



# Joshua – 24 chapters

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## Title:

Joshua- named after its main character

## Author:

Anonymous, tradition suggests possibly Joshua, Samuel

## Occasion and Purpose:

Possibly written during the time of the judges to tell the story of the conquest- highlighting God's provision of victory when Israel was faithful and God's punishment when Israel was unfaithful. This would serve as a warning for those struggling to conquer their enemies because of their unfaithfulness. This would also serve as encouragement because God is faithful to fulfill **all** of His promises.

## Themes:

1. Transition of Leadership
2. Holy War
3. Inheritance
4. God's promises fulfilled

## Summary:

The account of how the Israelites finally entered and conquered the promised land. The inhabitants were all overthrown with the miraculous help of God and the leadership of Joshua. Then the land (which is seen as a gracious gift from God as Israel's inheritance) is divided up among the people.

## Organization:

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| <b>Intro.</b>  | Commission of Joshua – 1:1-18               | 1:1-5:12   |
|                | Covert intelligence mission – 2:1-24        |            |
|                | Consecration – 3:1-5                        |            |
|                | Crossing the Jordan – 3:6-4:24              |            |
|                | Circumcision and Passover – 5:1-12          |            |
| <b>Conquer</b> | Jericho – 5:13-6:27                         | 5:12-12:24 |
|                | Achan and Ai – 7:1-8:29                     |            |
|                | Covenant Renewal – 8:30-35                  |            |
|                | Gibeonite Deception – 9:1-27                |            |
|                | Central Campaign – 10:1-28                  |            |
|                | Southern Campaign – 10:29-43                |            |
|                | Northern Campaign – 11:1-22                 |            |
|                | Summary of Conquests – 11:23-12:24          |            |
| <b>Divide</b>  | Land still to be conquered – 13:1-7         | Chs. 13-21 |
|                | Lands east of the Jordan river – 13:8-33    |            |
|                | Lands west of the Jordan river – 14:1-19:51 |            |
|                | Cities of Refuge – 20:1-9                   |            |
|                | Land for the Levites – 21:1-42              |            |
|                | Summary of Inheritance 21:43-45             |            |
| <b>Dwell</b>   | Eastern Tribes – 22:1-34                    | Chs. 22-24 |
|                | Joshua's farewell speeches – 23:1-16        |            |
|                | Covenant renewal – 24:1-27                  |            |
|                | Three Burials – 24:28-33                    |            |

## Key Verses:

1:3-9; 2:9-11; 11:23; 19:51; 21:43-45; 23:6-16; 24:14-15; 24:31