

**CHOOSE
THIS
DAY.**

JOSHUA

Introduction to Joshua

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Background on the Book of Joshua

First of the Historical Books

Author: Joshua

Date of Writing: Early 1300s BC

Geography

Problem: Wholesale Slaughter of the Canaanites

About the Man Joshua

Why Joshua?

Born as a slave in Egypt to a man named Nun. Joshua's grandfather, Elishama, was the leader of the tribe of Ephraim, the most powerful tribe at that time.

Original name = Hoshea

Hoshea = Salvation

Moses calls him Joshua = The Lord Saves (YHWH + Hoshea = Yah' Saves)

The name Joshua is precisely the same as "Jesus"; Yeshua, Savior

Exodus 17:8-9 – Commissioned to Fight the Amalakites.

Exodus 24:13, Exodus 32 – Alone on the Mountain

Exodus 33 – The Tent of Meeting

Numbers 11 – Prophesying in the Camp, Loyalty to God's Appointed Leadership.

Numbers 13-14 – Kadesh Barnea, one of the original 12 spies. (About 45 years old at this time.)

The Backstory (Numbers 13-14)

Choose This Day... Make a Choice.

What will you do with _____?

1:10 HOMEWORK

Make a bullet-point list of everything you know about Joshua the man and Joshua the OT book.

What are you most looking forward to in this study?

Joshua was a man of great courage, and a man who loved God. His character and ability didn't come overnight, though. Before leading Joshua had years of waiting and preparation. List some of the preparation Joshua had and how God might have used that to shape him.

How have you had to wait on God to prepare and change you? How is he shaping you?

What questions do you still have?

MAKE A CHOICE

A major theme that we'll be focusing on in Joshua is the theme of choice. Specifically the day to day, hour to hour choice to make Jesus First or put yourself first. What are some areas of your life where you need to make some choices about Jesus. Get specific. Maybe it's a big life-decision, maybe it's your finances, maybe a relationship, an attitude, maybe it's a specific thing happening this week. Whatever it is, jot it (or them) down. Share them with your 1:10, and pray about it. What would a Jesus-First choice be in that circumstance? What would a me-first decision be? Identify the choice(s) you face, pray about them, and face them with courage.

*FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Read Joshua 1:1-9.
Memorize Joshua 1:9.*

