

## **Joshua**

### Entering and Conquering the Promised Land

Have you ever found yourself suddenly put in charge of a large group of people and given some monumental task? How did you feel? Challenged? Fearful? Wanting to run away and give up?

Moses has just \_\_\_\_\_, and the man God has chosen to be Moses's \_\_\_\_\_ is Joshua. Joshua's name means "Jehovah \_\_\_\_\_," and it is the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek name \_\_\_\_\_. In many ways Joshua is a type of "Jesus," as one who leads God's people through conflicts into victory in the Promised Land.

Joshua was born as a \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt and was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when the Exodus from Egypt began. When he was \_\_\_\_\_ years old, Joshua was called upon to be Moses's successor and to \_\_\_\_\_ the children of Israel into the Promised Land. Joshua and Caleb are the only two adults from the original group that left Egypt who are now \_\_\_\_\_ and permitted to enter the Promised Land. From \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt to \_\_\_\_\_ of Canaan is the amazing biography, eighty years in the making, of this leader of the nation of Israel.

The book of Joshua is the first of the twelve \_\_\_\_\_ books of the Old Testament and is named after its central character. The first half of the book describes the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jordan River into the Promised Land and the subsequent \_\_\_\_\_ between the Israelites and the inhabitants of the Land. It is a violent book that vividly shows God's hatred of sin and His judgment upon those who refuse to repent. The second half of the book describes the \_\_\_\_\_ up of the land among the twelve \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.

YHWH (Yahweh, the LORD) had promised Abraham both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. After their release from their Egyptian bondage, Israel had lots of "\_\_\_\_\_." By the end of the book of Joshua, Israel has lots of \_\_\_\_\_, though not yet all the land God had promised to Abraham in Gen. 15:18–21.

The book of Joshua covers \_\_\_\_\_ military campaigns over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years, led by Joshua, against as many as \_\_\_\_\_ different enemy armies. Through these battles, the nation of Israel was taught the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ God rather than in their own military might.

The book ends with Joshua's parting words to the nation of Israel to continue to faithfully serve God. At \_\_\_\_\_ years old Joshua dies, but not without having left a Godly \_\_\_\_\_. *"And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel"* (Joshua 24:31).

The book of Joshua can be divided into two major sections:

<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Theme</u>
1-12	The _____ of the Promised Land
13-24	The _____ up of the Promised Land

**Some key events:**

1. God's promise of His \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 1:5; cf. 1 Thess. 5:23,24; 2 Tim. 2:13)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's word will be the secret to Joshua's \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 1:8). \_\_\_\_\_ from God must be followed by \_\_\_\_\_ for God (Lk. 6:46-49).
3. Rahab \_\_\_\_\_ the two spies, \_\_\_\_\_ to her king, and is \_\_\_\_\_ by her actions (Josh. 2:1-5,14-18).
4. Israel \_\_\_\_\_ the Jordan River into the Promised Land (Josh. 3:7,13-17).
5. A memorial of God's \_\_\_\_\_ is erected from \_\_\_\_\_ stones from the Jordan River (Josh. 4:1-7,14,18).
6. Males \_\_\_\_\_, manna \_\_\_\_\_, and Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 5:2-5,12-15).
7. The city of Jericho is \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 6:1-5,15,20,21).
8. Joshua puts a prophetic \_\_\_\_\_ on the city of Jericho (Josh. 6:26; 1 Kgs. 16:34).
9. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's word leads to \_\_\_\_\_ at Ai (Josh. 7:1-5,11,12).

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11. Joshua is \_\_\_\_\_ by Gibeon because he didn't seek \_\_\_\_\_ counsel (Josh. 9:3-6,14-16,22,23).
12. Joshua \_\_\_\_\_ Gibeon, and \_\_\_\_\_ the five Amorite kings. The Canaanites worshiped the \_\_\_\_\_ god, the \_\_\_\_\_ god, and the \_\_\_\_\_ god, so the one true God sends a storm of \_\_\_\_\_ and also \_\_\_\_\_ the sun and moon, to aid Joshua in defeating these pagan kings (Josh. 10:5,6,11-14).
13. \_\_\_\_\_ kings were defeated in Canaan (Josh. 12:1,24).
14. Joshua \_\_\_\_\_ up the land of Canaan amongst the tribes of Israel (Josh. 13-21).
15. Caleb, at 85 years old, asks for, and is "given," the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 14:6-14).
16. By the end of Joshua's life, all of Israel's current \_\_\_\_\_ had been defeated (Josh. 21:43-45).
17. Joshua's \_\_\_\_\_ speech and \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 23:14-16; 24:14,15, 29-31).