

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## UNLEASHING THE POWER OF GOD

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### PART 7: TRANSFER OF POWER

The mantle of leadership was passed to Joshua after Moses died. Joshua was 110 years old when he died. My assumption is that he was around 30 years old when he left Egypt and became a personal assistant to Moses. He spent 40 years in the wilderness and would have been 70 years old when he became the spiritual and political leader of the children of Israel. Joshua lived 40 years in the Promised Land. **Joshua 24:29**

#### THE BACKGROUND OF JOSHUA

There are few places in the Bible to learn the details about Joshua's personal life. He was born into the tribe of Ephraim and his birth name of "Oshea," means salvation. As an adult and personal assistant to Moses, his name was changed to Joshua, which means "Jehovah is salvation." **Numbers 13:16**

Joshua's father's name was Nun. There is no mention of his mother or if he had siblings.

Not only was Joshua an assistant to Moses, he was also a military commander. During the battle with the Amalekites, he was appointed commander-in-chief of the Army of Israel. **Exodus 17:8-13**

God instructed Moses to tell Joshua that He would destroy the nation of Amalek sometime in the future. **verse 14-16**

Joshua traveled part of the way up Mount Sinai when Moses went to meet with God. **Exodus 24:13**

He was the first person to meet Moses as he came down the mountain after meeting with God. **Exodus 32:17**

There was a judgment placed on the people after Aaron led them in worshiping the golden calf. **Exodus 32:17-35**

As a result, Moses moved the tabernacle from the middle to the outside of the the camp in order to let the people know that God was no longer dwelling in the midst of them. Joshua moved from his place in the camp and permanently resided in the tabernacle. **Exodus 33:7-11**

God moved upon two men and they prophesied within the confines of the camp. Joshua was upset because it did not happen outside the camp and this incident provides insight into his emotional state. Joshua was even rebuked by Moses. **Numbers 11:24-29**

Joshua was elected to represent the tribe of Ephraim and was one of the twelve spies sent out to observe and bring back a report of the Promised Land. **Numbers 13:8**

Joshua was one of two individuals from the cursed adult generation who did not die under judgment in the wilderness. He and Caleb were older than 20 years old but they did not suffer the same fate as their peers because they chose to believe that God was able to bring them into the Promised Land. **Numbers 26:65**



## **CHALLENGE OF A LIFETIME**

Joshua had been a personal assistant to Moses from the time they had left Egypt. He walked through the Red Sea and seen the many miracles and all judgments when thousands of the people were slain because of their disobedience. He saw the earth open up and swallow Korah and all the people who rebelled.

The greatest impact upon Joshua must have been when God told Moses he would not be allowed into the Promised Land because of his anger and disobedience. **Numbers 20:7-12**

Years later, God spoke to Moses that his time on earth was coming to an end and that he was to anoint a successor. **Numbers 27:12-23**

The day finally came when Moses died. **Deuteronomy 34:1-7**

Thirty days of mourning were observed. **verse 8**

Joshua was now the ruler of the twelve tribes of Israel and he was ordered by God to enter the Promised Land. It was a tall order to succeed a man that for years had talked face to face with Jesus, the Son of God. **verses 9-12**

## **A PERSONAL CHARGE FROM JESUS**

Joshua was in charge of the judicial system, commander-in-chief and also had the responsibility of ensuring that the people had food, water and clothing. To make sure that Joshua would not falter, Jesus gave him a personal message of encouragement and a promise to stay with him like He had done with Moses. **Joshua 1:1-9**

Every believer in Christ has been given marching orders and we are assured that Jesus will never leave us. **Matthew 28:18-20**

***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?***