

GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE!
JOSHUA CH2:1-24!

BACKGROUND!

- Big Idea of the Book - The fulfilment of God's promise!
Joshua Ch23:15 "No failed words"
- Joshua Ch1-12 - Conquering the land
- Joshua Ch13-21 - Distribution of the land
- Joshua Ch22-24 - Retention of the land

What do we know about Joshua? He first appears in and then in:

- Exodus Ch17:8-10 - As a warrior!
- Exodus Ch24:13 - As an aide to Moses!
- Exodus Ch32:17 - Returning from the Mountain!
- Exodus Ch33:11 - In the Tent of Meeting!
- Numbers Ch11:28 - Involved with the 70 elders!
- Numbers Ch13:1-16 - Represents Ephraim!
- Numbers Ch13:30 - Positive report!
- Numbers Ch27:18 - A shepherd and the next leader!
- Numbers Ch32:28 - Involved with Eleazer!

Joshua is the first of the 12 History Books! - Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1st + 2nd Samuel, 1st + 2nd Kings, 1st + 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther!



ILLUSTRATION

THE LAND - V1, 2, 3, 9 (x2), 14, 18, + 24 (x2) = 9 times!
THE LORD - V9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 24 = 6 times!

THE SPIES SENT OUT! V1-7

The two spies are sent out in secret, unlike the previous spy mission found in Numbers Ch13-14! But are they good spies? Not long after their arrival, their identity and mission are exposed!

Rahab lies! Protects the spies by hiding them on her roof and sets about a ruse to fool the the kings men who are pursuing them!

THE SPIES SENT TO HIDE! V8-21

Look at how the word the “LORD” is printed in V9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 24 , with one large capital and three small capitals, this stands for the word “Yahweh” which out of reverence for God is the name that the Jews would use (YHWH).

Rahab has put her faith in the “LORD God of heaven and earth” through what she had heard about Him! She had heard about the miracle at the Red Sea (Exodus Ch14:21-31) and the complete destruction of the two kings found in Numbers Ch21:21-35 and through this, she now puts her faith in God! Rahab is mentioned three times in the New Testament – Matt Ch1:5 in Jesus' genealogy and in both Hebrews Ch11:31 + James Ch2:25 for her faith!

God's Word is adequate! Dale Ralph Davis say “The problem, however, is not that Yahweh's promises are not sure but that we need to **feel sure** of them” (Cited in Dale Ralph Davis, Joshua, page 28).

THE SPIES SENT BACK! V22-24

The spies return, after hiding for three days, to Joshua and report all that had happened, emphasising how the Lord had given them all the land and how the current inhabitants had melted away because of what they had heard about God and the Israelites!

It is interesting to note that unlike Numbers Ch13-14, “we came, we saw, we cannot” attitude in the main, is now completely overturned by “we came, we saw and we absolutely can!”

APPLICATION

We may have people that we know, that perhaps society could never ever see becoming Christians, Rahab is a fantastic example of why that should never, ever be thought!

We may also be facing a Jericho, seems impenetrable, but never discount what God is doing inside that fortress!