

UNITED!
JOSHUA CH1:1-18!

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

- MOSES - V1 (x2), 2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 17 (x2) = 11
LAND - V2, 4, 6, 11, 13, 14, 15 (x3) = 9

GOD'S PROMISES TO JOSHUA! V1-5

Moses, Israel's greatest leader so far, a man who met God face to face, over 120 years old, in 4 of the first 5 Books, he is the main character, but is now dead! What is Joshua to do?

Rely on God's Word! His promises! Read again verse 5!

GOD'S PERSONAL MESSAGE TO JOSHUA! V6-9

- V6 - Be strong and courageous!
V7 - Be strong and very courageous!
V9 - Be strong and courageous!
V18 - Be strong and courageous!

What will make Joshua "Strong and Courageous"? In v7-8 God instructs

Joshua to obey the Law, provided in the first 5 Books of the Bible, he must know it (by meditating on it) by reading it day and night! He must then obey it, by keeping it and putting it into practice! ***Faith comes from believing God's Word and obeying it, putting it into practice. In the same way disbelief comes from not believing God's Word and by being disobedient!***

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE WITH JOSHUA! V10-18

As Joshua instructs the people to get ready, especially the tribes of the Reubenites, Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh (because as ISRAEL they had already conquered and entered into their Land – Numbers Ch32:6-7, 16-18 + Deut Ch3:18-20), to fight within three days, all God's people are united behind Joshua and v16 -18 they respond by all being united!



APPLICATION

What task was Joshua given V1-5?

How did God encourage him V6-9?

What two things did Joshua have to do V7-8 + V10-11?