

and then at the end of it we read that Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua. Now in the KJV you find the word Oshea twice. It occurs above here in vs. 8 - "Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun". And then here at the end of the list of them" Moses called Oshea the son of Nun ~~Joshua~~ Jehoshua" and Jehoshua occurs in the KJV maybe 8 or 10 times. But Joshua occurs maybe 300 times, and the Heb. is exactly the same for Jehoshua and for Joshua. It is written exactly the same. It's just unfortunate that they should represent it different~~y~~ ways in the English. I think that the translators of the KJV assigned diff. men diff. sections, and rather than argue, Should you represent this word as Jehoshua or Joshua, they let the person who translated each part ~~do~~ do it the way he thought was the best way to render it in English. In the NT we have a part of the NT where Elijah is Called Elijah, and in another part he is always called Elias. The men who trans. the one part liked Elias, the other liked Elijah. But the poor Eng. reader today who doesn't have it explained to him doesn't realize that Elias and Elijah are exactly the same in the Heb. So Jehoshua ~~Joshua~~ and Joshua are identical and it's just too bad they are not identical in the Eng. for the sake of those who don't consult their Heb. Bible with every verse. But the ~~Oshea~~ Oshea, Oshua is different. This Oshua, it says Oshea here. I think Oshua would be better representation of it -- Oshua the son of Nun, Moses called Jehoshua. And here I think that we should recognize that Oshea is an abbreviated form. Probably as a boy he was called Oshea; simply salvation, the brief form. But then Jehoshua is the Lord is salvation, and Moses gave him the more formal title, the fuller title -- the word which laid the stress on the fact that it isn't merely salvation but that it is God is ^{the} the one who brings it -- the salvation. And here in this case where the spies are mentioned we have the early form of the name and then how Moses changed it. But earlier in Exodus we have him often spoken of simply as Joshua. And of course that is because in ^{writing} ~~writing~~ Exodus they simply -- he simply used the name by which he regularly was called, by which he came to be known and was known when the book was written, when Moses wrote it. But when Moses here describes the time when he first comes in to outstanding prominence as being one of those selected here he tells of the change~~d~~ of name.