

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.



WRITTEN
1375 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
1400-1375 BC



AUTHOR
Joshua and scribes

1	SPIES ENTER JERICO	2	DEFEATING JERICO, BATTLES WITH AI, AND DEFEATING THE GIBEONITES	3	SUN STANDS STILL AND GREAT VICTORIES	4	DISTRIBUTION OF THE LAND	5	JOSHUA'S FINAL ORDERS AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH
JOSHUA 1-5		JOSHUA 6-9		JOSHUA 10-12		JOSHUA 13-21		JOSHUA 22-24	
<p>Joshua sends spies into Jericho, and Rahab the harlot conceals them. In return, she is instructed to hang a red cord from her window and is saved when Israel returns. The Israelites miraculously cross the Jordan River, enter the Promised Land, and begin their conquest.</p>		<p>Israel defeats Jericho when God commands them to march around the city and blow trumpets, after which the walls tumble down. The Israelites are defeated by the people of Ai because some of the Israelites were breaking God's command and keeping plunder. The men are stoned and the Lord instructs Joshua in defeating Ai and the Gibeonites.</p>		<p>Through Joshua, God makes the sun miraculously stand still in the sky. The Israelite army conquers nations and lands around the Promised Land, and a list is provided of the defeated kings.</p>		<p>The war ends in Joshua's old age, likely 87, with some of the land yet to be possessed. A bio of Caleb is contained here. The land is divided among the tribes in the subsequent chapters.</p>		<p>The Israelite tribes settle in to their new territories. The tribes of Gad and Reuben build a controversial altar. Joshua predicts his death and offers encouragement to leadership, then dies at age 110.</p>	

THE CONQUEST OF ISRAEL, 1500-1000 BC

AT-A-GLANCE

BIBLE CHARACTERS INVOLVED

Joshua, the Israelite Army

SCRIPTURES COVERING

Book of Joshua

IMPORTANT FACTS

To acquire the land that would be Israel, Joshua would defeat 16 kings to the south and 15 kings to the north. Many ganged together, but could not defeat the Israelite army.

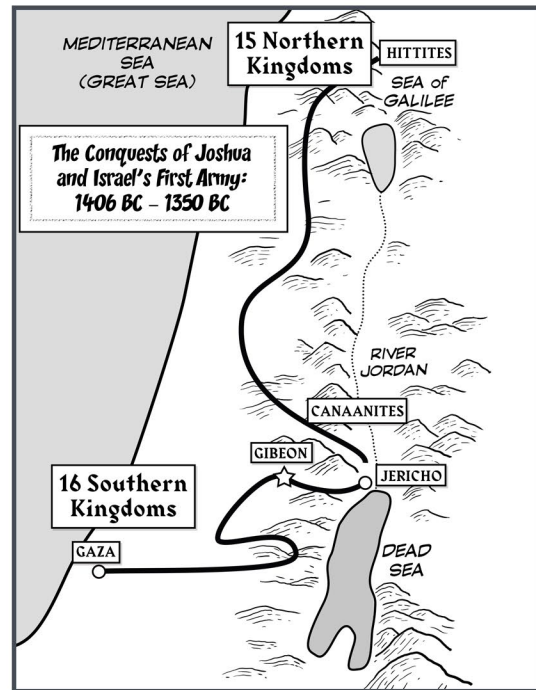
MIRACLES THAT OCCURRED

Walls of Jericho tumbled down to start the battles

(Joshua 6)

Sun stood still in the sky over Gibeon

(Joshua 10)



Creation

Years Covered: 1406-1350 BC

Birth of Jesus

2000's AD

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**

All these kings joined forces and made camp together at the Waters of Merom (west of the larger Jordan and emptying into the Dead Sea) to fight against Israel. The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them, slain, over to Israel..." **Joshua 11:5-6**

WHAT HAPPENED:

- In the Exodus & Numbers, Moses got the people to the Jordan River before he died. It became Joshua's job to lead the army. They had to conquer all the land the Lord had promised.
- Joshua fought the battle of Jericho where the walls tumbled down in Chapter 4. Then he defeated the city of Ai nearby. All the other battles of Joshua's army are in Joshua 10 and 11.
- In Joshua 10, Joshua and the army defeated 15 kings in the south. Nobody knows exactly where many of these cities and kingdoms were.
- Joshua 11 covers his conquests to the north after the army finished in the south. Mapping is extremely difficult, not only because many exact locations aren't known, but because Joshua 10 lists primarily by cities and regions, and Joshua 11 lists by kingdoms.
- However Joshua 12 provides a smooth list of all 31 kings/kingdoms Joshua conquered.
- The rest of Joshua covers how they split the land among the 12 tribes and how Joshua died and was buried at age of 110.

Settlement of the Tribes

