**

His relationship with **MOSES** was different from that of **AARON** and the **ELDERS**.

**JOSHUA** went up on the **MOUNT** with **MOSES** and we are not told specifically, but it is very probable that he experienced the **GLORY OF GOD** first hand!

**C. JOSHUA Was With MOSES When He Returned From The MOUNT To Find The People Dancing Around The Golden Calf. (*Exodus 32-33*)**

**JOSHUA** was the first to mention the strange noise coming from the people in the camp. (*Exodus 32:17-18*)

**JOSHUA** would have been with **MOSES** when he destroyed the calf and made the people drink it. (*Exodus 32:20*)

**JOSHUA** went with **MOSES** into the **TABERNACLE** to call the people to repentance. (*Exodus 33:7-9*)

**JOSHUA** stayed in the **TABERNACLE** after **MOSES** returned to the people. (*Exodus 33:11*)

We don't know why, but possibly he was seeking further personal fellowship with the **LORD**.

**D. JOSHUA would have had two men stop prophesying but MOSES forbade it. (*Numbers 11:24-30*)**

At this time **GOD** was dividing **MOSES'** responsibilities with the **ELDERS**. The **ELDERS** had come outside the camp to the **TABERNACLE** and received the **SPIRIT**. Two men had remained in the camp and had received the **SPIRIT**.

**JOSHUA** was jealous for **MOSES'** sake.

(i.e. He had great love for **MOSES** and so he had great loyalty to **MOSES** as well!)

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- E. JOSHUA was one of the two believing spies sent to CANAAN! (Numbers 13-14)**  
Both **JOSHUA** and **CALEB** wanted to go in and possess the land (*Numbers 13:30*).
- Both **JOSHUA** and **CALEB** encouraged the people to have **FAITH** that the **LORD** would give them the **VICTORY!** (*Numbers 14:6-9*)
- F. JOSHUA and CALEB were the only survivors of the unbelieving generation. (Numbers 26:65)**
- G. JOSHUA proved himself to be a man of COURAGE, FAITHFULNESS, LOYALTY, and HUMILITY by his FAITHFUL SERVICE under the leadership of MOSES!**  
He was a man of **CHARACTER** and **PRINCIPLE!**
- He **QUALIFIED** himself to be a **GREAT LEADER** by being a **GREAT FOLLOWER!**

**III. JOSHUA AS THE SERVANT OF THE LORD.**  
*(He is called "the servant of the LORD" in the two passages that mention his death JOSHUA 24:29; JUDGES 2:8)*

- A. JOSHUA Was CALLED And COMMISSIONED By The LORD To LEAD ISRAEL!**  
*(Numbers 27:18-23; Deuteronomy 31:7-8, 14, 23; 34:7-9)*

In **MOSES'** speech to the **PEOPLE**, twice he said that the **LORD** identified **JOSHUA** as being the one who would lead them into the **LAND** and cause them to inherit it! The **LORD** instructed **MOSES** to **CHARGE JOSHUA** and to **ENCOURAGE** him and **STRENGTHEN him!** (*Deuteronomy 1:38; 3:21-29*)

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- B. JOSHUA showed himself to be QUALIFIED for the OFFICE!**  
He was filled with the **SPIRIT!** (*Deuteronomy 34:9*)  
He enjoyed **GOD'S PRESENCE!** (*Joshua 1:5; 6:27*)  
He **WHOLLY FOLLOWED** the **LORD!** (*Numbers 32:12*)
- C. JOSHUA assumed the LEADERSHIP of ISRAEL at the DEATH of MOSES. (Deuteronomy 34:9)**
- D. The LORD charged JOSHUA after the DEATH of MOSES. (Joshua 1:1-9)**  
**JOSHUA** was to **LEAD** the **PEOPLE** into the **PROMISED LAND. (1:2-4)**
- He was assured of **GOD'S PRESENCE. (1:5)**
- JOSHUA** was **ADMONISHED** by the **LORD** to be **STRONG** and **COURAGEOUS. (1:6,7,9)**
- E. JOSHUA Was FAITHFUL In LEADING The PEOPLE! (Joshua 1:1-24:8)**
- F. JOSHUA Is A TYPE Of The LORD JESUS CHRIST!**  
This **BOOK** is named after **JOSHUA**, the **HERO** of this great **CONQUEST!** He is the **CAPTAIN!**
- JESUS CHRIST** is our **SAVIOUR; HE** is our **CAPTAIN!**

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