Joshua 1-3

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INTRODUCTION

- Which period of time is covered in the book of Joshua?

1 The Time Period Covered in Joshua

1 Kings 6:1

- Solomon's reign, historians agree. We know when Solomon's reign began about 970 BC.
- So 1446 would be the exodus. The invasion would be 40 years later, which would be about 1406.
- So the time period would be about 25 years, and it's from about 1406 to 1381.

2 History With a Purpose

- This is history with a purpose. History with a purpose. We want to know how God deals with man.
- This is history with a purpose to answer those questions and give us the assurance that yes, God does answer or fulfill his promises. He is trustworthy, he is faithful.
- But Joshua, by his own words, says that he wrote the book. And so we must credit him with the vast majority of the book.

3 God Has the Right to Judge

Exodus 23:23–28; Isaiah 10:5; Deuteronomy 7:1–3

- He says in verse 28, and I will send hornets before you, which will drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.
- As creator, he absolutely has the right to judge.
- If God has the right to judge, God has the right to utterly overthrow. And it's not the Israelites doing this on their own, it's God doing it through them.
- Assyria is the rod of my anger, in whose hand is my indignation against Israel.
- It should cause great fear in our hearts that if God judges them because of their disobedience, what will he do to us today because of disobedience?

4 Remember the Word Which Moses Commanded You

Numbers 32:14–18; Joshua 1:13–18

- But we ourselves will be armed and ready to go before the children of Israel until we brought them to their place.
- Remember the word which Moses commanded you, saying, The Lord is giving you this rest and is giving you the land.
- Just as we heeded Moses and all things, so we will heed you. Only the Lord your God be with us as he was with Moses.

5 Rahab Came to God to Escape the Destruction

Joshua 2:8–14; Exodus 15:16

- She goes up to them and says, Look, I know that the Lord has given you the land.
- For a lot of people, there's just fear and terror. For her, there's a determination to escape the judgment of God.
- We come to God in our sin. We come to God because of our sin. We come to God because the wages of sin are death.
- Commended for her faith. Because she trusted in God and believed in him and sought to escape the destruction.
- The judgment is not against those who aren't perfect, the judgment against those who will not obey.
- But she came to God. She came to God. You can too.

6 Be Strong and Courageous; Meditate on It Day and Night

Joshua 1:1–9

- The key thing they gained from spying out was the people are faint-hearted before us.
- It's not just an admonition, it's an admonition with evidence.
- God has given us what He wants us to do. And we might think we've got some better way, but God says that doesn't matter.
- Don't turn to the right, don't turn to the left. You think about them.
- If it's important to follow, it's important to think about. It's important to put in your heart.

MY NOTES