

BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

1

Joshua

2

Introduction to Joshua

Title

- ✓ Hebrew = *Yehoshua* (יְהוֹשֻׁעַ; Joshua = “Yahweh is Salvation”)
- ✓ Greek = *Iesous* (Ἰησοῦς; Joshua = Jesus)

3

Introduction to Joshua

WHO—Authorship

- ✓ Joshua (24:26)

WHO—Audience

- ✓ Second & Third Generations Israel

4

Introduction to Joshua

WHEN

- ✓ Approximately 1375 BC
- ✓ Toward the end of Joshua's life
- ✓ The book's events span from the death of Moses in 1406 BC to the death of the elders of Israel in 1375 BC

5

Introduction to Joshua

WHERE

- ✓ Perhaps Shechem (close to Samaria)
- ✓ Israel has conquered the extent the land of Canaan
- ✓ They dwell securely, but not enemies have been removed
- ✓ Israel is susceptible
- ✓ The locations of the events of the book are all over the Land of Canaan (e.g., Gilgal, Jericho, Ai, Hazor, Beth Horon, Shechem, etc.)

6

Introduction to Joshua

WHY

- ✓ This book is the **WHERE** of God's Kingdom Plan for Israel.
- ✓ Israel is called to be a Kingdom of Priests in the land that God promised to Abraham and to his seed. This land acts as a geographical beacon for the world to stream to it to worship the living God.

To showcase God's faithfulness in giving Israel the land which He swore to their forefathers and to establish His people in the location where He chose to bless the world through His people. Also, to demonstrate Israel's ineptitude to fully subdue the land of promise, highlighting their inability to serve Yahweh with all their heart and implying the need for someone greater to subdue the Land in their place.

15

Introduction to Joshua

HOW—Terminology and Themes

- ✓ Land (1:2, 4, 6, 11, 13, 14, 15 (2x); 2:1, 2, 3, 9, 11, 14, 18, 24 (2x); 3:11, 13; 4:24; etc)
- ✓ Cross Over (or Pass Over, Pass Through; 1:2, 11 (2x), 14 (2x), 15; 2:10, 23; 2:1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 14, 16, 17; 4:1; etc)
- ✓ Take (or Seize; 6:18; 7:1, 11, 21, 23, 24; 8:1, 12; 9:4, 11, 14; 11:16, 19, 23; etc)
- ✓ Divide (or Apportion, Distribute; 13:7; 14:4, 5; 15:13; 17:2; 18:2, 5 (2x), 6, 7, 9, 10 (2x); 19:9, 25, 51; 21:31; etc)
- ✓ Serve (or Servant, Slave; 22:2, 4, 5 (2x), 27 (2x); 23:7, 16; 24:2, 14 (3x), 15 (4x), 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, , 24, 28, 31; etc)
- ✓ Take Possession (or Dispossess, Subdue; 2:10 (2x); 8:7; 12:6, 7; 13:1, 6, 12, 13; 14:12; etc)
- ✓ Inherit (or Inheritance; 11:23; 13:6, 7, 8, 14 (2x), 23, 28, 32, 33 (2x); etc)
- ✓ Send (2:1, 3, 21; 6:25; 7:2, 22; 8:3, 9; 10:3, 6; etc)

16

Introduction to Joshua

HOW—Literary Structure

- ✓ "Cross Over" (*abar*; עבר) to the Land (1:1 – 5:12)
- ✓ "Take" (*laqach*; לקח) the Land (5:13 – 12:24)
- ✓ "Divide" (*chalaq*; חלק) the Land (13:1 – 21:45)
- ✓ "Serve" (*abad*; עבד) Yahweh in the Land (22:1 – 24:33)

Do you see the chiasm? ©

17
