

Joshua 1:2 "over the Jordan"

SUBJECT: The Book of
Joshua an Epitaph

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The Books of Joshua and Ephraim

Intro:

The best way to vindicate the Bible is to preach it.
Each book contains within itself the autograph of the H.S.
Each page has the written word of heaven.

(a) Howard Taylor (son of founder of C.I.P.) story of the chosen army leader. was under moral, religious indignation. One would expect, called together, read and, but within of the year, they spread there. The "Angels" of the Bible, to Howard Taylor: "As you look - long with all to do to my day, every one. Many of us. But you look - you never weary of it, always something new, refreshing. What is it in your book?"

(a) I took a course in music appreciation. Teacher explaining how to cultivate taste among students. At a class, perhaps saying: "Don't like Handel's oratorios; don't like Bach and Schubert." "I like - that is you like?" "Yes, we have no time." "But we shall study that." "Astor - soprano - time - hour. Voice. Excellent. Please. Hearing. So rich could do. Was an amazing. Ready to study a great organ. more study, more appreciate."

These inspired books -
Genesis, begins with that. Origin, divine grace that loves
mighty men before there was might to warrant it; birds
born of a woman, a promise of heaven...

Genesis, the story of redemption

Leviticus, the way of worship

Numbers, our position in the silver ranks of God's army

Deuteronomy, the exhibition to honor God, that he has

Joshua - an indispensable link. One evidence of the promise
we were brought out that we might be brought in
- - - - - a personal promise
- - - - - glorified.

A book in the NT is deep spiritual accord with
the story told in Joshua: Ephesians. Ephesians to the OT what
Joshua is to the OT.
Characteristic word of Ephesians is "the heavens" 1:3, 20; 2:6; 3:10
"the heavens" = the land, Canaan. Does not stand for
heaven in the sense of our final home is the new Jerusalem, but for
our experience of union with the risen Jesus at his resurrection
and exaltation.

1. Each the destined goal to which God's purpose led this
people.

God answers to the agonizing cry of this people - Moses, look...
God pledges himself not only to deliver his people from Egyptian
bondage but to bring them into a good land, flowing with milk & honey.
Their emancipation from the thrall of Egyptian bondage only
preparatory to their settlement in Canaan. "Brought out to be
brought in."

God's covenant promises to Abraham 400 years before the
Exodus. Gen. 15.

Vision of the shore like a star throughout story of Exodus
and the wilderness wanderings. The goal, Holy purpose,
Canaan.

It is then with us. "Brought out to be brought in"
Not to remain in Egypt not to wander in the
wilderness, but to enter the heavenly mind Church.
Now. Here with.

2. Each was impossible by means of the Law.
 Joshua 1:1 "now after the death of Moses..."
 John 1:17 "for the law was given by Moses..."
 Moses is a very real sense the embodiment of the Law.
 9. Deut. 34:4 "with him... abated"
 "the Law of God never departed, which. As with you, his grace"

But the Law was never truly the soul of man in law, grace.
 1. Rom. 7:7-24 flesh would
 must leave the Law in that lonely valley over against
 13th - fear while a driving power leads us on.

It is thus with us.
 Not by your resolutions, reformation, covenant
 signs by blood that drawn from our own veins. Not
 by rules, ascetic abstinences - days, fasts, prayers, not by
 forms of legalism the gates unlocked, the flood waters of the
 guardian rivers rolled back.
 It is the free gift of God in our Joshua - from that.

3. Each was interested to a representative.
 A remarkable characteristic of the Law of Joshua - God
 repeatedly addresses his people, but more of his
 what is intended for them.
 1:2 "You and..." 1:5 "I like..." 6:2 "See - this Law"
 1:3 "you... you" 1:6 "don't ditch"
 Deut 1:38 3:28 31:7 "As shall come... to inherit"
 all was placed in the hands of Joshua as the trustee for Israel to
 administer, appointing. In perfect keeping with this,
 at the close of the 7 years, Josh 11:23 "..."

So our Joshua as trustee, representative of his people, all
 spiritual blessings have been given. Mt 28:18. First, grace, then
 the mind of the Father promised of the Holy Spirit, poured out at Pentecost
 or we truly. On inheritance in Christ. Whatever he has in
 spirit, gifts, in trust for us.

4. Each was missed by many.

Mat. 3:17 "whose carcasses fell in the wilderness"
The sad, dreary years of the 90's. They cried, "Would
the sun had died in the wilderness" They did indeed die then

Sad news still. In graves of worldliness, self-seeking,
mis. Perishing outside the heavenly with Christ. Never
rest to land, blessedness.

5. Each was infected, challenged by many adversaries

6. Eph. 6:12.

The seven nations and Canaan with beauty of the

The heavenly place - not removed from conflict.
7. Paul in I Cor. 16:8, 9
8. Michael in Rev. 12:7
Spiritual hosts, darkness
Fornication to be sold.

But our Jesus our leader. not taken in this.