

Joshua: Faith is the Victory

(1 John 5:4)

Wednesday, March 9

There are 12 Historical books:

1. The theocratic books: Joshua, Judges, Ruth
2. The monarchical books: Books of Samuel, Kings, Chronicles
3. The restoration books: Ezra Nehemiah, Esther

Joshua is a book of victory for God's people when by faith they obey God

1. Victory in Conquering the Land (Chapters 1-12) In 7 years 31 kings are defeated
2. Victory in Dividing the Land (Chapters 13-24) In 18 years the land is partitioned to the 12 tribes

1. Victory in Conquering the Land (Chapters 1-12)

A. Victory in the Central Campaign (Chapters 1-8)

1. Personal victory
 - a. Victory involves hardship (Joshua lived in Egypt and the wilderness for 40 years each.
 - b. Victory involves fellowship (1:1)
 - c. Victory involves fellowship (1:2-9)
 - d. Victory involves leadership (10-18)
2. Corporate victory
 - a. There is a morality issue in Rahab's lie in Joshua 2
 - b. There is a miraculous issue in crossing Jordan in Joshua 3 (First of three miracles in Joshua)
 - c. There is a miraculous issue in defeating Jericho in Joshua 6
(The victory at Jericho was followed by a defeat at Ai in Joshua 7)

B. Victory in the Southern Campaign (9-10)

1. Man's failure in Joshua 9 because of a lack of faith (Joshua's 2nd Blunder)
2. Man's success in stopping the sun in Joshua 10 because of faith

C. Victory in the Northern Campaign (11)

The Shock of God's Justice in Utterly Destroying All in Canaan

1. Why are we shocked?
2. Why does God act in justice?