

Joshua 1

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(1400 BC - Joshua was very helpful and supportive of Moses. He was one of two who would have entered the Promised Land when God told them to the first time. The other was Caleb. God appointed Joshua to replace Moses as leader of the 12 tribes)

1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, (minister = servant) (Joshua = Yesua <Hebrew> = Yahoveh's savior - it is the same name that is translated - Jesus <in English language Bible>)

Deuteronomy-34:10-12 (How God felt about Moses)

¹⁰ And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

¹¹ In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

¹² And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

² Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. (They were finally entering the Promised Land)

NOTES: (They could have entered 40 years earlier, but the scouts from the other 10 tribes overruled Joshua and Caleb. They refused to obey God. They lied and disputed the report of Joshua and Caleb. These two wanted to obey God and go right in)

(Unfortunately for Israel, Moses went with the majority. God judged that that generation would live and die in the wilderness, because they refused to trust God and go into the Promised Land when He told them

to. Joshua will now lead the next generation of Israel into the Promised Land)

³Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. **Deuteronomy-11:24**

⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. **(The Promised Land went all the way from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean Sea)**

NOTE: (Hittites were one of the Canaanite tribes. All of these heathen tribes were committing all kinds of abominations, including human sacrifice of their own children by burning them alive. They had also mated with the fallen angels and produced hybrid giant offspring. God judged all of the Canaanite tribes to death for both of these sins)

NOTE: (Look at the Christian nations, today. Perversion and wokeness are the new "morality". We murder children in abortion "clinics". We have become as pathetic as those Canaanite tribes were. God will judge us for it in due time. HE is a patient God, but He will only take so much. And then, He will act)

⁵There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. **Who can stand against God and against us when He leads us and protects us? The answer is – no one can)**

(Jesus also made this same promise to all Christians) Hebrews-13:5

⁶Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. **(good courage = steadfastly minded, not wavering – better translation)**

(God gave them this land. They will possess it – no ifs, no ands, no buts. We can always count on God to keep His word)

⁷Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. **(courageous - also means steadfastly**

minded, unwavering) (Prosper = to deal wisely – better translation; it has nothing to do with monetary gain)

(Follow God's law. Don't turn left or right; stay the course. Trust and obey God and you will be happy and successful)

NOTE: (Today, judges rule by precedent, not by God's law and not by morality. That's why the justice system doesn't work well anymore. It was corrupted over the years by bad precedents)

EXAMPLE: (God ruled that the penalty for rape and murder is death. There would be no repeat offenders if we obeyed God's command)

⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. (God's law <10 Commandments> will never change)

(Obey God. Do what is right and you will prosper. You will enjoy a good, happy and honest life in return)

⁹Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. (They were afraid to enter the Promised Land because of the strong tribes and the giants that lived there)

(God told them that He would march before them and yet they were still worried. This time <40 years later> they did obey God and successfully entered into the Promised Land)

¹⁰Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, (like Moses, Joshua did his best to obey God)

¹¹Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it. (Joshua ordered them to go. He wasn't taking any pushback from the nay-sayers and the cowards)

¹²And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, (These people had asked Moses for the land on the East side of Jordan. It was rich pasture land. God

agreed; and they were given the land on the East side of Jordan by Moses. They were already home) see Numbers-32

¹³ Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. (Remember your oath to fight for the other tribes; to take their land on the west side of Jordan)

¹⁴ Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them; (The other tribes had helped them get their land on the east side of the Jordan. Now they were going to help the other tribes take their land on the West side of the Jordan)

(Without their wives and children with them, they were the best choice to lead the rest of the tribes in conquering the land west of the Jordan. They would act like shock troops – marching ahead of the other tribes, who had their families with them)

¹⁵ Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising. (On the east side of Jordan)

¹⁶ And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go. (They agreed to help, as God commanded them)

¹⁷ According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. (If God is with them, they cannot fail)

(The bad news is that they did not do all that Moses commanded them. They didn't completely wipe out the Canaanites. They took them as servants. Over the years, that would cause them to fall into the idol worship and perversion of the heathen tribes; and to eventually abandon God)

¹⁸ Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage. (There was no

room for traitors or dissident. Their futures depended on obeying God and taking the land that He gave them)