

Outline of Joshua

- I. Introduction
 - A. Author – Joshua (except for the last 5 verses)
 - B. The book divides into two main portions
 - 1. Conquering the land
 - 2. Settlement of the land
- II. The Conquest of Canaan
 - A. Preparation for taking the promised land (1:1 to 5:15)
 - B. Conquest of Canaan (6:1 to 13:7)
- III. Division of the Land of Canaan (13:7 to 24:33)
 - A. Possession of the land East of Jordan (13:7-33)
 - B. Possession West of the Jordan (14:1 to 19:51)
 - C. Six cities of refuge (20:1-9)
 - D. Levitical cities (21:1-42)
 - E. Gad, Ruben, and Manasseh sent to their inheritance (22:1-9)
 - F. Two and half tribes build an altar (22:10)
 - G. Explanation that the altar was not for sacrifices but for a memorial that those on the East of Jordan were brethren to those on the West of Jordan (22:11-34).
 - H. Joshua's farewell speech to Israel, warning against idolatry (23:1-16)
 - I. The covenant at Shechem (24:1-25)
 - J. The law written in a book and a memorial stone set up (24:26-28)
 - K. Death of Joshua (24:29-31)
 - L. Bones of Joseph buried at Shechem (24:32)
 - M. Death of Eleazar, the high priest (24:33)

Outline of Judges

- I. Introduction.
 - A. The book covers about 250 years
 - B. According to Jewish tradition it was written by Samuel, probably passed down to him as oral history
 - C. Gives some history of the various Jewish tribes from the time they conquered Canaan until the days of Samuel and Eli.
- II. Introduction of the book of Judges (1:1 to 3:7)
 - A. Settling the land (1:1-36)
 - B. Spiritual condition of Israel (2:1 to 3:7)
- III. Period of the Judges (3:8 to 16:31)
 - A. Judge Othniel and Mesopotamian invasion (3:8-11)
 - B. Judge Ehud and the Moabite invasion (3:12-30)
 - C. Judge Shamgar and Philistine invasion (3:31)
 - D. Judge Deborah, a prophetess (4:1 to 5:31)
 - E. Judge Gideon (6:1 to 8:32)
 - F. Judge Abimelech, son of Gideon, is king (8:33 to 9:57)
 - G. Judge Tola (10:1-2)
 - H. Judge Jair, a Gileadite (10:3-5)
 - I. Judge Jephthah (10:6 to 12:7)
 - J. Judge Ibzan (12:8-10)
 - K. Judge Elon (12:11-12)
 - L. Judge Abdon (12:13-15)
 - M. Judge Samson (13:1 to 16:31)
- IV. Supplementary Material (17:1 to 21:25)
 - A. Micah and the Danites (17:1 to 18:31)
 - B. The outrage of Gibeah (19:1 to 20:48)
 - C. Restoration of Benjamin (21:1-25)

Outline of Ruth

- I. Introduction (1:1-5)
 - A. Events occurred "when the judges ruled" (1:1)
 - B. According to Jewish tradition, the author was Samuel
 - C. The book probably was written during the time of David
 - D. Famine in the area of Bethlehem (1:1)
 - E. Migration to Moab (1:1)
 - F. Elimelech died in Moab (1:3)
 - G. After the death of Elimelech, his two sons married Moabite women (1:4)
- II. Devotion of Ruth to Naomi (1:6 to 2:23)
 - A. Naomi decides to return to Bethlehem-judah (1:7)
 - 1. Ruth refuses to leave Naomi (1:14-18) her famous statement: "Entreat me not to leave thee, and to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: Jehovah do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."
 - B. They arrive at Bethlehem (1:19)
 - C. Ruth's care for Naomi (2:1-23)
- III. Ruth's Devotion to Naomi is Rewarded (3:1-18)
 - A. Naomi advises Ruth on how best to remind Boaz of his duty (3:1-9)
 - B. Boaz desires to become Ruth's husband (3:10-18)
 - C. Boaz marries Ruth (4:1-22)