

BEACON BIBLE CHURCH  
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LD TESTAMENT HISTORY: JOSHUA

INTRODUCTION:

a. Importance of the Book:

1. Its relationship to the Pentateuch:

This book is the link between two historical groups in the O.T.  
It covers only 25 years, but describes one of the most memorable conquests in history.

2. Its relationship to Ephesians:

Joshua is a type of that fuller Christian life, in which the Believer is possessing his possessions. Ephesians describes this as dwelling in the heavenlies in Christ.

b. Author:

1. There is no objection to its place in the canon, since it is alluded in other scriptures.
2. By Whom?
3. Joshua, if not the author, certainly the chief compiler.
4. Certain events seem unlikely to be written by Joshua.

.. Purpose of the Book:

To give the history of the conquest and settlement of the Promised Land.  
It shows the faithfulness of God to His promises (See key verses: 21:43, 45).  
Hence, it is a book of miracles.

I. CANAAN CONQUERED AND DIVIDED BY ISRAEL: 1-24

A. Conquest of the Land: 1-12

1. Joshua's Appointment: Ch. 1

a. God Commissions: Vs. 1-9

- 1) The Mantle is passed: vs. 1, 2
- 2) The Territory is defined: vs. 3, 4
- 3) The promise is secured: vs. 5-9

b. Joshua Delegates: vs. 10-18

- 1) Officers: vs. 10
- 2) Orders of the Day: vs 11-15
- 3) Obedience assured: vs. 16-18

2. Jericho Surveyed: Chap. 2

a. Strategy: vs. 1

- b. Contact: vs. 1-21
  - c. Victory assured: vs. 23-24
3. Jordan Crossed: ch. 3, 4
- a. Preparations for the march: vs. 1-13
    - (1) Necessity of sanctification: vs. 5
    - (2) The Ark of the Covenant represented God's presence: vs. 6
  - b. Crossing the Jordan: vs. 14-17
  - c. Memorials Erected: ch. 4
    - 1) The Crossing commemorated: vs. 1-9
    - 2) The Crossing Completed: vs. 10-24
4. Conquest of Jericho: ch. 5, 6
- a. Gilgal Occupied: ch. 5
    - 1) Rite of circumcision revived:
    - 2) Significance:
    - 3) Passover is also revived: vs. 10
    - 4) New food provided: vs. 11, 12
    - 5) New Captain appears: vs. 13-15
  - b. Jericho Conquered: ch. 6
    - 1) First objective of the Conquest of Israel: vs. 1, 2
    - 2) Details of the Capture: vs. 3-16
    - 3) An "Accursed City" vs. 17, 18
    - 4) The City was not to be rebuilt: vs. 26
5. Achan's Sin: ch. 7
- a. The place called "AI"
  - b. From despair to Hope:
    - 1) The sin of one: vs. 1
    - 2) The defeat of many: vs. 2-5 (caused by covetous, self-confidence)
    - 3) The despair of a leader: vs. 6-9
    - 4) The cause of defeat: vs. 10-21 (offender singled out, punished)
    - 5) The cleansing of a nation: vs. 22-26
- Anchor -- Door of Hope.