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PART 8: THE TRAINING OF JOSHUA

THE SON OF NUN

Moses' assistant and successor was a man by the name of Joshua, whose name means "Jehovah saves." He was from the tribe of Ephraim, the second son born to Joseph and his Egyptian wife Asenath. **Genesis 48:8-13; Numbers 13:8-16**

THE WARRIOR

The Bible reveal how old Joshua was when the children of Israel left Egypt, but he would have been a young adult and trained in warfare, because when the Amalekites came to fight and destroy the children of Israel, Moses commissioned Joshua to select men to go fight the people of Amalek. **Exodus 17:8-14**

THE BANQUET

After the ratification of the Covenant with the people of Israel, there was some kind of a banquet for the top leadership that included Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the 70 elders. These men went toward the mountaintop where they saw the God of Israel (Jesus) standing on a portable platform of sapphire stone. **Exodus 24:9-11; John 8:53-58; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4**

Nadab and Abihu were sons of Aaron and Levitical priests. **Numbers 3:2-3**

THE MINISTER

Joshua was not from the tribe of Levi and as such could not be a priest but he was chosen by Moses to be a military and political leader. In that role, he was allowed to follow Moses further up the mountain, but he had to stop as Moses went higher to meet Jesus and receive the Ten Commandments and other instructions. **Exodus 24:12-18**

Moses came down after Joshua had been waiting on the mountain for 40 days and nights and the two of them walked down to the camp of Israel where they found the people had corrupted themselves under the leadership of the high priest (Aaron). **Exodus 32:15-19**

Joshua learned a lesson that he never forgot: obey God or be punished. **verses 25-35**

JEALOUSY

Joshua was just like any other man and did not want any competition to his elevated position. He was rebuked for this attitude by Moses. **Numbers 11:26-30**

THE SPY

God instructed Moses to select 12 rulers, one from each tribe, whom He would send into Canaan and spy out the land. Joshua was one of these men. **Numbers 13:1-8**



Only Joshua and Caleb gave a positive report. They believed the children of Israel were capable of moving in and taking the land. **Numbers 14:1-10**

SUCCESSOR TO MOSES

After the forty years of wandering in the wilderness were almost over, God told Moses to have Joshua anointed and take his place to lead the people into the Promised Land. **Numbers 27:15-23; Deuteronomy 3:28**

TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

The day finally came when Moses was to die. Moses was told to enter the tabernacle with Joshua so the power of authority could be transferred. **Deuteronomy 31:14-24**

Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom. It is estimated that Joshua was between 78 to 85 years old when he took command of the Israelites. **Deuteronomy 34:9**

TAKING COMMAND

Jesus appeared personally to Joshua to assure him that He would be with Joshua in the same way He had been with Moses. **Joshua 1:1-6**

SUMMARY

What can we learn from the early life of Joshua?

1. God never elevates a rookie to a leadership position. **Acts 9:11-16**
2. Faithfulness is an absolute must. **Matthew 25:21**
3. Jesus prepares His people to become overcomers so that we can rule with Him in the thousand year kingdom. **Revelation 2:17; 3:7-13**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?