

# Note

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## Summary

### Joshua & The Conquest as Typology of Christ's Redemptive Work

#### Scripture References

Genesis 15; Deuteronomy 6:7; Deuteronomy 7:1–2; Joshua 1–9; Joshua 2:18–21; Joshua 5:13–15; Joshua 11:23; Joshua 23:1; Joshua 24:15; Isaiah 63:1–6; Matthew 1:21; Matthew 5–7; Matthew 16:18; John 17; 2 Corinthians 10:4; Hebrews 4:8–9; Hebrews 11:30; Revelation 19:11–16

#### Introduction

- Ongoing series on biblical typology.
- Tonight's focus: Joshua and Israel's conquest of Canaan as a large-scale picture of Christ's salvation, judgment, and Kingdom.
- Handouts/charts were provided for home study (note: modern Star of David on illustration acknowledged as anachronistic).

#### Key Points

1. God's sovereign promises: foretold to Abram (Genesis 15); fulfilled 800+ years later in Joshua.
2. Typological framework: promises foreshadowed, partially fulfilled in Joshua, perfectly kept in Christ.
3. Names matter: Joshua (Yehoshua/Yeshua) and Jesus both mean “Yahweh saves” — Joshua rescues from Canaanites; Jesus rescues from sin, death, and Satan.
4. Law vs. Gospel imagery:
  - Moses (law) cannot bring Israel into rest.
  - Joshua (type of Christ) leads them in, prefiguring Jesus who alone grants true Sabbath rest (Hebrews 4:8–9).
5. Conquest as Yahweh's war:
  - Pre-incarnate Christ appears as “Commander of the Lord's army” (Joshua 5:13–15).
  - Victories (e.g., Jericho) accomplished by divine initiative so Israel cannot boast.

6. Crossing the Jordan: baptismal/new-creation motif; Ark (God's presence) leads first, just as Christ leads believers through death to life.
7. Jericho: faith-obedience pattern (Hebrews 11:30); walls fall outward, picturing Satan's collapsing kingdom (Matthew 16:18).
8. Judgment & mercy held together:
  - Total destruction commanded (Deuteronomy 7) previews final judgment (Isaiah 63; Revelation 19).
  - Rahab's scarlet cord typifies salvation by covenant blood and Gentile inclusion (Matthew 1 lineage).
9. Partial, temporal rest vs. eternal rest:
  - Joshua's incomplete obedience leaves enemies in the land (Judges).
  - Christ secures full, everlasting rest and purges wickedness completely.

## Theological / Exegetical Points

- Monergism: salvation and victory are God's single-handed work; human participation is real but derivative ( “passive-active” obedience).
- Seed of the woman vs. seed of the serpent: conquest advances the woman's seed, anticipating Christ's ultimate triumph.
- Kingdom expansion: tribes settling east of Jordan hint that God's realm extends beyond geographic Israel, foreshadowing global gospel reach.
- Divine Warrior motif: OT battles (Joshua) anticipate Christ the Warrior-King (Revelation 19) who defeats cosmic powers.

## Interaction & Group Responses

- Class identified the anachronistic flag on handout.
- Participant cited Romans 8 ( “more than conquerors” ) as fitting summary of Christ's victory.

## Practical Applications

- Humble faith obeys even illogical commands (marching around Jericho); trust God's means, not human strength.
- “Choose this day whom you will serve” (Joshua 24:15): continual call for covenant loyalty.
- Recall and retell God's mighty acts to next generations (Deuteronomy 6:7).
- Rest in Christ's finished work; resist striving to earn what He alone provides.

## Prayer / Intercession Items

Praises

- Successful grocery outing & parking.
- Water bill paid off.

- Leader's wife: clean bill of health; only vitamin D deficiency.
- Granddaughter accepted to two optometry schools; summer Africa mission trip planned.
- Grandson-in-law's visa approval.

#### Petitions

- Sister's health: recent tests poor.
- Evelyn: biopsy next month.
- Rogers family: comfort in loss of David; graveside 20 Mar, logistics & meal planning.
- Wisdom for granddaughter's school choice & preparations.
- Safe travel and protection during ongoing storms.