

**Joshua**  
**CPBC**  
**4/18/10**

**Introduction:**

- Joshua in the OT is like Ephesians in the NT – victory over sin in the Lord Jesus
- How?
  - Be filled with the Holy Spirit –Eph 5:18
  - All the people passed over the Jordan (Joshua 3:17)
    - Symbol of God’s children living abundantly and victoriously in the Promised Land
    - There will be spiritual warfare, but obedience brings God’s victory
- Exodus shows a picture of being saved from the penalty of sin, when the Israelites came out of Egypt
- God’s plan was to take them across the Jordan into the Promised Land – land of victory
- Unbelief kept them out for 40 years
- Now going into Promised Land (victory) to live
  - *Joshua means Yeshua Saves*

**Author:**

- Joshua – except for the ending
- Maybe written by Phinehas a priest

**Purpose:**

- Give history of Israel’s conquest of the Promised Land

**Key Verse:**

- ...cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess (1:11)

**Outline:**

- I. Crossing the River (1-5)**
- II. Conquering the Enemy (6-12)**
- III. Claiming the Inheritance (13-24)**

**I. Crossing the River (1-5)**

- God speaks to Joshua (1:1-9)
  - *Promise of the land (2-4)*
  - *Promise of His presence (5)*
  - *God would keep his word (6-9)*
- Joshua speaks to the people (1:10-15)
  - *God speaks to Joshua, Joshua speaks to the leader, leaders to the people*

- People speak to Joshua (1:16-18)
  - *We will obey God*
- Covenant with Rahab (2)
  - *Archaeologists researched Jericho*
  - *City covered 8 acres*
  - *Inner and outer walls- inner walls 12' thick, outer walls – 6' thick*
  - *Walls were 30 ' high*
  - *Destroyed by falling down*
  - **She pictures the spiritual history of the believer**
    - *Sinner*
    - *Under condemnation*
    - *Given a period of grace – judgment was scheduled to come*
    - *Heard word of God*
    - *Believed word of God*
    - *Proved her faith by her works*
    - *Sought to win others*
    - *Delivered from judgment*
    - *Saved by faith*
- Crossing of Jordan (3-5)
  - *Crossing Red Sea*
    - *Delivered from bondage of Egypt*
    - *Separation from Egypt (World)*
    - *Christ death for us – blood of the lamb*
    - *Enemy defeated*
  - *Crossing the Jordan*
    - *Brought into Canaan's blessing*
    - *Dedication unto God*
    - *Our death with Christ*
    - *Daily victories by faith*
- Two Memorials (Chapter 4)
  - *On the bank – evidence God parted the waters and led people across*
  - *In the river – only seen by God – Israel's crossing*
- Jews could not get victory in Canaan and overcome the enemy without first going through Jordan
- Mark of the covenant (Chapter 5)
  - *Circumcision – picture of death to self*

## II. Conquering the Enemy (6-12)

- Conquering Jericho, Ai, Gibeon
  - *Trusting God for the impossible – Jericho (6: 15-16)*
    - *Obeyed the leaders (6-9)*
    - *Had patience and faith (10-14)*
    - *Obeyed Him in every detail (17-25)*

- Defeat at Ai – sin of Achan –(7)
- Victory at Ai (8)
- Deception of the Gibeonites (9)
  - Lied – Jews did not conquer the land

### **III. Claiming the Inheritance (13-24)**

- Caleb the overcomer (14-15) – 6 times “*wholly followed the Lord*”
  - Sufferer – *delivered from Egypt, redeemed by Passover blood, inheritance in Canaan*
  - Defender – *one of two spies who trusted the Lord*
  - Wanderer – *in wilderness, did not die*
  - Conqueror – *give me my mountain that you promised (14:6 f)*
  - *Chapter 21:43 –land given to Israel as promised*
- Joshua’s final counsel (23-24)
  - Address to the leaders (23)
    - *Review of the past (3-4)*
    - *Promise for the future (5)*
    - *Responsibility for the present (6-16)*
  - Appeal to the people (24:1-28)
    - *(v.15) Choose this day whom you will serve*
    - *(v.21) we will serve the Lord*
  - Achievement for the Lord (24:29-33)
    - *(v.31) – Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua*