

Joshua: God's Leader
Joshua 1: 1-18

Joshua: God's Chosen Leader of Israel

In the Hebrew text the book bears the superscription *Yhosua*, the name of the leading figure, Joshua. His name and the title of the book mean "Yahweh saves" or "Yahweh is salvation." The title therefore suitably describes what God used Joshua to do, as recorded in this book, namely, to save His people by conquering Canaan and apportioning it to Israel as their promised homeland.

The author of the book is unknown, but it appears to be someone who was an eyewitness to the events that took place

The purpose of the Book of Joshua is to give an official account of the historical fulfillment of the Lord's promise to the patriarchs to give Israel the land of Canaan by holy war. A holy war was a conflict with religious overtones rather than one with a political motivation of defense or expansion.

The Bible Knowledge Commentary, Old Testament, Donald K. Campbell

The Commissioning of Joshua:

Joshua 1: 1-9

The Order to Cross the Jordan:

Vv. 10-15

The People Support Joshua:

Vv. 16-18

Small Group Discussion:

- 1. Who did Joshua assist prior to God commissioning him?**
- 2. Discuss God's commissioning of Joshua and the promises that He made to Joshua and how these promises would come to pass.**
- 3. What tribes remained on one side of the Jordan and what instructions were given to them and why?**
- 4. What promises did the people make to Joshua and how did they encourage him?**

**Next Week's Lesson:
Joshua Chapter 2**