

The Book of Joshua

Introduction – Chapter 6

Author and Date

Who does Jewish tradition consider to be the author of the book of Joshua?

Title

Who is the book named after?

Place in the Canon

Where does the book appear in the canon of the Old Testament?

Structure

What is the four fold outline of the book of Joshua?

Themes

What are the five themes contained in the book of Joshua?

Christian Perspective

How can the book of Joshua be interpreted with regard to the three spiritual senses of scripture?

(Read 1:1-9) Who led the Israelites after the death of Moses? (Note 1:1)

Where is the land of Canaan located? (Note 1:2)

How large is the Promised Land and when was it ruled by the Israelites? (Note 1:4)

In what way did Joshua and Moses share similar experiences? (Note 1:5)

(Read 1:12-15) Where did the tribes of Ruben Gad and Manasseh settle? (Note 1:12-18)

What is meant by “place of rest”? (Note 1:13)

(Read 2:1-7) Spies send to Jericho (Note 2:1-24)

Who is Rahab? (Note 2:1)

What does Catholic moral theology teach concerning doing evil so that some good may result? (Note 2:5)

(Read 2:8-21) Do the spies and Rahab make an oath? (Note 2:14)

What is the significance of the scarlet cord? (Note 2:18)

How is the crossing of the Jordan into Canaan similar to the Exodus? (Note 3:1-5:1)

(Read 3:1-6) What is the Ark of the Covenant? (Note 3:3)

(Read 3:7-10) How many nations did Israel have to conquer in order to take possession of the Promised Land? (Note 3:10)

(Read 3:11-17) Is the crossing of the Jordan a type of baptism? (Note 3:16)

(Read 4:19-24) Where is Gilgal? (Note 4:19)

What two liturgical events occur when Israel sets foot into Canaan? (Note 5:1-12)

(Read 5:1-2) Why would knives be made from flint? What is the need for circumcision before Passover? (Note 5:2)

(Read 5:3-7) What happened to the Exodus generation? (Note 5:6)

(Read 5:10-12) When is Passover held? (Note 5:10)

Why did the miracle of the manna cease? (Note 5:12)

(Read 6:1-7) Who is the lead character in the story of the conquest of Jericho? (Note 6:1-27)

How are elements of worship and warfare combined? (Note 6:3)

What is the significance of the number seven? (Note 6:4)

(Read 6:20) How did the walls of Jericho fall? (Note 6:20)

(Read 6:24-25) Are the lives of Rahab and her family spared? (Note 6:25)

Topical Essay: The Conquest of Canaan