

The Joshua Generation

A. What is the Joshua Generation?

1. Joshua and the Israelites

- a) The Joshua Generation (JG) grew up in and came out of the wilderness.
- b) The JG crossed the Jordan with faith and in faith.
- c) The JG entered into and took the Promised Land.

Num 13:16 These *are* the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.

Jos 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

Jos 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Jos 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war. The JG took the land after 7 years of warfare.

2. Jesus and the Church

- a) Out of the wilderness of sin into new creations into the Glorious Church.
- b) Cross the River of Death by faith and in faith.
- c) Enter into the Millennial Reign of Jesus.

David reigned 3 ½ years over Judah and then 3 ½ years over united Israel.

Jesus reigned 3 ½ years as the Lamb of God, was accepted by the church (primarily gentiles) and is returning to reign 3 ½ years over the Glorious Church (Jews and Gentiles).

B. Preparing the Way

1. Bible Examples

- a) Gideon's army; many called but few chosen.
- b) The Twelve Apostles; forsaking all, left all behind.
- c) The 144,000 in Rev 9 and 14.

2. Today's Lifestyle of Preparation

- a) Leaving all behind.
- b) Many called but few chosen.
- c) Living justified, without sin.

C. Crossing the River of Death

1. Faith

- a) When I return, shall I find faith? Luke 18:8
- b) Faith requires action; ardent zeal and intense effort. Matt 11:12 Ampl.
- c) Faith works by love; we are loving forgiving people. Gal 5:6

2. Patience

- a) With faith and patience, you inherit the promises. Heb 10:36-38
- b) In patience, you shall possess your soul. Luke 21:19
- c) **Rev 3:10** Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.