

ROUTE 66: The Book of Joshua

All right, let's turn in our Bibles, this morning... to the Book of Joshua...

This is the FIRST BOOK that we'll study... THAT WE KNOW—for **CERTAIN**—is not written by Moses (we aren't a 100% sure who wrote the Book of Job)...

But, Joshua Chapter 1, Verse 1, tells us this was “**After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD...**” – Now, we **SAW** Moses' death at the END of Deuteronomy...

But—in Numbers 27—Moses ASKED the Lord to: “**set a man over the congregation, who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation... may not be like sheep which have no shepherd.**”

“**And the LORD said to Moses: ‘Take Joshua the son of Nun... a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him... inaugurate him in their sight.’**” – So, JOSHUA has become the next LEADER OVER THE CHILDREN OF ISREAL...

The Book of Joshua belongs to a **LARGER SECTION** of scripture known as the “*historical books*,” but it is ALSO the FIRST of what we call the “*former prophets*.”

These are books which trace the DEVELOPMENT of Isreal's history from their ENTRY into the Promised land until the BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY—about 900 YEARS in all...

Dr. Graham Scroggie writes: “*this... period falls into three main parts... represent[ing] three forms of government... The **theocracy**—or rule, of God... Second, the **monarchy**—or rule of their own king.... and third, the **dependency**—the rule of foreign kings.*”

He says: “*The Old Testament [presents] history with a religious purpose... it is the history of God's Self-revelation for the redemption of men... Selection and omission are determined by this fact. This period of **general** history was a period of great civilizations, characters, cities, and conflicts in Babylon, Egypt, Syria, Phoenicia, Greece, and Persia... Yet all this... has no place in the Bible, except... as these powers and persons came into contact with the chosen people of Israel.*” – So, that's important to remember...

The Bible is NOT INTENDED TO BE... a COMPLETE re-telling of ALL the events of history **EVERYWHERE**... It is tracing ONE STORY, as it UNFOLDS through ONE NATION...

This Book covers about 25 YEARS... From 1400 BC, until Joshua's death in 1375 BC...

And, we AREN'T a 100% sure if Joshua **WROTE** this book. – There's several uses of the of the pronouns ‘we,’ and ‘us,’ throughout the text... (which certainly IMPLIES that the author must've been an eyewitness)...

And Joshua 24:26 suggests that—at least **CERTAIN SECTIONS**—were written by Joshua...

HOWEVER... there are SOME PASSAGES which could NOT have been written **BY** Joshua... His DEATH, for instance, in the final chapter... Caleb's conquest of Hebron in Chapter 14... the Danite Migration in Chapter 19...

We have PARALLEL RECORDINGS of those events in Judges Chapter 1 and 18... So, we KNOW those things didn't happen until AFTER Joshua died...

MOST LIKELY... Joshua wrote large portions of the book, but then it was COMPILED by a scribe or an editor AFTER he died...

Matthew Henry writes: "*However [it happened], it is written **concerning** him, and—if any other wrote it—it was collected [from] his journals or memoirs...*"

Even though Joshua CONTINUES the **narrative** as the NEW LEADER over Israel—there is a LOT of "CONNECTIVE TISSUE" between THIS BOOK and the ones BEFORE it...

Not to OVER-quote him—but Dr. Graham Scroggie writes: "*Joshua **completes** what Moses commenced. One tells of deliverance from bondage, the other of entrance into blessing. In the one is a prospect, in the other, an experience. In one is the vision of faith, in the other is the venture of faith. In one is Israel's inheritance, and in the other Israel's possession.*"

And we SEE this "connective tissue" in passages like Deuteronomy 31:6, where Moses SAYS to the people: "**Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid... for the LORD your God... will not leave you nor forsake you.**"

This is **ECHOED**—in Joshua 1:5—the Lord says to Joshua: "**I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor... dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.**"

In Chapter 2, Joshua sends spies into the land... REPEATING the strategy of MOSES, from Numbers Chapter 13...

In Exodus Chapter THREE, Moses encountered the 'Burning Bush,' and was told: "**Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.**"

In Joshua Chapter 5, "**the Commander of the LORD's army**" tells Joshua, "**Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.**"

MOSES sees the Lord part the RED SEA, and "**the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground...**" – JOSHUA sees the Lord stop the JORDAN RIVER and "**all Israel crossed over on dry ground...**"

Even the KINGS defeated by Moses are LISTED **FIRST** in Joshua Chapter 12... BEFORE the kings conquered by JOSHUA himself...

Now, Joshua HIMSELF, is a **REMARKABLE** OLD TESTAMENT FIGURE... For starters, he shares a name with JESUS... ('JESUS' is the GREEK FORM of JOSHUA)...

HOWEVER—Bible Trivia Time—this was NOT his ORIGINAL NAME... Numbers Chapter 13 reveals that Joshua's original name was HOSHEA—which means “*salvation*”... and that “**Moses called [him]... Joshua.**” – Which means “*Yahweh is salvation.*”

I like something David Guzik does... He says: “*We can IMAGINE the conversation when Moses first met Joshua:*

- *Moses: “What’s your name?”*
- *Joshua: “I’m salvation.”*
- *Moses: “No... Yahweh is salvation.”*
- *Joshua: “Okay. Then just call me Yahweh is salvation (Joshua).”*

Alexander Maclaren writes: “*Th[is] Conqueror of Canaan and the Redeemer of the world bear the same name. – The Jesus Whom we trust WAS a Joshua.*” – And, Matthew Henry writes: “*Though Joshua is not expressly mentioned in the New Testament as a type of Christ... all agree that he was a very eminent one.*”

In fact, Justin Martyr—who was one of the first WRITERS of the Christian church—said that the PROMISE God MADE in Exodus 23:20 that: “**I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.**” – And how “**My name is in Him.**” – That **THIS** was a REFERENCE to JOSHUA... Because he BEARS the Lord’s name...

“Joshua saves God’s people from the Canaanites; our Lord... saves them from their sins. Christ—as Joshua—is the captain of our salvation, a leader and commander of the people, to tread Satan under their feet, to put them in possession of the heavenly Canaan, and to give them [true] rest...”

Now, notice, again, how Moses is called “**the servant of the Lord**” in Joshua Chapter 1, Verse 1... Moses is CALLED this over **THIRTY TIMES** in scripture... But...

From the time JOSHUA is INTRODUCED in scripture, **he** is called “**the servant of MOSES,**” or “**Moses’ ASSISTANT.**” – And—can I just SAY?—this speaks VOLUMES about Joshua...

There’s a LOT of times, people have MISTAKEN IDEAS when it comes to MINISTRY... and, they speak in VERY ‘HARD TO DEFINE’ TERMS...

They’ll say: “*Well, if it’s supposed to happen, then... the LORD is gonna have to do it.*” – Like, what does THAT mean? – Take the CROSSING OF THE RED SEA, for instance...

Moses didn’t say, “*Well, the Lord’s gonna have to get us across.*” – No, God told Moses: “*Tell the people to START WALKING.*” – In fact, the WATER HADN’T EVEN BEEN PARTED YET!

When it comes to preaching the Gospel, Jesus tells US... that WE need to GO into all the world and PREACH the gospel... But, sometimes people say, “*Well, the Lord’s gonna have to do it.*” – Even though the Lord has told US to do it!

Another fanciful phrase that people often use is: “*I just want to serve the Lord... I don’t want to serve MAN, I just want to serve the LORD.*” – Which sounds great, right?

But we CANNOT ESCAPE... that—OFTENTIMES—the way God CALLS US INTO MINISTRY is by serving alongside a PERSON... a HUMAN LEADER...

It’s VERY RARE that ANYONE BEGINS—in ministry—“in charge” of something... I mean, think about David, or Moses, or Paul, Timothy... the Apostles... NONE of them started “in charge” of anything...

But through serving OTHER PEOPLE... this is how we get RAISED UP into MORE and MORE ministry... And, this is EXACTLY what happens with Joshua...

One author writes: “*God used the consistent, demonstrated faithfulness of Joshua in many small things to prepare him for his essential role of leading Israel into Canaan...*”

From the FIRST TIME we see him in scripture—Joshua is **down on the field, FIGHTING with the Amalekites**... while MOSES is up on the mountain with his staff raised in victory...

Joshua **WAITS UP ON THE MOUNTAIN for FORTY DAYS** while MOSES receives revelation from God...

Joshua **HELPS MOSES in the aftermath** of the disastrous GOLDEN CALF INCIDENT...

Joshua **LINGERS IN THE TABERNACLE** after Moses goes home...

In fact, Joshua is one of ONLY TWO PEOPLE to **bring back a POSITIVE REPORT of the Promised Land**—just him and Caleb!—when the OTHER TEN SPIES bring a NEGATIVE REPORT...

Scripture says Joshua was a man “**full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses... laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded...**”

James Montgomery Boice called Joshua: “*...a brilliant soldier, one of the most extraordinary... commanders of all time. But... not an exciting person... He was probably... a... straightforward man... chiefly concerned with carrying out his divine mission... He had no great sins and made very few mistakes. In short, he was not the kind of person who would make a good hero for a novel. Yet Joshua was eminently God’s man.*”

Now, the Book is NEATLY divided into THREE PARTS... Chapters 1 through 5 deal with **ENTERING the land**... Chapters 6 through 12 deal with **CONQUERING the land**... and then, Chapters 13 through 24, deal with **POSSESSING the land**...

Let's remember—this is the **FULFILLMENT of a 400 YEAR OLD PROMISE** that God had made to Abraham in Genesis Chapter 15... So this is a **HUGE—and EXCITING—TURNING POINT**... in the LIFE and HISTORY of the Nation of Israel

And—along the way—there are some GREAT OCCASIONS: the Battle of Jericho... the Sin of Achan... the Defeat at Ai... the Treaty with the Gibeonites... the SUN & MOON standing still.

These **HIGHLIGHTED VIGNETTES** give an IDEA of what the next several YEARS of BATTLE will be like... And, there's LESSONS CONTAINED IN EACH...

RAHAB the harlot... becomes a GREAT EXAMPLE of faith... She's mentioned in Hebrews Chapter 11... she EARNs A SPOT in the Messianic line...

And, her account ALSO introduces the idea of 'The Scarlet Thread' in scripture... One article states: *"[By this] Theologians and Bible students mean that the Bible's theme is [the sacrifice of] Jesus... It is seen in the animals killed in Eden... the ram that took Isaac's place on Moriah, the Passover lamb... the sacrificial system... the thousands of years of sacrifices in the tabernacle & temple... all the way up to John the Baptist's declaration of, 'The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"* – Scripture says: *"Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness..."* That is why the symbolism of the scarlet thread in the Bible is significant. It is the theme of atonement found in the pages of Scripture."

In Verses 1—9 of Chapter 5, we read of the SECOND GENERATION being CIRUMCISED in the Promised Land... God says: **"This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you..."**

Well, the Book of Colossians says that **WE** have been CIRUMCISED now that we are **IN** Christ, and that God has **"put away"** our **"old man"**... We have been CLEANSED of our old nature...

Joshua implements the **'cities of refuge'** (which were first described by Moses)... Hebrews 6:18 says Christ is our refuge TO WHOM we flee **"for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us."**

Beginning in Chapter 6—ALL THE WAY THROUGH Chapter 12—we have the conquest of the Southland, the Amorites, the Northern Conquest, and the kings conquered by Joshua... There's a SUMMARY of this at the END of Chapter 11... It says:

"Joshua took all... the mountain country, all the South, all the land of Goshen, the lowland... the Jordan plain—the mountains of Israel and its lowlands... He captured... their kings, and struck them down and killed them." – The last Verse says: **"Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes."**

And Chapters 13 through 22 describe the **ALLOTMENTS OF THE LAND** to the various TRIBES OF ISRAEL... At the END of Chapter 21, we read:

“the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. The LORD gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers... not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.”

Now, in Chapter 5... Joshua meets the mysterious ‘Commander of the Lord’s Army’... So, they’ve just entered the LAND... they’ve CELEBRATED THE PASSOVER... And, we read:

“it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said... “Are You for us or for our adversaries?”

And, the Man said: **“No.”** – Which I LOVE... Because He LITERALLY doesn’t answer the question!

David Guzik writes: *“In a sense, the Man refused to answer Joshua’s question because it was not the right question... The question... wasn’t if the LORD was on Joshua’s side. The proper question was if Joshua [was] on the LORD’s side.”*

James Montgomery Boice said: *“It was not for Joshua to claim the allegiance of God for his cause... but... for God to claim Joshua.”* – And, we OFTEN make the SAME MISTAKE...

We go to the Lord in prayer, and we’re like, *“Lord, can you help me with this battle?”* – *“I have a challenge at work... I’m facing a illness... I need a raise... there’s political trouble ahead, Lord... let the other party LOSE... Don’t you CARE??? – PLEASE involve Yourself in the affairs of man?”*

And, I wonder how many times the Lord is, like, *“That’s not the battle that I’m here to fight... I’m here for YOU... Do I have YOU???”* – THAT’S what the Lord WANTS... Are we on HIS side? – Are WE aware of what HE is doing?

This mysterious Figure looks at Joshua, and says: **“No. But as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.”** – **“And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “What does my Lord say to His servant?”**

“The Commander of the LORD’s army said... ‘Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.’ And Joshua did so.” – We already mentioned... how this CLEARLY ECHOES Moses’ encounter at the ‘burning bush’ in Exodus Chapter 3...

We also see that Joshua REFERS to this Figure as **“my Lord,”** and he SUBMITS to him... AND the ‘Commander of the Lord’s Army’ **RECIEVES WORSHIP** from Joshua... Which—we KNOW from a passage like Revelation 22—an ANGEL will REFUSE MEN’S WORSHIP...

So, **THEN**... we think about the LAST TIME we saw a mysterious figure with a drawn sword appear to a man in Numbers Chapter 22... the ‘**Angel of the Lord**’ appearing to Balaam... We KNOW—**in** that passage—that the ‘**Angel of the Lord**’ is a PRE-INCARNATE APPEARANCE OF JESUS... **BEFORE** HIS BIRTH IN BETHLEHEM

Sometimes we call these ‘Theophanies,’ or ‘Christophanies’... And, they’re ALL THROUGHOUT the Old Testament... Well, Joshua Chapter 5 **APPEARS** TO BE ANOTHER of these ‘Christophanies’...

Another key event in this book is the crossing of the Jordan River... A LOT OF TIMES—when we think of the Children of Isreal—our minds IMMEDIATELY go to the Red Sea Crossing...

But Adam Clarke writes: *“In some respects the passage of the Jordan was more... miraculous... [At the Red Sea] God was pleased to employ an agent; the sea went back by **a strong wind**... [But] Nothing of this kind appeared in the passage of the Jordan; a very rapid river... went back to its source without any kind of agency but the invisible hand of the invisible God.”*

David Guzik points out that: *“Crossing the Red Sea was to... put a barrier **between** Israel and... danger... [But] In crossing the Jordan, Israel travelled **towards** danger... When Israel crossed the Jordan... they cut off their... retreat and could be “trapped”... in Canaan. Crossing the Jordan... meant that Israel was completely committed to the task of conquering the land... they were left... no other option. This was a demonstration of... great faith.”*

And, there’s LOTS that stands-out in this passage... The people were to **PREPARE THEMSELVES** for **THREE DAYS**...

And—that whole time—they’re camped out by a SWOLLEN, RUSHING RIVER... They were to **SANCTIFY THEMSELVES**... or SEPARATE THEMSELVES from common things...

The **PRIESTS** were to go **BEFORE** them, **CARRYING THE ARK**...

They were to keep about **1,000 YARDS DISTANCE** between THEMSELVES and the ark... Joshua said: **“Do not come near it, that you may know the way... you must go, for you have not passed this way before.” – AND...**

The water **WOULD NOT BE CUT-OFF** until the priests **STEPPED-FOOT** in the river... (slightly different from the RED SEA)...

Let me just **READ TO YOU** the **CLOSING VERSES** of Chapter 3... I’ll start in Verse 14, if you want to follow along...

It says: **“When the people set out... to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people... as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water...”** – We read: **“that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah—the Salt Sea—failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite**

Jericho. Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.” – Now, there’s a fascinating picture in this...

REMEMBER that the Promised Land—in the Old Testament—does NOT correspond to HEAVEN in the New Testament...

The Promised Land corresponds to the believer’s **LIFE IN CHRIST**... It is a life of **FRUITFULNESS** and **BLESSING**... **IN CHRIST**... that we enter into **BY FAITH**... just like the **PROMISED LAND**...

Also... **TAKE NOTE** of a couple of things... **WHERE** does the Jordan River end? – Toward the end of Verse 16... It says **“the SALT SEA”**...

That’s another name for the **DEAD SEA**... In other words, **WHERE NOTHING CAN LIVE**... **NOTHING** live in the Dead Sea... It’s a **SEA OF DEATH**...

Well, where do these waters **BEGIN**... About halfway through the **SAME VERSE**... it says they begin **“at ADAM”**... Okay, **THAT’S** interesting...

Who is God **USING**—**ULTIMATELY**—to lead this campaign? – It’s Joshua... In Verse 7, God says on **“This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel...”**

So... That which **BEGINS AT ADAM**... and **FLOWS DOWN into DEATH**... is now going to be **CUT OFF**... by **JESUS**... **JOSHUA**... so that all his people can cross safely over into a **LAND of FRUITFULNESS and BLESSING**...

This is an **AMAZING** Old Testament picture of **JESUS CHRIST** in the Book of Joshua! – This is **ALSO** what we’re going to spend our time **LOOKING AT** this coming Wednesday at **DEEPER**... So, join us for that...

But, **IF**... **IF** I had to pick a **DOMINATING THEME** to the Book of Joshua... I would say that it is to be **CONSTANTLY CONQUERING**...

This is probably **BEST SUMMED-UP** in the **CLOSING PORTION** of Chapter 10, and the beginning **PORTION** of Chapter 11... **LISTEN** to how this idea is repeated **OVER and OVER** in this text... We read:

“Joshua took Makkedah, and struck it and its king with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed them... He let none remain. He also did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho. Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah... he struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword. He let none remain in it, but did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho. Then Joshua passed from Libnah... to Lachish; and... struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, according to all that he had done to Libnah. Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people... [and left] none

remaining. From Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him... and struck it with the edge of the sword... according to all that he had done to Lachish. So Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron... And they took it and struck it with the edge of the sword—its king, all its cities, and all the people who were in it; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon... Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir... And he took it and its king and all its cities; they struck them with the edge of the sword and utterly destroyed all the people who were in it. He left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir... So Joshua conquered all the land: the mountain country and the South and the lowland and the wilderness slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded. All these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.”

And, there is SUCH A PICTURE—for US—about the Christian life, in this... See, many people approach Christianity very PASSIVELY... That—if ANYTHING is going to happen—ANY VICTORY AT ALL—then they will have NO ACTIVE PART in it...

And yet, listen to PAUL’S DESCRIPTION of the Christian life... Just TELL me if you get THAT impression... He says: “**Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but [only] one receives the prize?... And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown... [Therefore] Run in such a way that you may obtain it... I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.**”

He says: “**Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me... I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**” – He said “**In me—that is, in my flesh—dwells nothing good.**”

You see, Paul understood that—like with the Promised Land—you and I have **STUBBORN INHABITANTS** in our flesh... who think **THEY BELONG**...

And who are NOT going to go away **PEACEFULLY**... They’re going to **DIG-IN**, and **RESIST**, and **PUT UP A FIGHT**... until they are **DEAD**, or we give up...

I’m talking about things like: **TEMPER**... and **LUST**... and **BITTERNESS**... and **GREED**... and a tendency to **LIE**... and **PROFANE**... **SELF-CENTEREDNESS**... **PLEASURE**... a **VALUE OF TEMPORARY THINGS**... Things the Bible calls “**the works of the flesh**”

Now... Who **LEADS** us in victory over our flesh? – It’s OUR Joshua, Jesus Christ... 2nd Corinthians 2:14 says: “**Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ...**”

BUT WE HAVE TO OBEY... and PARTNER... and SUBMIT... and FOLLOW HIM... and “make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” (Romans 13:14)...

One author writes: *“The fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel depended on their COOPERATION... His BLESSINGS came to them as they OBEYED...”*

And—CONVERSELY—JUDGEMENT would always follow DISOBEDIENCE... [These] principles of blessing & cursing are object lessons for us [as Christians] on our path to [spiritual] maturity... Spiritual maturity is not independence from God, but dependence on God. To be victorious, we must surrender to Him; [to defeat our flesh], we must follow Him.”

This book concludes with a rather WELL-KNOWN PASSAGE... In Chapter 24—as Joshua looks-over his career—he CALLS THE PEOPLE TOGETHER, and REHEARSES THEIR HISTORY...

But he CONCLUDES—in Verse 14—by saying the Lord gave **“you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.”** – **“Now therefore,”** he says...

“Fear the LORD... serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house,” Joshua declares... **“We will serve the LORD.”**

So, JOSHUA CONCLUDES with the Children of Israel poised on the cusp of yet **ANOTHER IMPORTANT TURNING POINT** in their history...

As Joshua passes from the scene, this brings us into the period of the **JUDGES**... which spans about the next **FOUR HUNDRED YEARS**... bringing them all the way up to the monarchy...

And so—when Route 66 CONTINUES—we’ll look at the Books of Judges AND Ruth together (because Ruth takes place DURING the period of the Judges)...

But, we’re TAKING A BREAK for a few weeks... Next Sunday, we’ll have a FAMILY SERVICE... Spud and Trish will do the DEVOTION, Jenny will handle the WORSHIP, Aedan is going to do some ROUTE 66 TRIVIA REVIEW QUESTIONS...

And then, the Sunday after that—PALM SUNDAY—Pastor MALLETT will teach... We’ll have our new WORSHIP LEADER with us...

Then, we’re on to EASTER, and our **‘Snapshots of Jesus’** celebration...

The week after THAT, we’ll have a combined service with the Spanish Fellowship and LOOK FORWARD TOGETHER to some plans—some **VISION**—for when Pastor Henry retires at the end of the year...

And so—TECHNICALLY—we won't be back **onto** Route 66 until Sunday, May 4th (STAR WARS DAY!)... But, that gives you PLENTY OF TIME to go ahead and read-into the Books of Judges, Ruth, and even 1st Samuel... *when Route 66 continues!*