

JOSHUA: INHERITANCE

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Introduction

Welcome to the study of this book of the Bible! Here we offer you the detailed tables of contents (Detailed outlines in chart format). We are preparing notes and in the case of some books of the Bible we are preparing more notes as well as devotional books and commentaries.

In order to gain the most from this material, print out and keep a copy of this table near you and refer to it as you read the book.

Many know the Scriptures were not written with chapters and verses. These divisions were added later. Sometimes the divisions by chapter and verse are somewhat arbitrary. They do not always follow the “natural” pattern of the book. Here we offer an effort in which we try to keep in mind the theological themes and literary patterns of the Bible book. Of course this work is not perfect but at the same time I hope the material will help you in your personal Bible study as well as in the preparation of group studies, messages and conferences.

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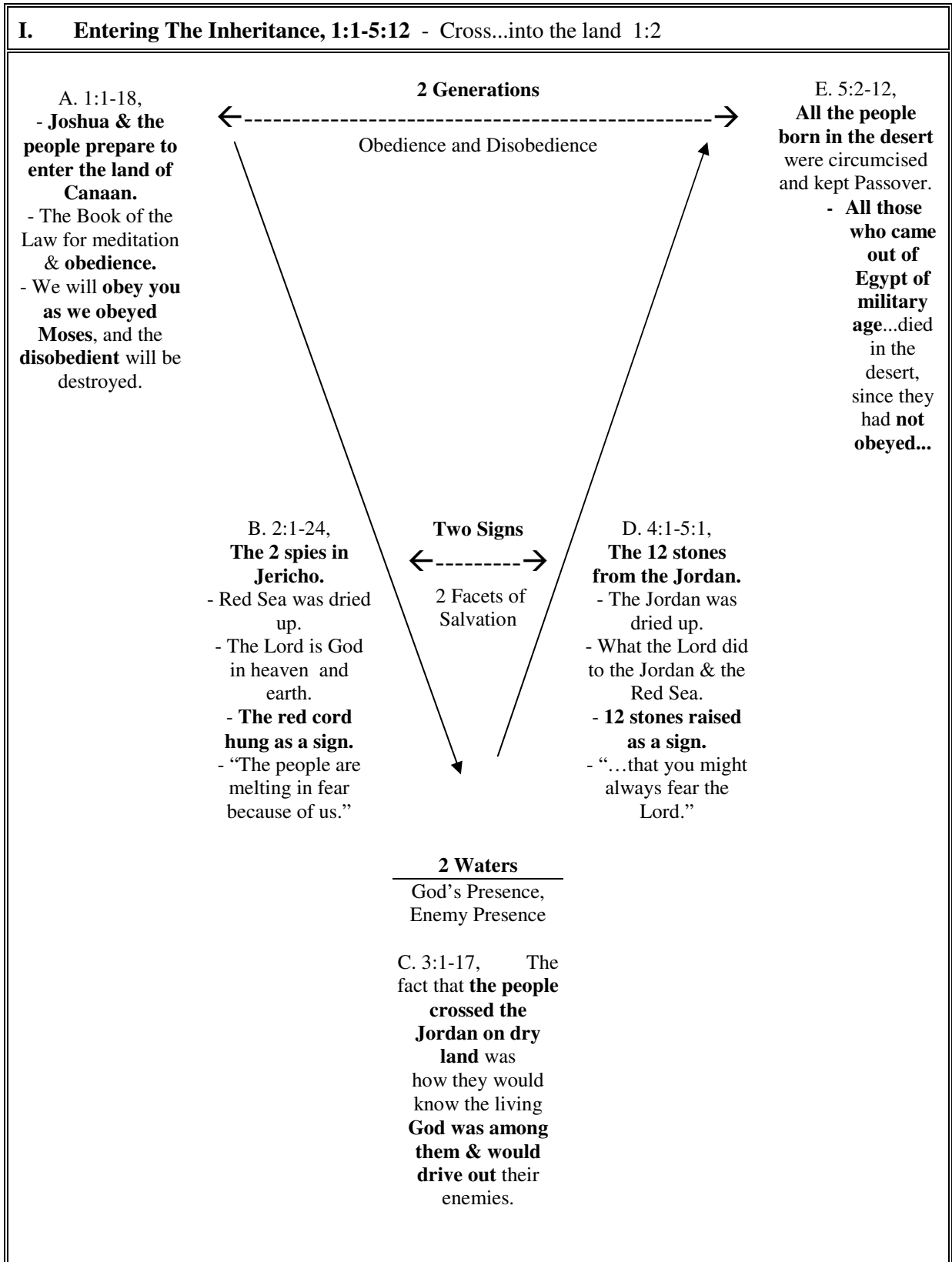
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Entering The Inheritance: The First Main Division Of Joshua And Its Subdivisions.



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Possessing The Inheritance: The Second Main Division Of Joshua And Its Subdivisions.

II. Possessing The Inheritance, 5:13-12:24 - “I will give you every place you set your foot...” 1:3-5	
Maintaining the Alliance with the Lord <i>Emphasis on Holiness</i>	Destroying the Alliances of the Enemy <i>Emphasis on Wisdom</i>
<p>A. 5:13-15, The Man with the Sword in His Hand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are you with us or with our enemies? Neither. I am the Commander of the Lord’s Army. - Joshua falls in worship. “What message for ... his servant?” - Take off your shoes, this is holy ground. - <u>Victory comes through submitting to the Lord and seeking his holiness.</u> - <i>Holiness is essential (Holy ground).</i> <p>B. 6:1-27, The Fall of the Walls of Jericho.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walls fall. God causes the walls of Jericho to fall after Israel marches around the walls 7 days and on the 7th, marches 7 times, then blows trumpets and shouts. - The Lord fights for Israel causing amazing things to happen. - <u>When the Lord gives victory He goes ahead to prepare the way.</u> - <i>A public show of holiness (Ark and priests marched).</i> <p>C. 7:1-26, Materialism Defeats Israel at Ai.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Achan took of the devoted things in Jericho. The Lord is angry with Israel. - A small army sent against a small city. - This sin brings defeat by the tiny city of Ai, and a fear, that leaves the hearts of Israel like water. - Achan, who troubled Israel, is destroyed. - <u>The Lord gives victory over a hidden sin.</u> <i>Desiring material luxuries.</i> - <i>Holiness in the material things (Luxury items hidden).</i> <p>D. 8:1-29, The Taking of Ai.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joshua told not to fear and to attack Ai. God would give it to him. Israel could have the plunder. - Ai is tricked by an ambush. Joshua raised and held out javelin as signal until all in Ai were destroyed. - <u>Winning a particular battle can take a long time and winning this battle would determine whether they would win others and take all the land.</u> - <i>Holiness gives hidden power (The ambush).</i> <p>E. 8:30-35, The Covenant Renewed with Israel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Israel sacrificed offerings. - Joshua made a copy of the law on stone. - Joshua read all the words of the law – the blessings and the curses – to all Israel. - <u>God’s blessing or God’s curse?</u> - <i>Choosing holiness over wickedness.</i> 	<p>F. 9:1-27, Men with Moldy Bread in Their Hands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who are you? “From a far off land.” - The Gibeonites display their worn shoes, clothes, and food deceiving the Israelite leaders. “We are your servants ...” - They did not consult the Lord. - <u>Victory comes through consulting the Lord and seeking his wisdom.</u> - <i>Consulting the Lord is essential (Lived in the land).</i> <p>G. 10:1-43, Stones Fall on the Amorite Alliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stones fall. The Lord drops stones destroying more of the enemy than Israel. The sun and moon stand still for a day. - When the Lord fights for Israel He destroys more of the enemy than they do and gives them more time to do it. - <u>When the Lord gives victory He accomplishes more than we can accomplish.</u> - <i>God’s wisdom greater than space & time (Stones and sun).</i> <p>H. 11:1-15, Northern Alliance Technology Defeated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jabin, king of Hazor, forms a northern alliance and brings out a huge army, with chariots and horses. Their numbers were like the sand by the seashore. - Obedience brings confidence and victory over a huge and powerful foe. - The horses and chariots are destroyed. - <u>The Lord gives victory over an immense and powerful army. Depending on material technologies.</u> - <i>God’s wisdom greater than technology (Chariots).</i> <p>I. 11:16-23, Taking all the Land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With exception of Gibeon no city made a treaty of peace with Israel. - The Lord hardened the kings’ hearts. - Joshua destroyed Anakites (giants). - Joshua took entire land and gave it to Israel as an inheritance. Joshua waged war a long time. - <u>Winning a series of battles can take a long time.</u> - <i>God’s wisdom in the hidden matters of the heart. (Hearts hardened).</i> <p>J. 12:1-24, List of Defeated Amorite Kings and Cities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moses defeated Sihon and Og, on the east of the Jordan. Joshua took the land of the kings on the west side of the Jordan, 31 kings in all. - They gave the land to Israel as an inheritance. - <u>Nations cursed and blessed.</u> - <i>God’s wisdom: Holiness blessed; wickedness cursed.</i>

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Distributing The Inheritance: The Third Main Division Of Joshua And Its Subdivisions.

III. Distributing The Inheritance, 13:1-21:45 - "...you will lead these people to inherit..." 1:6		
Surveying the Land	Receiving Land	Giving Land
<p>13: 1-7 Land to be Taken - Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joshua is old and there are yet large areas to be taken. - Land - Philistines, Geshurites...to Hamath. - I (Lord) will drive them out - the Lord keeps the vision of the whole land constantly before them. - Allocate this land to 9 1/2 tribes as inheritance. 	<p>14:6-15:63 Judah's Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caleb receives his inheritance, with the Lord's help, wholeheartedly and in the face of great difficulties. - Land for Judah. - Caleb and Hebron, Othniel, Debir and Acsah – Acsah desires water to develop the desert, a land given to her for an inheritance. - Cities for Judah. - Jebusites hold Jerusalem – Taken and held much later by King David, 2Sa 5:6-10, 1Ch 11:4-9. 	<p>20:1-9 Cities of Refuge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the accidental killer to find refuge from the avenger of blood. - The Levites must share their cities with those who accidentally kill someone. - Here we find the Lord putting the burden of helping people in trouble squarely on the priests, those who lead the worship and who teach the Law. - The Levites are to share.
<p>13:8-33 Division of Land East of Jordan – Past</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The land Moses had given. - Levites, no inheritance; the Lord's offerings are their inheritance. - Reuben's area. - Gad's area. - 1/2 of Manasseh's area. - The Lord is Levites' inheritance. <p>Note: This area was asked for when Israel was on east side of Jordan.</p>	<p>16:1-17:18 Joseph's Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ephraim's area; they could not dislodge Canaanites from Gezer. - Manasseh's area. - Makir received Gilead and Bashan for their were good soldiers. - Daughters of Zelophehad ask for inheritance. - Territory of Manasseh. - Towns of Ephraim in Manasseh. - Manasseh had towns in Issachar and Asher, Canaanites there put to forced labour when Israel grew stronger. - Joseph asks for more because they are numerous and prosperous but people in valleys have iron chariots. - Joshua encourages them that they can drive out the powerful Canaanites. 	<p>21:1-42 Cities for the Levites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Given out of the inheritance of the others. So Israel would continue to give to the Levites to support them in their ministry before the Lord. - Israel was to share, to give, to the Levites who served them in spiritual matters.
<p>14:1-5 Division of Land West of Jordan – Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is the area in Canaan they are giving to Israel at that time. - Eleazer, Joshua & heads. - By lot to the 9 1/2 tribes. - 2 1/2 tribes east of Jordan but none to Levites. - Sons of Joseph are 2 tribes. - Levites had no share of land, only towns with pasture. - So Israel divided land just as Moses commanded. 	<p>18:1-19:51 Areas of the Remaining Seven Tribes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the tent of Meeting at Shiloh the 7 tribes are asked, How long will you wait to take the land? Occasionally a rebuke is needed to spur people on to taking their spiritual inheritance. - 3 men from each tribe to describe remaining 7 areas & Joshua to cast lots. - Levites' priestly service. - 2 1/2 tribes already receive. - Areas & cities for Benjamin, Simeon (within Judah's large area), Zebulon, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali & Dan (who take Leshem). - Joshua's inheritance. 	<p>21:43-45 The Lord Gave Israel all the Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Lord shows himself generous to Israel. - He gave them the land. - He gave them rest from their enemies. - He fulfilled all his good promises. - The Lord gave to Israel and so He asked them to share and give to one another.

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Remaining In The Inheritance: The Fourth Main Division Of Joshua And Its Subdivisions.

IV. Remaining In The Inheritance, 22:1-24:33 - "Be careful to obey all the law..." 1:7-9	
Farewells	Faithfulness
<p>A. 22:1-34 Joshua's Farewell to Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The men of war of the 2½ tribes who live on the east of Jordan are blessed and sent home. - They build an altar at the Jordan. - Israel fears they have built an altar in opposition to the Lord and come out against them. - The men of the 2½ tribes reassure them that the altar is not against the Lord but to remind the tribes on the west side of the Jordan that they have as much right to the Lord and his blessing as they do. - War is avoided and they are sent on with the blessing of the western tribes - Later in the book of Judges we see how turning from the Lord and into sin would even bring civil war to Israel. - The western tribes rejoice at the report of the eastern tribes' faithfulness to God. - The <u>altar</u> was called: A <u>Witness</u> Between Us that the Lord is God. 	<p>C. 24:1-28 The Covenant Renewed at Shechem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joshua assembled all the tribes and challenged them to choose whom they would serve. - First he gave them a history lesson showing how God had blessed Abraham; then delivered Israel from Egypt; from the curse of Balaam, blessing them instead; and finally had brought them into Canaan, conquering the nations and giving them their land. - They were to either serve the gods of their fathers in Mesopotamia, or those of Egypt, or those of the Amorites, or to serve the Lord. - Joshua says that as for him and his house they would serve the Lord. - The Lord through Joshua emphasizes the importance of making a choice. - Israel responds to Joshua by saying that his history lesson is accurate and that they would serve the Lord because He was their God. - Joshua warns them they will fail and be judges but they insist they will serve the Lord so he renews the covenant between Israel and the Lord. - Joshua records these things in the book of the Law. - He set up a <u>large stone</u> said: This stone will be a <u>witness</u> against us - it has heard all the words the Lord has said to us - it will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God. - Joshua sent the people away, each to his own inheritance - As a Christian I have an inheritance, Acts 20:32.
<p>B. 23:1-16 Joshua's Farewell to the Leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joshua summons the leaders in his old age. - He reminds them of all God has done for them and will do for them. - He exhorts them: Be careful to obey all that is written in the book of the Law - Hold fast to the Lord. - Be careful to love the Lord your God. - He warns them not to intermarry with the Amorites or those nations would cause them to perish from the land. - God gave you this good land and not one of all the good promises of the Lord to you has failed. - Joshua says he is <u>about to die</u> and warns them that evil will come on them if they violate the Lord's covenant. 	<p>D. 24:29-33 "Israel served the Lord..." v. 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joshua <u>dies</u> and he was buried in his inheritance - As a Christian will I die having taken, or received, and developed, and enjoyed my inheritance? Ephesians 1:3-14;18; Colossians 3:24. - Israel served the Lord all the lifetime of Joshua and the elders who outlived him and experienced all the Lord had done for Israel - What are some of the things you have experienced that came from the Lord? - Joseph was buried in his inheritance and so was Eleazar the priest.