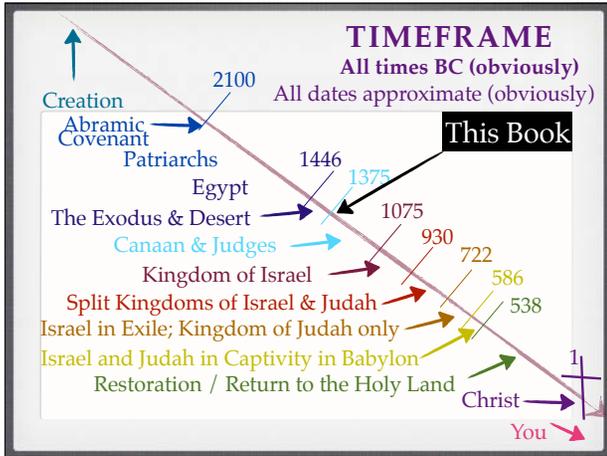
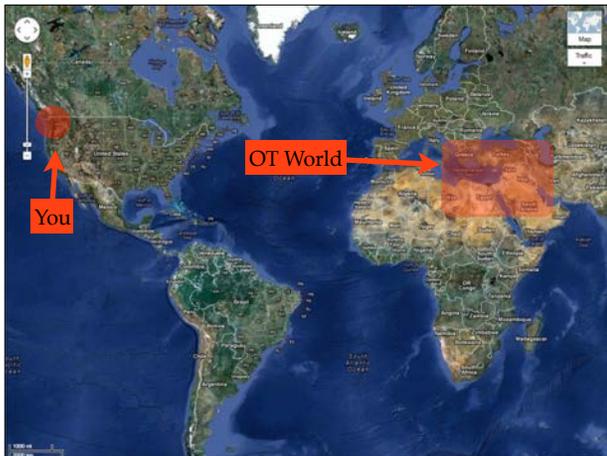


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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History ✓
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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- ❖ Joshua
- ❖ Who?
- ❖ Numbers 13: 8, 16 “Hoshea”, meaning “salvation”
- ❖ Moses changed his name to Joshua, meaning “The Lord Saves” or “The Lord Gives Victory”
- ❖ Numbers 14; ending with 14:30

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READERS & RECIPIENTS



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STORYLINE



- Chapter 2: Rahab and the Spies--see Matthew 1
- Chapter 3: especially 15-17; Crossing the Jordan--see Exodus 14:22
- Chapter 6: Fall of Jericho
- Chapter 12: List of Kings they Defeated
- Chapters 13 through 22: Dividing up the Land
- Chapter 23: Joshua's Farewell, Be Strong
- Chapter 24 Covenant Renewed

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Major OT Themes found in this Book:

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

- "One important message of the Book of Joshua is that true and false religions do not mix. Again and again throughout their history, the Hebrew people departed from worship of the one true God. This tendency toward false worship was the main reason for Joshua's moving farewell speech. He warned the people against worshipping these false gods and challenged them to remain faithful to their great deliverer Jehovah." (CBH 32ff)

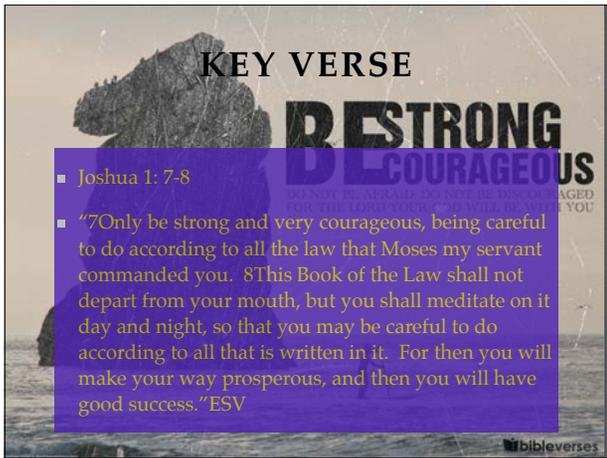
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SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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KEY VERSE



DO NOT BE AFRAID, DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU

- Joshua 1: 7-8
- "7Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. 8This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." ESV

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REQUIRED READING

- Chapters 1, 2, 6

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- Can I be friends with non-Christians?
- Is God really as powerful as He says?



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LUTHER SAYS:

- ...Moses shows himself to be the minister of sin and death through the Law, which holds all under a curse (Gal. 3:10). Finally, this people of the Law perished through the curse. But Joshua adds blessings, that he might point to Christ, who blesses all who are under the curse of the Law and yearn for Him. On account of Christ, Judah is classified among those who ought to stand forth to receive a blessing because He [Christ] was to come from Judah. (AE 9:258-259) LSB.

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- ❖ Rest
- ❖ 11:23
- ❖ “So Joshua took the entire land, just as the Lord had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from war”.NIV
- ❖ “So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war.” ESV

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KELSEY'S STORY

- “How much longer, Mother?” We must be patient, the Lord will instruct us. My family and I are in line waiting to go into our new country. I feel very excited and a little anxious to see my new home.
- My name is Beth Zimeren. I belong to the tribe of Judah and I am 14 years old. I was born while we were traveling through the desert and have experienced many of God's great miracles. Right now Israel is about to cross the Jordan River to enter the land God has promised to Abraham. I am glad that my people have such a great God.
- Finally the line started to move. My youngest brother gave a whoop of joy. When we got to the river I gasped. The river had literally stopped! The people were walking on dry land! I said a prayer of thanks and awe to the Lord. My heart was thumping as we reached the middle of the river, I was a little worried that the river might suddenly come crashing down on me, but I trusted that God, who had given my family food in the desert, would not wipe us out now.
- Soon, we reached the other side and I turned around and looked at all the people crossing on dry land, and I said a prayer of thanks. When all the people had crossed the river Joshua instructed that one man from each tribe should bring up a rock out of the Jordan. Then I was amazed as Joshua called my Father, Jesse Zimeren was chosen to pick a stone for the tribe of Judah.

KELSEY'S STORY

- He chose a large, round, speckled rock. It was red and black and it shone and like a diamond when the sun hit it just right. He added it to the monument, and stood back to examine it. It was just a pile of rocks, but it was so gorgeous and meaningful. It represented that God would provide for our new nation, and that was very comforting.
- Dinner was a simple piece of dried meat and a few berries Mother had collected.
- I found it hard to sleep, knowing that tomorrow we would find our new home.
- When I woke up the next morning, the sun shone brightly through the tent. No one was in the tent and I figured I had slept late.
- I got dressed and raced out of the camp. I found Israel gathered around Joshua at the top of the hill. A large bronze pot sat in front of him and I guessed that inside were the names of all the families. I knew now that we were going to cast lots for parts of the land within our tribe's territory.

KELSEY'S STORY

- Several names were called and the families rushed forward to claim their land. I heard my best friend Mary's name get announced and then I finally heard our family's name.
- We were off in a heartbeat. It didn't take us long to find our piece of land. It started on a small hill. The hill was covered in large trees, providing shade from the sun. A large sand spot was centered among the trees; this would be perfect for our clay houses. At the bottom of the hill, green grass filled the rest of the land, with an occasional tree or two. A large stream ran along the North side of the land and emptied into a pool at the south corner. The land was perfect and my father staked his claim.
- I was relieved and excited and yet there was a calm peace deep within me that took my breath away.
- I helped my Mother set up our tents that we would sleep in until Father could collect enough clay from the stream that we could build our huts.
- Father and my brothers went to count our livestock and were gone all day.
- That night we had fresh meat and manna with honey. It tasted so good.
- Before I went to bed, I went to the top of the hill and looked out over our new home. I sang quietly my praises to the Lord. The stars seemed to shine brighter that night and I went to bed totally trusting that God would provide for our new nation in new and different ways.

LIFE LESSONS FROM JOSHUA

- You are an Israelite, with your family, settling in your new home. What are you feeling as your ragtag band of former slaves settles down and becomes a country? As you find a small piece of property, and begin to build a home, what sorts of things are physically, spiritually, and mentally important to you?
- "If you were an Israelite at this time, what would be important to you?"

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Main Theme #2:
Settlement

- ❖ Starting with 13:8, Israel divides and settles on the land.

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Main Theme #3: Destruction

- ❖ Joshua and the Israelites brutally crush the pagan Canaanites.
- ❖ Ethical Question of War
- ❖ Remember Deuteronomy 28: Obedience vs. Disobedience
- ❖ God's Concern for his Covenant People
