

# ONEXONE

## JOSHUA

This evening we'll cover four topics as we look at the book of Joshua which are: **title and theme, author and date, outline and chapter summary** and **points to ponder**.

### I. TITLE AND THEME

The book of Joshua is named after its main character who is Joshua, the successor of Moses and the leader of the nation Israel.

The theme of the book is God, according to His promises to Abraham, giving the Children of Israel possession of the land of Canaan.

### II. AUTHOR AND DATE

Both Jewish and Christian tradition teaches that Joshua was the author of this book. There is also internal evidence that points to Joshua as the author of this book. First, the author uses personal pronouns to show that he was an eyewitness of the events (5:1,6). Second, Joshua wrote part of the book (24:26). Though Joshua did write majority of the book the last chapter which records his and Eleazar's death was, obviously, written later.

Concerning the date of the writing, the author often uses the phrase, "to this day" which helps to indicate when the book was written.

First, there is evidence that the book was written before the days of Solomon because the Canaanites still inhabited Gezer (16:10).

Second, the book was written before the days of David because the Jebusites still inhabited Jerusalem (15:63).

Third, the book was written early after the recorded events because Rahab was still alive (6:25).

Based this internal evidence scholars believe that the book was written around **1380-1390B.C.**



### III. OUTLINE AND CHAPTER SUMMARY

The book of Joshua can be divided into four sections:

- I. Israel enters the land of Canaan and prepares for victory (*Chapters 1-5*)
- II. The conquest of the land of Canaan (*Chapters 6-12*)
- III. The division of the land (*Chapters 13-21*)
- IV. Joshua's farewell message (*Chapters 22-24*)

### IV. POINTS TO PONDER

- I. Israel enters the land of Canaan and prepares for victory (*Chapters 1-5*)

**Victorious Christian living begins with obedience to God's word and will.**

- II. The conquest of the land of Canaan (*Chapters 6-12*)

**Victorious Christian living is daily remembering and living out the fact that my sin nature was been crucified with Christ.**

- III. The division of the land (*Chapters 13-21*)

**Victorious Christian living is by faith walking in the good works which God has planned for my life.**

- IV. Joshua's farewell message (*Chapters 22-24*)

**Victorious Christian living is choosing to follow God and finish strong.**

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