



**Joshua**  
**Jesus Christ, Captain of Our  
Salvation**

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**Meaning of Name**

“...and Moses renamed **Hoshea** son of  
Nun, **Joshua.**” (Num. 13:16)

Hoshea = “salvation”

Joshua = “YAHWEH saves”

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**F-L-I-G-H-T**

- F** – Joshua, an eyewitness, wrote the first 23 chapters. Phinehas, son of the priest Eleazar, may have written chapter 24, Joshua’s final speech & death. First 23 chapters written between 1406-1376 BC. Last chapter written some time after Joshua’s death.
- L** – God used Joshua in an uncommon way to oversee an uncommon work: bringing Israel into the land, conquering the land, and distributing the land.

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**F-L-I-G-H-T**

- I** – Preparation for entry into Promised Land (1-5), Entry into Promised Land (6-12), Allocating Promised Land (13-21), Holding onto Promised Land (22-24)
- G** – Most obvious gospel connection of the book is the name *Joshua*, equivalent of the name *Yeshua*. But the parallels go deeper. What Israel couldn’t qualify for under the Law of Moses, God gave them as a free gift – a picture of grace.

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## F – L – I – G – H – T

- H** – First book of the Bible that specifically highlights the history of Israel in their own land. It marks the transition from the books of the law to the books of history.
- T** – Whatever God starts, He finishes (Heb. 12:2). Conviction requires a response. Learn to trust God on a day-by-day basis.

## Preparation of Joshua

- Joshua led the victorious battle against the Amalekites. (Ex. 17:9,10,13-14)
- Joshua accompanied Moses to the mountain of God. (Ex. 24:13)
- Joshua was the attendant of Moses from his youth. (Num. 11:28)
- Joshua, along with Caleb, spied out the land of Canaan along with 10 others. Only Joshua and Caleb urged the nation to possess the land. (Num. 14:6-10,30,38)

## Preparation of Joshua

- Joshua was indwelt by the Holy Spirit. (Num. 27:18)
- Joshua was commissioned for spiritual service the first time, to assist Moses. (Num. 27:18-23)
- Joshua followed the Lord fully. (Num. 32:12)
- Joshua was commissioned a second time, to replace Moses. (Deut. 31:23)
- Joshua was filled with the spirit of wisdom. (Deut. 34:9)

## Rahab's Covenant

- **A Preamble** "for the Lord your God is..." (v. 11)
- **A Prologue** "we have heard..." (vv. 9-11)
- **Stipulations** "swear to me..." [Rahab] (vv. 12-13) "you shall..." [spies] (vv. 18-20)
- **Sanctions** salvation for Rahab's family if they keep the oath (vv. 18-20)
- **An Oath** (vv. 14-17)
- **A Sign** the scarlet cord hung in her window (vv. 18, 21)

## Commander of the Lord's Army

- When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him **with his drawn sword in his hand**. (Joshua 5:13)
- Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw **the angel of the LORD** standing in the way, **with his drawn sword in his hand**. (Num. 22:13)

## Commander of the Lord's Army

- And David lifted his eyes and saw **the angel of the LORD** standing between earth and heaven, and **in his hand a drawn sword** stretched out over Jerusalem. (1 Chron. 21:16)

## Commander of the Lord's Army

- **"Take off your sandals** from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy" ...And Joshua **fell on his face** to the earth and **worshiped**. (Joshua 5:14-15)
- **"Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet**, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (Ex. 3:5)
- And he [Balaam] **bowed down** and **fell on his face**. (Num. 22:31)

## Commander of the Lord's Army

Commander *without* the army

- Joshua 5:14

Army *without* the Commander

- 2 Kings 6:17

Commander *with* the army

- Rev. 19:11-15

### Misunderstood Motives

And when they came to the region of the Jordan that is in the land of Canaan, the people of **Reuben** and the people of **Gad** and the half-tribe of **Manasseh** built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar of imposing size...And when the people of Israel heard of it, the whole assembly of the people of Israel gathered at Shiloh **to make war against them**. (Joshua 22:10-12)

### Misunderstood Motives

Then the people of **Reuben**, the people of **Gad**, and the half-tribe of **Manasseh** said in answer to the heads of the families of Israel...No, but we did it from fear that in time to come your children might say to our children, 'What have you to do with the LORD, the God of Israel? For the LORD has made the Jordan a boundary between us and you'...Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD and turn away this day from following the LORD... (Joshua 22:21-29)

### "Choose You This Day"

- It is an *independent* choice: "Choose this day whom **you** will serve." (v. 15)
- It is an *intelligent* choice: "**Think** of all that God has done for us in our history [vv. 2-13] and **remember** that he is a holy, jealous god [v. 19]"

### "Choose You This Day"

- It is an *implemented* choice: "**Put away** the gods your ancestors served." (v. 14)
- It is an *influential* choice. "As for **me and my household**, we will serve the Lord." (v.15)
- It is an *immediate* choice: "Choose **this day** whom you will serve. (v. 15)