

## BIBLE READING FOR 2023

**WEEK #11**

**JOSHUA**

**03-12-23**

Monday - Joshua 1-6

Wednesday - Joshua 11-15

Friday - Joshua 21-24

Tuesday - Joshua 7-10

Thursday - Joshua 16-20

**Joshua** is the first in a group of Old Testament writings that we classify as the books of history of God's covenant people. It deals with the activities of Israel from the death of Moses to the death of Joshua. Bible students estimate this period to cover about 25 years. During this time God uses Joshua to lead Israel into the land of Canaan, conquer it and then divide the land among the various tribes of Israel. It is interesting to note that after God had saved his people from Egypt and provided for them in the wilderness, He then successfully led them into their new land with a man whose very name, Joshua, meant "Jehovah is salvation," or "Jehovah is the Savior." In the New Testament the name Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua. Knowing this, we can better appreciate the importance and appropriateness of our Savior's name.

**The author** has traditionally been accepted to be the main character of the book, Joshua himself. In 24:26 it states that Joshua was involved in writing down the words of God. It is understood that, as in the case of Moses, someone else would have recorded events that took place after his time like the account of his death in 24:29-33.

**The date** of the writing of the majority of the book would have been toward the end of the life of Joshua. The section dealing with his death was added by someone else, probably shortly thereafter.

**The theme** of the book is faithfulness. Joshua encouraged the Israelites to be faithful to God because he had always been faithful to them. In 21:45 he tells us that God kept all of the promises that he had made to Israel. This, by the way, is a very important fact for us to know. It makes us aware that since God has already fulfilled the land promise to the Jews we do not need to look to the future for that to occur. That can help us better understand passages that relate to God's spiritual kingdom of the New Testament as we strive to faithfully be a part of it.

**An outline** of the book:

1. The conquest of Canaan 1-12
2. The division and settlement of Canaan 13-24

**Questions** for Joshua chapters 1-24:

- 1.) In chapter one, who did Joshua remind that they were to help their brothers conquer their enemies, before resting in the land that they had received?
  
- 2.) What did the Lord tell Joshua that His people had to do in the first part of chapter five?

3.) Who made a special request that was granted to him in chapter fourteen?

4.) List the names of the six cities of refuge in chapter twenty below:

- |    |    |
|----|----|
| a. | d. |
| b. | e. |
| c. | f. |

5.) In the last part of 24:15, what did Joshua say that he and his house would do?

**Answers** to questions for Week #10 – Deuteronomy chapters 1-34:

1.) Nine cubits long and four cubits wide.

2.) You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

3.) Clean and unclean things that the Israelites could and could not eat.

4.) Forty.

5.) In the land of Moab.