

Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 1; Psalm 120, 121, 122; Isaiah 61; Matthew 9.

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Joshua Introduction

F. B. Myer gives us an excellent outline and introduction to the **Book of Joshua** which follows. He shares that the Book of Joshua is to the Old Testament what the Book of Acts is to the New Testament. I believe that is an interesting insight we should keep in mind as we begin the **Book of Joshua**.

Joshua

OUTLINE OF JOSHUA

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INTRODUCTION

Though there are evident traces of the hand of an editing scribe, probably Ezra, there are many indications that the substance of this book was written while the events were still recent. There is therefore no good reason for doubting that the book in its original form was written by Joshua, as Jewish tradition alleges.

This book is to the Old Testament what the Acts of the Apostles is to the New. The name “Joshua” is equivalent to Jesus, and means “he shall save,” [Heb 4:8](#). The Jericho of the early Church was Jerusalem, which they compassed through ten days of prayer as Israel compassed Jericho in seven days of marching. At Pentecost the walls of prejudice fell flat. Ananias and Sapphira were the Achan of the first days. The victories of the Church at Samaria, Antioch and elsewhere recall the conquests of Joshua. And the failure of the Church to go forward to the conquest of the nations finds a bitter parallel in the story of Israel’s apathy toward driving out the Canaanites.

Joshua 1 Yahusha Commissions Joshua

Jos 1:1 And it came to be, after the death of Mosheh the servant of יהוה, that יהוה spoke to Yehoshua son of Nun, the assistant of Mosheh, saying,

Jos 1:2 “Mosheh My servant is dead, so now, arise, **pass over this Yardēn**, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Yisra’ēl.

Jos 1:3 “**Every place on which the sole of your foot treads I have given you, as I spoke to Mosheh.**

Jos 1:4 “From the wilderness and this Lebanon even as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, is your border.

Jos 1:5 “No man is going to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Mosheh, so I am with you. I do not fail you nor forsake you.

The long-awaited day had come to ‘pass over’ the Jordan into the Promised Land. With the death of Moses, YHWH now commissions and speaks directly to Joshua. Not only will the children of Israel pass over into the promised land; the first feast they will celebrate in the Promised Land will be [Passover](#)! The timing and the patterns of His moedim are very telling.

We should by now see, that He functions and moves according to all His moedim. Therefore, it is so very important to know His rehearsals for this is when He acts; and this is how He readies us and keeps us watching! His moedim, His ‘calendar’, are ever before Him.

Jos 1:6 “**Be strong and courageous**, for you are to let this people inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

Jos 1:7 “Only **be strong and very courageous, to guard to do according to all the Torah which Mosheh My servant commanded you. Do not turn from it right or left, so that you act wisely wherever you go.**

Jos 1:8 “Do not let this **Book of the Torah** [[Note: clearly stated here as the Book of the Law](#)] depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you guard to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and act wisely.

Jos 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, nor be**

discouraged, for יהוה your Elohim is with you wherever you go.”

Within the first opening verses, we see YHWH say to Joshua to **‘be strong and courageous’** three times and adds, **do not be afraid nor discourage**.

Why did YHWH say **be strong and courageous** to Joshua? Could it be because Joshua was coming to the full realization that it would be himself taking the lead? Is it possible that he felt the tremendous weight of what Moses’ had experienced? Joshua had been extremely close to Moses; they were essentially a team, and one cannot help but feel afraid and discourage when losing such an important person in one’s life.

YHWH **assures and encourages Joshua**. YHWH speaks words of strength and vitality into Joshua after the loss of Moses. Joshua would replace any fear he may have felt with faith. YHWH always sends us the right word at the right time. He knows us better than we know ourselves. Most importantly we know He is the one that goes before us and gives us victory. However, we still must **step out in faith**.

Joshua Assumes Command

Jos 1:10 And **Yehoshua commanded the officers of the people**, saying,

Jos 1:11 “Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare food for yourselves, for within three days you are passing over this Yardēn, to go in to possess the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you to possess.’”

- Prepare food for yourselves
- Within 3 days we are passing over the Jordan
- We will possess the land which YHWH your Elohim has given us

Jos 1:12 And Yehoshua spoke to the **Re’ubēnites** and to the **Gadites** and to **half the tribe of Menashsheh**, saying,

Jos 1:13 “Remember the word which Mosheh, servant of יהוה, commanded you, saying, ‘יהוה your Elohim is giving you rest, and He shall give you this land.’”

Jos 1:14 “Let your wives, your little ones, and your livestock stay in the land which Mosheh gave you beyond the Yardēn. But you shall pass before your brothers in fives, all your brave fighters, and shall help them,

Jos 1:15 until יהוה has given your brothers rest, as unto you. So shall they also take possession of the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession, and shall possess that which Mosheh the servant of יהוה gave you beyond the Yardēn toward the rising of the sun.”

Jos 1:16 **And they answered Yehoshua, saying**, “All that you have commanded us we do, and wherever you send us we go.

Jos 1:17 “According to all that we obeyed Mosheh, so we obey you. Only, let יהוה your Elohim

be with you, as He was with Mosheh.

Jos 1:18 “Whoever rebels against your mouth and does not obey your words, in all that you command him, is put to death. **Only be strong and courageous.**”

The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and ½ the tribe of Manasseh affirm the agreement made with Moses, that they would go with the rest of the tribes to possess the Promised Land until all had received their portion. If we all recall, these 2 ½ tribes had chosen the lands east of the Jordan. In Joshua 1:18, they speak encouraging words to Joshua of support; and also state to Joshua to be strong and courageous.

Leaders don't always feel strong and courageous; but externally, when the occasion arises, they never show anything but strength and courage. To do otherwise, would create a domino effect of fear and retreat. That is not an option for victory.

Psalm 120, 121, 122

No matter where we are YHWH watches over us. We are the apple of His eye. When Balak wanted to curse Israel from the high places; YHWH used Balaam's mouth to bless Israel. When Judah was exiled to Babylon, YHWH worked through King Cyrus to let Ezra and Nehemiah return to rebuild the temple and the wall. When Israel was held captive in Egypt, YHWH led them out through Moses.

For a season, we may dwell among those of false lips and treacherous tongues. We presently live among those that call good – evil; and evil – good. It is YHWH that will bring right-ruling among the nations and it is YHWH that says vengeance is His.

Deliver Me, O YHWH

Psa 120:1 In my distress I cried to יהוה, And He answered me.

Psa 120:2 יהוה, deliver my being from false lips, From a treacherous tongue.

Psa 120:3 What would one give to you, Or what would one do to you, O treacherous tongue?

Psa 120:4 Sharp arrows of a mighty man, With coals of the broom-wood!

Psa 120:5 Woe to me for I have sojourned in Mesheq, I have dwelt among the tents of Qēḏar!

Psa 120:6 **My being has dwelt too long With him who hates peace.**

Psa 120:7 I am *for* peace; But when I speak, they are for fighting.

My Help Comes from YHWH

Psa 121:1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; Where does my help come from?

Psa 121:2 My help comes from יהוה, Maker of the heavens and earth.

Psa 121:3 He does not allow your foot to be moved; He who watches over you does not

slumber.

Psa 121:4 See, He who is guarding Yisra'ël Neither slumbers nor sleeps.

Psa 121:5 יהוה is your guard; יהוה is your shade at your right hand.

Psa 121:6 The sun does not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.

Psa 121:7 יהוה guards you from all evil; He guards your being.

Psa 121:8 יהוה guards your going out and your coming in Now and forever.

Let Us Go to the House of YHWH

Psa 122:1 I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the House of יהוה.”

Psa 122:2 Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Yerushalayim!

Psa 122:3 **Yerushalayim is built As a city that is bound together,**

Psa 122:4 Where the tribes have come up, The tribes of Yah, A witness to Yisra'ël, To give thanks to the Name of יהוה.

Psa 122:5 For there **the thrones of right-ruling were set,** The **thrones of the house of Dawid.**

Psa 122:6 Pray for the peace of Yerushalayim, Let those who love You be at rest.

Psa 122:7 Peace be within your walls, Rest in your citadels.

Psa 122:8 For the sake of my brothers and companions, I say, “Peace be within you.”

Psa 122:9 For the sake of the House of יהוה our Elohim I seek your good.

Isaiah 61

The Year of the YHWH's Favor

Isa 61:1 **The Spirit of the Master יהוה is upon Me, because יהוה has anointed Me to bring good news to the meek. He has sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound,**

Isa 61:2 **to proclaim the acceptable year of יהוה, and the day of vengeance of our Elohim, to comfort all who mourn.**

Yahusha quotes Isaiah 61:1 and part of Isaiah 42:7 in Luke 4. Yahusha alludes to this being the ultimate **year of Jubilee** when debts and obligations of bondmen & women are released.

It is **through Yahusha HaMashiach** that captives are set-free from their sins; from their blindness; from their crushed spirits; and healing is brought to the broken-hearted. Behold, in Him, all things become new!

Luk 4:16 **And He came to Natsareth, where He had been brought up. And according to His practice, He went into the congregation on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.**

Luk 4:17 And the scroll of the prophet Yeshayahu was handed to Him. And having unrolled the scroll, He found the place where it was written:

Luk 4:18 “**The Spirit of יהוה is upon Me,^c because He has anointed Me to bring the Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away crushed ones with a release,** Footnote: ^cSee [Isa 61:1-3](#).

Luk 4:19 **to proclaim the acceptable year of יהוה.”^d** [Isa 61:1-2](#) Footnote: ^dAlso see [Isa 58:6](#).

Luk 4:20 And having rolled up the scroll, He gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the congregation were fixed upon Him.

Luk 4:21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been filled in your hearing.”

Isa 61:3 to appoint unto those who mourn in Tsiyon: to give them embellishment for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. And they shall be called trees of righteousness, a planting of יהוה, to be adorned.

Isa 61:4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, raise up the former wastes. And they shall restore the ruined cities, the wastes of many generations.

Isa 61:5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner be your ploughmen and your vinedressers.

He will give us beauty for ashes and oil of joy for mourning. We will no longer be clothed in garments of heaviness but garments of praise. We will stand as people of righteousness. The places of ruin and waste lands will be restored.

Isa 61:6 But you shall be called, **‘Priests of יהוה,’** **‘Servants of our Elohim’** shall be said of you. You shall consume the strength of the nations, and boast in their esteem.

Isa 61:7 Instead of your shame and reproach, they rejoice a second time in their portion. **Therefore they take possession a second time in their land, everlasting joy is theirs.**

Isa 61:8 “**For I, יהוה, love right-ruling; I hate robbery for ascending offering. And I shall give their reward in truth, and make an everlasting covenant with them.**

Isa 61:9 “And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring in the midst of the peoples. All who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed יהוה has blessed.”

Israel will once again enter the Promised Land; this time as **Priests of YHWH**. Israel will receive their portion and enter into everlasting joy! The seed of Israel prevails as the ‘one new man.’ Unrepentant Esau/Edomites will be defeated.

Isa 61:10 I greatly rejoice in יהוה, my being exults in my Elohim. For **He has put garments of deliverance on me, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

Isa 61:11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the seed to shoot up, so the **Master יהוה causes righteousness and praise to shoot up before all the nations!**

Matthew 9

Yahusha Heals a Paralytic

Mat 9:1 And entering into a boat, He passed over, and came to His own city.

Mat 9:2 And see, they were bringing to Him **a paralytic lying on a bed**. And יהושע, seeing their belief, said to the paralytic, **“Take courage, son, your sins have been forgiven.”**

Mat 9:3 And see, some of the scribes said to themselves, **“This One blasphemes!”**

Mat 9:4 And יהושע, knowing their thoughts, said, **“Why do you think wicked thoughts in your hearts?”**

Mat 9:5 “For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins have been forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’?”

Mat 9:6 **“But in order for you to know that the Son of Adam possesses authority on earth to forgive sins...”** He then said to the paralytic, **“Rise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”**

Mat 9:7 And he rose and went to his house.

Mat 9:8 And when the crowds saw it, they marveled and praised Elohim who had given such authority to men.

Yahusha can forgive sins; however, the ‘forgiveness of sins’ **cannot be seen** with the eye. But to demonstrate for the ‘doubting and accusatory scribes’ that He could forgive sins and do much more; He completely heals the paralytic and has him rise, take up his bed, and go to his house. This could most definitely be seen. Nothing is too great for YHWH.

Yahusha Calls Matthew

Mat 9:9 And as יהושע passed on from there, He saw a man called Mattithyahu sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” And he rose and followed Him.

Mat 9:10 And it came to be, as יהושע sat at the table in the house, that see, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His taught ones.

Mat 9:11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His taught ones, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

Mat 9:12 And יהושע hearing this, said to them, **“Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”**

Mat 9:13 “But go and learn what this means, **‘I desire compassion and not offering.’**
Hos 6:6. For I did not come to call the righteous to repentance, but sinners.”

Yahusha came to seek and save that which is lost to repentance. The Pharisees were very judgmental and hypocritical. They looked down on others and flaunted themselves as more righteous and better than others. They were blind guides. Yahusha gives them food for thought. He tells them to learn what is meant by 'I desire compassion and not offering.'

Luk 20:46 “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the market-places, and the best seats in the congregations, and the best places at feasts,

Luk 20:47 who devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers. They shall receive greater judgment.”

A Question About Fasting

Mat 9:14 Then the taught ones of Yoḥanan came to Him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your taught ones do not fast?”

Mat 9:15 And יהושע said to them, **“Are the friends of the bridegroom able to mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days shall come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they shall fast.”**

Mat 9:16 “And no one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.

Mat 9:17 “Neither do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. **But they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”**

Yahusha, our bridegroom, was ushering in the New Covenant and restoring the Melchizedek Priesthood to its reigning position. The people would no longer be a nation with an Aaronic Levitical Priest. Now, they would become a kingdom of priests; a holy nation; a peculiar people; a mixed multitude of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation with Yahusha as our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order!

It would be impossible to place this new wine, of the Covenant Confirming Gospel being administered through Yahusha HaMashiach; into old wineskins of the Book of the Law administered by the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.

Afterall, for this reason Yahusha came! As we just read, He came to set the captives free! This is explained through the allegory of Hagar [the bond woman] and Sarah [the free woman] in Galatians.

Example of Hagar and Sarah

Gal 4:21 Say to me, you who wish to be under Torah, do you not hear the Torah?

Gal 4:22 For it has been written that Abraham had two sons, one by a female servant, the other by a free woman.

Gal 4:23 But he who was of the female servant was born according to the flesh, and he of the free woman through promise.

Gal 4:24 This is allegorical, for these are the two covenants: one indeed from Mount Sinai which brings forth slavery, which is Haḡar.

Gal 4:25 for this Haḡar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Yerushalayim which now is, and is in slavery with her children.

Gal 4:26 But the Yerushalayim above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Gal 4:27 For it has been written, “Rejoice, O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and shout, you who do not have birth pains! For the deserted one has many more children than she who has a husband.” [Isa 54:1](#).

Gal 4:28 And we, brothers, as Yitshaq was, are children of promise.

Gal 4:29 But, as he who was *born* according to the flesh then persecuted him born according to the Spirit, so also now.

Gal 4:30 But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the female servant and her son, for the son of the female servant shall by no means be heir with the son of the free woman.” [Gen 21:10](#).

Gal 4:31 Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the female servant but of the free woman.

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

Mat 9:18 While He was saying all this to them, see, a ruler came and bowed down to Him, saying, “My daughter is dead by now, but come and lay Your hand on her and she shall live.”

Mat 9:19 And יהושע rose and followed him, His taught ones too.

Mat 9:20 And see, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the tzitzit^a of His garment. Footnote: ^aSee “Tzitzit” - Explanatory Notes and [Num 15:37-41](#), [Deu 22:12](#).

Mat 9:21 For she said to herself, “If I only touch His garment, I shall be healed.”

Mat 9:22 But יהושע turned, and when He saw her He said, “Take courage, daughter, your belief has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that hour.

Mat 9:23 And when יהושע came into the ruler’s house, and saw the flute players and the crowd making a noise,

Mat 9:24 He said to them, “Go back, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.” And they laughed at Him.

Mat 9:25 But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.

Mat 9:26 And this report went out into all that land.

By faith we are healed and restored. We are all in need of Yahusha. He is calling us to Himself. The naysayers will be put outside where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Much like the woman hemorrhaging for 12 years; the twelve tribes of Israel and those grafted in are being healed and brought to life by grace through faith in Yahusha, the Great Physician. The two sticks of Israel and Judah will become one, with Yahusha as the head [Col. 1:18].

Yahusha Heals Two Blind Men

Mat 9:27 And as יהושע passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of Dawid, have compassion on us!”

Mat 9:28 And when He came into the house, the blind men came to Him. And יהושע said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Master.”

Mat 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your belief let it be to you.”

Mat 9:30 And their eyes were opened. And יהושע strictly ordered them, saying, “See, let no one know.”

Mat 9:31 But when they went out, they made Him known in all that land.

Yahusha Heals a Man Unable to Speak

Mat 9:32 And as they were going out, see, they brought to Him a man, dumb and demon-possessed.

Mat 9:33 And when the demon was cast out, the dumb one spoke. And the crowds marvelled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Yisra’ël!”

Mat 9:34 But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.”

To this very day the blind see and the deaf hear! The dead are risen to life. There is still true physical healing by YHWH; and most importantly daily there are people receiving their spiritual eyesight; spiritual hearing; and being born a new. In Him, we become a new creation [2Cor. 5:17]; behold all things are made new. And yes, afterwards there is much rejoicing and sharing of what YHWH has done!

The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

Mat 9:35 And יהושע went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their congregations, and proclaiming the Good News of the reign, and healing every disease and every bodily weakness among the people.

Mat 9:36 And having seen the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, as sheep having no shepherd.

Mat 9:37 Then He said to His taught ones, **“The harvest truly is great, but the workers are few.”**

Mat 9:38 **“Pray then that the Master of the harvest would send out workers to His harvest.”**

The time is short, and the fields are ready for harvest. Pray that we come together for the harvest. Pray that the Master sends out more workers and that more enter the Promised Land.

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