

Joshua Lesson 1 - Introduction to the Book of Joshua

Key Background

- Joshua continues the story after the death of _____ [1]
- Israel is camped on the _____ [2] of Moab, east of the Jordan.
- The book shows the transition from Moses to _____ [3] and from promise to fulfillment.

Author and Date

- Traditional view: written by _____ [4], Moses' assistant.
- Final editorial details may have been added by a priestly scribe (Eleazar or Phinehas).
- Events took place around _____ [5] BC (early date view).

Historical Background

- Canaan was a land of fortified _____ [6]-states.
- Fortified cities: Jericho, Ai, Hazor; peoples: Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Hivites, Jebusites (Josh. 3:10).
- Culture was steeped in idolatry, violence, and child _____ [7].
- God judged the Amorites after 400 years of _____ [8]
- Rahab's deliverance shows God's _____ [9] to those who repent.

Geography & Key Locations

- Crossing the _____ [10] River (mirrors Red Sea).
- Jericho, Ai – first conquests; Mount Ebal/Gerizim – covenant renewal.
- Shiloh – tabernacle set up; Shechem – covenant renewal at the end.

Audience and Purpose

- Written for Israel's later _____ [11] to remember God's works.
- Purpose: to show God's covenant _____ [12] and call for faithfulness.

Structure of Joshua

- 1-5: Entering the Land
- 6-12: _____ [13] the Land
- 13-22: Dividing the Land
- 23-24: Retaining the Land

Key Themes

- God's covenant _____ [14] – “Not one word failed” (Josh. 21:45).
- Divine Leadership – “I will not leave you or forsake you.”
- Success depends on obedience to the _____ [15].
- Holy war: God's judgment on entrenched evil, but mercy for repentant outsiders (Rahab, Gibeon).
- God's Leadership Transition & the Law
- Spiritual Warfare
- Joshua (Yehoshua) points forward to _____ [16], the greater Savior (Heb. 4).

Connection to the Pentateuch

- Deuteronomy ends with Moses' _____ [17]; Joshua begins with God commissioning Joshua.
- Jordan crossing mirrors the Red _____ [18].

Discussion Questions

- Leadership after Moses (Josh 1:1–2): How does God reassure Joshua?
- Strength & courage (Josh 1:6–9): What fears must be faced?
- The Word at the center (Josh 1:7–8): What does meditation look like?
- Unity & obedience (Josh 1:12–18): How do we support one another?

Answer Key

#	Answer	Prompt (short)
1	Moses	after the death of ____ (Deut. 34)
2	plains	on the ____ of Moab
3	Joshua	Moses to ____
4	Joshua	written by ____
5	1406–1375	around ____ BC
6	city	fortified ____-states
7	sacrifice	child ____
8	patience	400 years of ____
9	mercy	God's ____ to those who repent
10	Jordan	Crossing the ____ River
11	generations	Israel's later ____
12	faithfulness	covenant ____
13	Conquering	6–12: ____ the Land
14	faithfulness	covenant ____ (21:45)
15	forsake	not leave you or ____ you
16	Law	obedience to the ____ (1:7–8)
17	Jesus	points forward to ____
18	death	Moses' ____
19	Sea	Red ____
20	Shechem	buried at ____ (24:32)