

Timeline of Truth – An Introduction to Joshua

Joshua - יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, - Y'HOSHUA – “The LORD _____” or “The LORD is _____”

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Joshua 24:26 ²⁶ Then Joshua **wrote these words** in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that *was* by the sanctuary of the LORD.

Outline of Joshua:

1. _____ – Entering the Land (Josh 1-5) – 1 Month
2. _____ – Subjugation, Conquering (Josh 6-13:7) – 7 Years
3. _____ AND _____ – (Josh 13:8-21:42) – 8 or 18 years
4. _____ AND _____ – (Josh 21:43-24:33)

Key Verses:

Joshua 1:8 ⁸ "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 11:23 ²³ So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land rested from war.

Joshua 24:14-15 ¹⁴ " Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! ¹⁵ "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Key Words in Joshua:

_____ : נַחֲלָה , *nachalah* - possession, property, inheritance.

- Occurs (9x) in 13:14, 33; 14:3; 17:4; 19:1, 9, 49; 21:3; 24:3.
- This is a fulfillment of God's promises to Israel:
Genesis 13:14-17 ¹⁴ And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are -- northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵ "for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. ¹⁶ "And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, *then* your descendants also could be numbered. ¹⁷ "Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."
- God is the real inheritance of Israel:
Psalms 16:5 O LORD, *You are* the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.
Jeremiah 10:16 ¹⁶ The Portion of Jacob *is* not like them, For He *is* the Maker of all *things*, And Israel *is* the tribe of His inheritance; The LORD of hosts *is* His name.

נוח , *nuach* – rest.

- Occurs (8x) in 1:13; 3:13; 10:20; 13:27; 17:2; 21:24; 22:4; 23:1
- God had promised Israel rest:

Deuteronomy 12:8-10 ⁸ "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today -- every man doing whatever *is* right in his own eyes -- ⁹ "for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you. ¹⁰ "But *when* you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety,

Deuteronomy 3:18-20 ¹⁸ " Then I commanded you at that time, saying: 'The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel. ¹⁹ 'But your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities which I have given you, ²⁰ 'until the LORD has given rest to your brethren as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to his possession which I have given you.'

- Referred to in Hebrews 3-4.

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