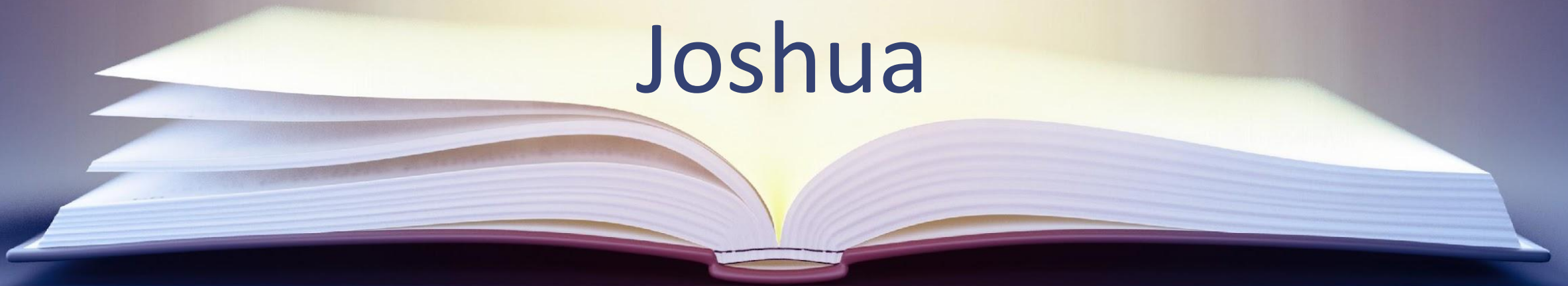


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A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

REVIEW

Joshua



Notebook



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Purpose of Scripture

- Reveal God



- Point to Jesus



Our Purpose

- Increase Biblical literacy



- Respond in faith and obey



At A Glance

JOSHUA

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #6



AUTHOR: JOSHUA
and/or one of his scribes



WRITTEN: 1375 BC

Covering the time period of 1400 BC to 1375 BC

6

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: This book begins the story of Israel as a nation and contains the first events to take place after the Exodus.

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Joshua and the troops surrounded Jericho, blew trumpets, and shouted, which made the walls fall down. (Joshua 6)
- Rahab the harlot protected the spies of Israel, so she and her family were saved, and she married into one of the families in Israel. (Joshua 6)
- The sun stood still in the sky so Joshua and his men could see to fight. (Joshua 10:12-14)

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." *Joshua 1:9*

But Joshua had commanded the army, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!" *Joshua 6:10*

Important Points about the Book:

- The first eight chapters of Joshua cover the first battle for Israel, which was Jericho. They also cover the battle to win Ai, which gave the nation two pieces of land.
- In Joshua 9 through 12, the army continues fighting with Joshua as their leader. They conquer and obtain more of the Promised Land, with one great miracle being the sun stopping in the sky.
- In the rest of the chapters, 13 to 24, Joshua and his team divide the lands they conquered among the tribes. In chapters 23 and 24, Joshua gives a farewell address and dies at age 110.

Overview

JOSHUA

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

6

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

24

TYPE

HISTORY



OVERVIEW

This book is named after Joshua, who is installed as the leader of Israel after Moses' death. It recounts how the Israelites obtain the Promised Land, starting with the crossing of the Jordan River and the seven-year battle to take Canaan.



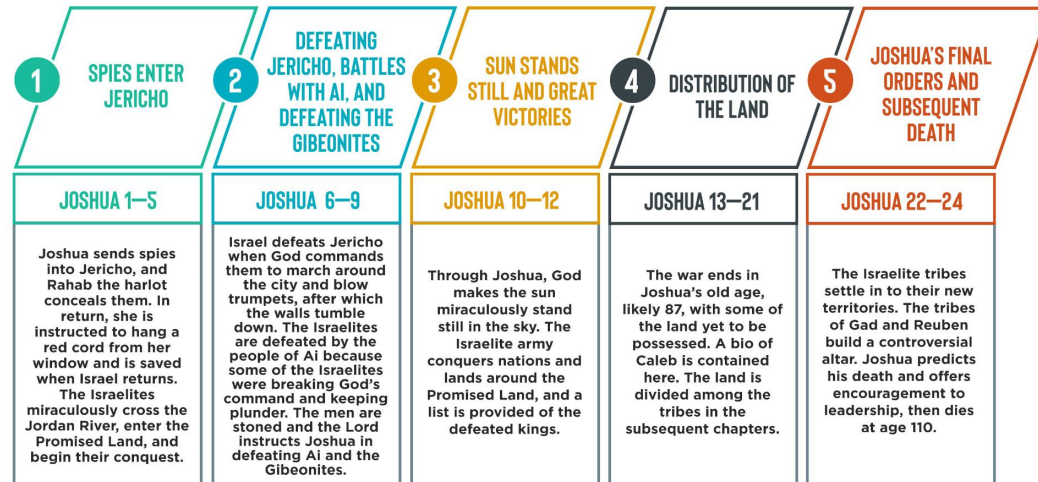
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TIME PERIOD COVERED
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AUTHOR
Joshua and scribes



Approximate Dates

Exodus

Conquest of Canaan (Joshua)

Abraham

Egypt

King David

Captivity

Malachi

Christ

2000 BC

1800 BC

1500 BC

1000 BC

600 BC

400 BC

0 AD



Structure of the Book of Joshua

Entering Canaan: chapters 1-5

Conquering Canaan: chapters 6-13

Distribution of the Land, chapters 13-21

Joshua's final orders to Israel, chapters 22-24

Entering Canaan

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous!”

Joshua 1:9



Conquest of Canaan

1 - Starting point

2 - Jericho / Ai

PROBLEMS!

Jerusalem ★



Cleansing of Israel - Joshua 7

v. 1 A man named Achan had stolen some of these dedicated things [from Jericho], so the Lord was very angry with the Israelites.

v. 4 [The men of Israel] were soundly defeated [by] the men of Ai.

v.13 But the Lord said to Joshua, “Get up! Why are you lying on your face like this? Israel has sinned and broken my covenant!

v. 16 Early the next morning Joshua brought the tribes of Israel before the Lord, and ... Achan was singled out.

**AI Art:
the Siege of Ai**



Cleansing of Israel - Joshua 7

v.19 Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, by telling the truth. Make your confession and tell me what you have done. Don’t hide it from me.”

v. 20 Achan replied, “It is true! I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel.

v. 25 Then Joshua said to Achan, “Why have you brought trouble on us? **The Lord will now bring trouble on you.**” And all the Israelites stoned Achan and his family and burned their bodies.

Conquest of Canaan

1 - Starting point

2 - Jericho / Ai

3 - Southern Campaign

4 - Northern Campaign

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Conquest of Canaan

“There has never been a day like this one before or since, when the Lord answered such a prayer. Surely the Lord fought for Israel that day!

Joshua 10:14



Distribution of the Land

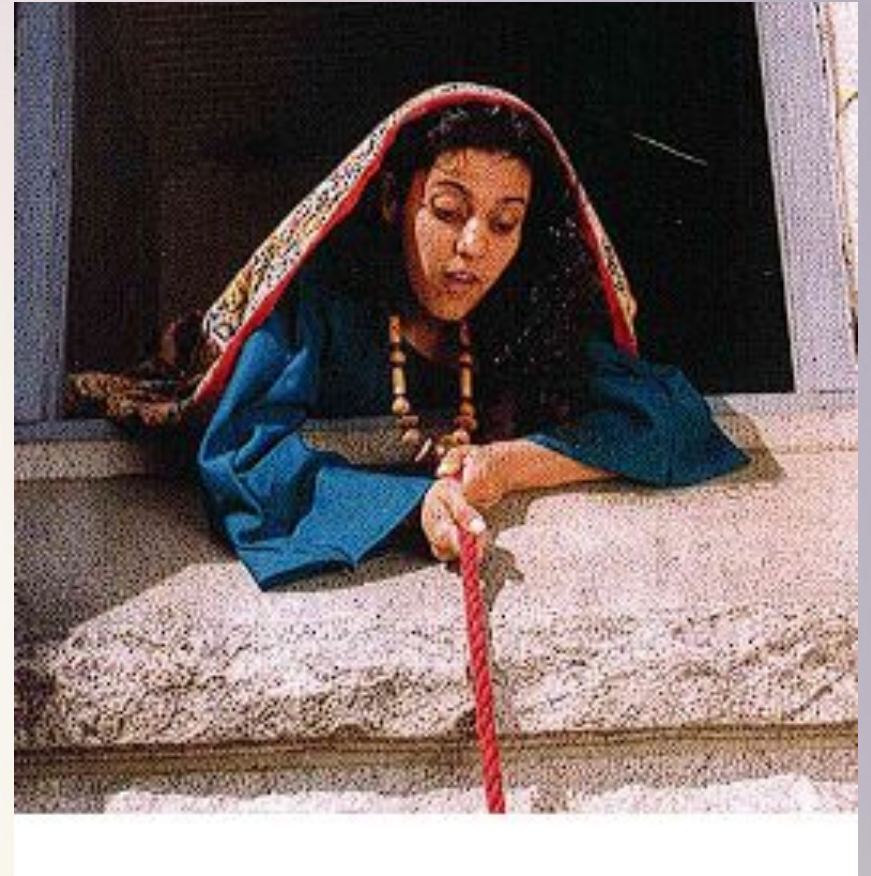
“Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true.

Joshua 21:45



Scarlet Thread

- Moses prevented - limits of law
- Commander of the Lord's Army
- Rahab's literal scarlet thread



Themes

- Faithfulness of God

Faithfulness of God

Abraham - Gen. 15:7 Then the Lord told him, “I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession.”

Jacob - Gen. 28:13,14 The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants. Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth!

Joseph - Gen. 50:24 “ God will surely come to help you and lead you out of this land of Egypt. He will bring you back to the land he solemnly promised to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Faithfulness of God

Moses - Exodus 23:31 And I will fix your boundaries from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, and from the eastern wilderness to the Euphrates River.

Moses - Deuteronomy 1:8 Look, I am giving all this land to you! Go in and occupy it, for it is the land the Lord swore to give to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and to all their descendants.”

Joshua 1:2-3 “Moses my servant is dead. ...I promise you what I promised Moses: ‘Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you.

Themes

- Faithfulness of God
- Judgment of God

Judgment of God

The Commander appears - Joshua 5:13-14

When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, "Are you friend or foe?" **Neither one,**" he replied. "I am the commander of the Lord's army. At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. "I am at your command," Joshua said. "What do you want your servant to do? The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did as he was told.

Judgment of God

Cleaning the camp Joshua 7:10-12

But the Lord said to Joshua, “Get up! Why are you lying on your face like this? Israel has sinned and broken my covenant! I will not remain with you any longer unless you destroy the things among you that were set apart for destruction.

Judgment of God

Destruction of the Canaanites - Joshua 10:6

On the day the Lord gave the Israelites victory over the Amorites, Joshua prayed to the Lord in front of all the people of Israel. He said, “Let the sun stand still over Gibeon, and the moon over the valley of Aijalon.” So the sun stood still and the moon stayed in place until the nation of Israel had defeated its enemies.

Also, Habakkuk 3:11

Judgment of God

Destruction of the Southern Canaanites

Joshua 8:29 - Joshua impaled the king of Ai on a sharpened pole and left him there until evening. At sunset the Israelites took down the body,

Joshua 10:23-26 - So they brought the ... kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon. ... Joshua told the commanders of his army, "Come and put your feet on the kings' necks." ... Then Joshua killed each of the five kings and impaled them on five sharpened poles, where they hung until evening.

Judgment of God

Destruction of the Northern Canaanites - Joshua 11

v. 12 - Joshua slaughtered all the other kings and their people, completely destroying them, just as Moses, the servant of the Lord, had commanded.

v. 16 So Joshua conquered the entire region—the hill country, the entire Negev, the whole area around the town of Goshen, the western foothills, the Jordan Valley, the mountains of Israel, and the Galilean foothills.

Judgment of God

Destruction of the Northern Canaanites - Joshua 11

v. 20 - For the Lord hardened their hearts and caused them to fight the Israelites. So they were completely destroyed without mercy, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

v. 23 - So Joshua took control of the entire land, just as the Lord had instructed Moses. He gave it to the people of Israel as their special possession, dividing the land among the tribes. So the land finally had rest from war.

Judgment of God

Completion of the Conquest - Joshua 12

v. 31 - In all, thirty-one kings were defeated.

Themes

- Faithfulness of God
- Judgment of God
- Call to obedience

Joshua's Call to obedience - Joshua 23/24

23:6 “So be very careful to follow everything Moses wrote in the Book of Instruction.”

24: 14,15 “...choose today whom you will serve. But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua's Final Commands - Joshua 23/24

24: 20-22 “If you abandon the Lord and serve other gods, he will turn against you and destroy you, even though he has been so good to you.”

But the people answered Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord! You are a witness to your own decision,”

Joshua said. “You have chosen to serve the Lord.”

“Yes,” they replied, “**we are witnesses to what we have said.**”

Joshua's Final Commands - to us!

Pastor:

“Choose today whom you will serve.”

Congregation:

“As for me and my house, we have chosen to serve the Lord!”

Pastor:

“So, you have chosen to serve the Lord?”

Congregation:

“Yes, we are witnesses to what we have said.”