

TUESDAY**Joshua, the Type**

- Joshua = Hebrew name = Yehoshua, meaning “Yahweh is salvation,” shares his name w/ Jesus = underscoring his typological role
- Joshua not/ Messiah = his life mirrored what Christ would later fulfill
 - Bringing God’s people into rest of Promised Land
 - Leading in conquest against spiritual enemies
 - Renewing covenant = calling for decision
- Within this rich theological framework of biblical typology
 - lives of Moses/Joshua = woven together w/ striking parallelism
 - each pointing forward to = greater Deliverer, Jesus Christ
- **Joshua presented = as “a New Moses” to second generation Israel**
- Scripture = mirrors his experience w/that of Moses
- Both called into leadership by divine commission
 - personal encounter w/ Lord.
- **Exodus 3:1–2** Moses hears divine call from burning bush
- **Joshua 1:1–3** Joshua hears divine call in parallel scene = receiving reassurance / instruction for leading Israel into Canaan
 - Joshua 1:3** Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.
- God’s presence w/Joshua = continuation of His presence w/ Moses
- **Joshua 1:5** “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you”
 - In both callings = God promised to be w/ leader
- Another significant link= command for reverence / in God’s presence
- **Exodus 3:5** As Moses drew near to burning bush, Lord said, “Take off your sandals, for / place where you are standing is holy ground”
- **Joshua 5:15 Commander of Lord’s army (Messiah)** “Take your sandal off your foot for the place where you stand is holy.”
- These echoes / not coincidental
 - underscore transition of leadership from Moses to Joshua
 - Continuity of God's plan of salvation

- Moses/Joshua = parallels in leadership / deliverance
- Ministries of both include miraculous acts showcase divine power / deliverance / **Parting of waters:**
- **Exodus 14:21–22** Moses parts Red Sea/leads ppl across
- **Joshua 3:14–17** Jordan (overflowing its banks at harvest time) similarly parted / Joshua leads second generation/ Israelites across
- **Circumcision and covenant renewal** = Moses instituted covenant rites for first generation; **Joshua 5:2–9** Joshua reinstates them for new generation entering the land
- **Passover Observance** = **Exodus 12** first Passover takes place under Moses = **Joshua 5:10–12** Passover observance /
 - revived by Joshua before entering Jericho
- **Heavenly provision** = **Exodus 16:4** Manna begins under Moses and
 - **Joshua 5:12** manna ceases under Joshua
- **Outstretched hand in battle** = **Exodus 17:11–12** Moses lifts his hands during the battle w/ Amalek;
 - **Joshua 8:18** Joshua outstretches his javelin in victory over Ai
- Moses gave instructions for division of land / institution of cities of refuge = Joshua fulfilled those instructions
- Both Moses/Joshua = make national covenant appeals at end of their lives
 - **Deut. 31–34** Moses gives his farewell sermon
 - **Joshua 24:14–27** Joshua calls Israel to choose whom they will serve
- Parallels / not only historical = they are theological
- Reveal divine strategy of salvation / and succession that culminates in the Person and work of Jesus Christ
- **The Prophet Like Moses: Who Is He?**
- **Deuteronomy 18:15–19**, Moses foretells /coming of a prophet like himself: “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear.”

- While Joshua was **NOT** = ultimate fulfillment of Moses' messianic prophecy / his role served as bridge from = the Exodus to the Promised Land
- Modeling the saving work that Christ would ultimately fulfill
- Life of Joshua = becomes a powerful type—a living prophecy—of Jesus Christ
- Joshua fulfilled Moses's prophecy = in partial sense
 - leading the people / mediating God's instruction
 - and conquering enemies
 - Joshua = not final fulfillment

Deuteronomy 34:10 "Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face."

- Sets the stage = for greater fulfillment
- In New Testament = both Peter / Stephen
 - affirm that Jesus = ultimate "Prophet like Moses"
- **Acts 3:22–26** Peter declares that Jesus fulfills this prophecy and that rejection of Him brings judgment.
- **Acts 7:37** – Stephen reminds / Sanhedrin that Moses had spoken of a coming prophet = implying that Jesus is that prophet
- Only Messiah = Jesus could fulfill Moses' prophecy
 - resembled Moses / in form = exceeded him / in substance
- Jesus knew / Father perfectly **John 1:14, 18**
- Spoke Father's words **John 14:24**
 - revealed God's character fully **John 14:6, Luke 10:22**
- History of Moses/ Joshua = show that God's plan unfolds thru chosen leaders = but it always points forward to = Messiah/Christ
 - One in whom all promises are fulfilled.
- Reflecting on the typology of Joshua invites a personal question: Is Jesus the center of your walk with God?
- If Jesus is not / foundation of our faith
 - Our Christian experience = will lack both power / direction

- **1 Corinthians 3:11** “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ”
- **2 Corinthians 1:20** All victories / blessings / covenant promises of Scripture find their “Yes” in Him

CLOSING THOUGHT:

- Joshua’s life was not just / record of conquest
 - It was = shadow of Christ
- Every command he obeyed / every battle he won / every step into the Promised Land = testimony of God's ultimate plan thru Jesus
- Let us walk faithfully w/our eyes fixed on = true / greater Joshua
 - who leads us = not just into = land of milk/honey
 - but into eternal life

Joshua 1:9 “Be strong and of good courage... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”