

THE BOOK OF JESUS (JOSHUA)

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I. Intentionally Drafting to portray a point:

The People of Concern:

- A significant emphasis on the Amorites in the book of Joshua.
- The bible emphasizes the destruction of the Canaanites. **Deuteronomy 11:30** *"in the land of Canaanites..."*
- Their first attempt they were afraid of the Anakims (**Numbers 13:33**) and Amalekites/Canaanites (**Numbers 14:45**)
- Yet, all the incidents of Joshua focus on Amorites:
 - o Kings on the farside of Jordan, their defeat is mentioned throughout Joshua
 - o Jericho and Ai were Amorite cities
 - o Southern Alliance made of many people (**Joshua 9:1**) but accredited to the Amorites (**Joshua 10:5**)
- Amorites were God's people that have rejected God, **Genesis 15:16** *"...the sin of Amorites not yet full."*

Time Distortion:

- The conclusion of the Southern campaign we are told a year has passed, **Joshua 10:42** *"take at one time"*
- The Northern campaign must have lasted 3-4 years, **Joshua 14:10** *"these forty five years"*
- Yet the Northern campaign is condensed into one chapter, **Joshua 11** and **Joshua 12-24** is division and settlement of the land.

Conclusion: The writer took the events of the Southern campaign to portray a model, and minimized the events that did not fit the model.

II. The Model Symbolism and Types:

Model Summary – The Parable of the Nobleman, **Luke 19:11-30**

1. Vs. 28-34 Jesus sends two disciples ahead of his entrance to Jerusalem; two spies in Joshua, two witnesses in Revelation
2. Vs. 15 – The nobleman returns to the land and "receives the kingdom", a transition to the rightful heir
3. Vs. 15-26 The nobleman's servants are called to give an account, they are judge faithful and unfaithful
4. Vs. 27 Those "who would not have him be king" were slaughtered, the forces of the nobleman went to "war"

Promise Land – The land was given unto Abraham and unto his seed; the Messiah. Joshua conquers the land with the nation of Israel; Abraham's promise. Some day Jesus will return to conquer the promise land; the Seed's promise, and set up the Davidic throne.

Genesis 13:14-15 *"For all the land which thou seest to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever..."*

2 Samuel 7:12-13 *"I will set up thy seed after thee...I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever"*

Joshua – Representation of Jesus. *Jesus* is English form of *Jehoshua* which is Greek form of *'Oshea* which is Hebrew for *Joshua*. He represents the leader of the Lord's army conquering the promise land

Zechariah 14:1-3 *"Then shall the Lord go forth... as when he fought in the day of battle..."*

Joshua 5:13-15 *"...but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come..."*

Joshua 10:42 *"...because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel..."*

Zion – The site of significance to the nation of Israel was Shechem for Abraham and later becomes Jerusalem under David. Prior to the Davidic rule Jerusalem had no significance other than Melchizedek at Salem. After David, Jerusalem represents Zion in conjunction with the Davidic promise his throne would last forever.

Genesis 12:6-8 Abraham is given the land at Shechem

Deuteronomy 11:26-30 Moses commandment to Israel to go to Shechem and read the law to the people

Joshua 24:1 Joshua final address to the people is at Shechem and the tabernacle is with them (Joshua 24:26)

Joshua 15:63 Jerusalem was unobtainable to Israel

2 Samuel 5:6&9 David captured Jerusalem and calls it the "city of David"

2 Samuel 6 The controversy over moving the Ark of the Covenant

2 Samuel 7:12-13 *"I will set up thy seed after thee...I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever"*

People of the Land – The parable there were faithful/unfaithful servants and citizens who would deny the nobleman as king. Faithful Servants are Israelite descendents at Shechem, Unfaithful Servants are the Amorites who’s sin is complete. Citizens of the land are the remaining inhabitants.

Joshua 8:33 Gathering at Shechem included the “*stranger as he that was born among them*”

1 Chronicles 7:24 Israelite descendents built the cities of Beth-horon which are in existence at the time of Joshua campaign.

Anti-Christ – Adoni-zedek, (means Lord of Righteousness) the Amorite King of Jerusalem, leads an army against the Joshua and the Lord’s army. He hears the destruction of Jericho and Ai and forms an alliance to battle Joshua.

Joshua 10:1-5 “*come up to me and help me...*”

III. Exclusion from the Model:

Chapter 5 – The circumcision of Israel

- **Joshua 5:3-5** Joshua circumcises all the men of Israel, because they were not circumcised in the wilderness
- The Lord’s army will not be circumcised, this event deals in the present condition of Israel
- Although, the Lord’s people are marked prior to the wrath being poured out on the Earth, **Revelation 7:3**

Chapter 7 – Achan’s Sin

- **Joshua 7:11** Israel sinned and transgressed my covenant
- The Lord’s army will not sin against God, this event deals in the present condition of Israel

Chapter 9 – Gibeon Deception

- **Joshua 9:14** “*asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord*”
- The Lord’s army will not sin against God, this event deals in the present condition of Israel

IV. The Model:

Chapter	Book of Joshua	End Time Theme
1 Preparation	(2) “ <i>...Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan...</i> ” (8) “ <i>...This book of law shall not depart out of they mouth...</i> ”	Matthew 24:36 “ <i>...knoweth no man, but my Father only...</i> ”
2 Witnesses	(1) Two men are sent before Israel; the previous attempt there were twelve spies, one for each tribe. This time only two. Joshua 6:25 “ <i>...hid the messengers...</i> ” (3) The men were attacked by the people of the city. (22) They hid in the mountains for three days, then returned to Joshua.	Revelation 11:3 “ <i>...I will give power unto my two witnesses...</i> ” Revelation 11:7 “ <i>...and shall overcome them, and kill them...</i> ” Revelation 11:11 “ <i>...After three days and a half the Spirit of Life from God entered them...</i> ”
3-4 Entrance	(7) “ <i>...this day will I begin to magnify thee in thy sight...</i> ” (16) “ <i>...waters which came down from above stood</i> ”	The Lord’s Return

5 Circumcision	N/A	Revelation 7:3 <i>“Do not hurt the earth till God’s servants are sealed...”</i> Doesn’t fit perfectly since Israel represents the Lord’s Army, not remnants on the Earth.
6-8a Jericho, Achan, Ai	Chapter 7 – N/A Both Jericho and Ai are burned to the ground, no other city in the Southern campaign is.	The Lord’s army will not sin. Lord’s Wrath – Trumpets People Fear the wrath of the Lamb
7 Achan Sin	N/A	The Lord’s army will not sin
8b Shechem	Joshua 8:33 Strangers are gathered unto Israel Joshua 8:33-34, Deuteronomy 27:9-13 The people are divided Deuteronomy 11:29 Blessings and Cursings	
9 Gibeon Deception	N/A Joshua 9:14 <i>“asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord”</i>	The Lord’s army will not sin
10 Southern Alliance	Joshua 9:1-2 and Joshua 10:1-5 The Southern kings form an alliance under Adoni-zedek Joshua 10:42 <i>“And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time”</i>	

11 Northern Alliance	The Remenants of the Land	Shall rule till all is put under him
12-21 Land Possession	Chapter 12 -13 Recap or summary Chapter 14-21 The Land is taken as a possession	Millenium
22 Rebellion		
23-24 Joshua Farewell	Final words of Joshua	1 Corinthians 15 – Return to the Lord, God is all in all