

# Preaching Through The Bible Michael Eaton

## Joshua

### Some Facts About Joshua

#### • *Date of events*

The narrative of the book of Joshua records the story of Israel from the crossing of the River Jordan in about 1235 BC to a time near that of Joshua's death at about 1195 BC.

#### • *Theme 'Inheriting God's Promises' – but partially*

Its great theme is that of 'inheriting the promises of God'. God had promised the land of Canaan to the people of Israel; the Book of Joshua tells how they partially but not completely obtained the promises of God.

#### **Who wrote it and when?**

#### • *Joshua's material*

**Who wrote it and when?** Perhaps most of the material in this book came from records kept by Joshua himself. Certainly some intimate details in Joshua's life must have had him as their source. Joshua 24:26 tells us of his adding his own farewell speech to the books of the law. It was probably Joshua himself who started the tradition of adding historical material to the story that had already been given in the Book of Deuteronomy. Later the Book of Judges was added, then Samuel, then Kings, until eventually there was a lengthy five- part composite history, Deuteronomy–2 Kings, all written from a similar viewpoint. It is likely that Joshua collected much of the material in this book but that editors put it together after his death. The final editor certainly lived after Joshua death because of Joshua 24:29–30, 31. There is evidence that it was written before the capture of Jerusalem from the Jebusites in the reign of David.

#### • *Editors*

# Canaan In The Conquest

