

Joshua: The foundation to the times of the Judges, as Christ is the foundation of the Ecclesia

Joshua is translated from the Hebrew *Yahoshua* (Strong 3091), which is composed of two Hebrew root words: *Yahweh* (Strong 3068), the Memorial name of Deity, meaning "He who will be", and *Yasha* (Strong 3487), a primary root meaning "to be open, wide or free, to be safe, free, succor, avenging, defending, deliver, help, preserve, rescue, being or having salvation, savior, get victory." We see the term *Yasha* employed throughout the book of the Judges (Chapter 10:13 for example), indicating that it is within *Yahweh's* power to deliver those who trust in Him, faith being the primary element in securing *Yahweh's* protection.

The application of this name to the Messiah is self evident, and illustrates the plan of salvation as will be seen from the following references, which are but an earnest of many such like. In addition, when the meaning of the name is formed into a sentence, an expression of *Yahweh's* purpose in His son, of whom Joshua was a type, is revealed thusly: *"He who will be the deliverer, opening the way of salvation, having gained the victory."*

Open-----Isa. 42:6-7 "To open the blind eyes"
Free-----Jn. 8:31-32 "...the truth shall make you free"
Safe-----Psa. 4:8 "Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety."
Succor----Heb. 2:18 "He is able to succor them that are tempted"
Avenging--Psa. 18:47 "It is God that avengeth me"
Defending-Isa. 31:5 "...the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem;"
Deliver----II Tim. 4:18 "...the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work;" II Peter 2:9 "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations."

Help-----Psa. 33:20 "Lord: He is our help and our shield;" Heb. 4:16 "...find grace to help in time of need."
Preserve---Isa. 31:5 "(Jerusalem) passing over, He will preserve it;" II Tim. 4:8 "...and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom."
Rescue----Dan. 6:27 "...He delivereth and rescueth."
Bring/Having Salvation---Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other."
Victory----Isa. 25:8 "He will swallow up death in victory."