

Joshua

Context/Purpose

The book of Joshua was probably written by Joshua himself within the first 15 years of the 14th century BC. At the start of the book, the nation of Israel is outside the land of Canaan, eastward over the Jordan River. But by the end of the book they will have taken and occupied the Promised Land.

Summary

Joshua is all about conquest of the Promised Land. The Israelites enter the land, take the land, possess the land, and come to rest in the land.

Theme

Trusting a faithful Savior to lead God's people to land and rest.

Structure

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| 1. Preparation - Trusting God to enter the Promised Land. | (Chapters 1-5) |
| 2. Conquest - Trusting God to take the Promised Land. | (Chapters 6-12) |
| 3. Division - Trusting God to divide the Promised Land. | (Chapters 13-21) |
| 4. Rest- Trusting God to accomplish the promised rest. | (Chapters 22-24) |

Key Themes

1. Trusting as God's People
2. Trusting God's Faithful Savior
3. Trusting God for Land
4. Trusting God for Rest

Judges

Context/Purpose

The book of Judges picks up where Joshua leaves off. Israel has taken the land, but now the question is whether or not they'll be able to keep it. God's people come under pressure from a number of surrounding nations. The events told in Judges take place over a period of roughly 350 years, from the time Joshua died until the time of Israel's first king. We don't know who wrote Judges, but we do believe it was written shortly after the last events were recorded, somewhere in the mid to late 11th century BC.

Summary

Judges is all about Israel keeping the Promised land that they had conquered in the book of Joshua.

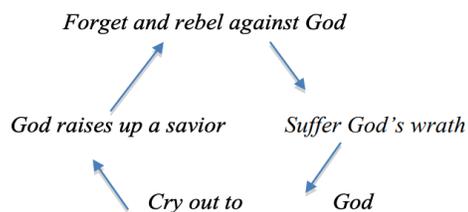
Theme

Requiring a perfect savior to maintain their land and rest.

Structure

Israel required a perfect savior as they:

- Lose land and their faithful savior (Chapters 1-2)
- Receive Imperfect saviors (Chapter 3-16)
- Crave true rest (Chapter 17-21)



Key Themes

1. Requiring Separation as God's people
2. Requiring Punishment that leads to repentance
3. Requiring a Perfect Savior who Leads to true rest