

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA
Lesson 7

The book of Joshua is the first book of the division of the Old Testament most commonly called History. Joshua's original name was "Oshea" (Numbers 13:8), a word meaning salvation. He was also called "Jehoshua" and "Hoshea" (Numbers 13:16; Deut. 32:44). "Joshua" (Numbers 14:6) means "Jehovah saves" or "Jehovah is salvation". The Greek equivalent of "Joshua" is "Jesus". Twice in the New Testament he is referred to by this name (Acts 7:45; Hebrews 4:8). The book of Joshua begins with Moses is being dead but God's purpose for the nation continues. The keynote of this book to conquest is the repeated call to be strong and to take courage. The spies go to Jericho and are hidden in Rahab the harlot's house. Here they would not be suspected as spies and could pickup valuable information about the defenses of the city.

AUTHOR AND DATE

Most scholars attribute the book to being written for the most part by Joshua. The book, it is thought, covers a 30 year span of time. Depending on the dating some give dates of 1234 to 1211 BC while others date the book at 1407 to 1377 BC.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF JOSHUA

- I. Entering the Land: 1:1 - 5:12
 - A. Preparation of the People: 1:1 - 3:13
 - B. Passage of the People: 3:14 - 4:24
 - C. Purification of the People: 5:1-12
- II. Conquering the Land: 5:13 - 12:24
 - A. The Central Campaign: 5:13 - 9:27
 - B. The Southern Campaign: 10
 - C. The Northern Campaign: 11,12
- III. Possessing the Land: 13 - 24
 - A. The Borders of the Tribes: 13:19
 - B. The Cities of Refuge: 20
 - C. The Cities of the Levites: 21
 - D. Last Acts and Words of Joshua: 22 - 24

JOSHUA - TIME LINE OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Event
1234 BC	<p>1 & 2</p> <p>3 - 5</p> <p>6 - 8</p> <p>9 - 10</p>	<p>Joshua prepares to invade Canaan. He send spies to gather information about Jericho. They are hidden by Rahab and promise her safety when the invasion occurs.</p> <p>Normally the Kohathites carried the Ark of the Covenant, but now Joshua tells the Levites, who were priests, to carry it. When their feet touch the water, it parts permitting them to cross.</p> <p>The Israelites advance on Jericho and the walls miraculously fall down. Archaeologists have uncovered ruins of that ancient city that verify Joshua's amazing account.</p> <p>Joshua stages lightning - like raids against key cities in southern Canaan. His victories cause the northern kings to form a coalition under the king of Hazor.</p>
1234 - 1228 BC	11-14	Canaanite cities fall to the Israelites even though much territory remains under Canaanite control. The six year struggle was only successful through God's help.
1230 BC	15-17	Othniel makes a lightning attack on Debir and thus wins the hand of Caleb's daughter. Later he becomes a judge in Israel, serving 40 years. (Judges 3:9-11)
1228 BC	18 - 21	Joshua appoints a commission of 21 men to survey the land not already allotted to Judah, Manasseh, and Ephraim. He encourages them to take their inheritance.
1211 BC	22 - 24	Joshua dies at the ripe old age of 110 without naming a successor. The omission possibly was a contributing factor to the disasters noted in Judges.

**Taking The Promised Land
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I. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. What moved on the face of the waters? _____

2. What encouragement did God give Joshua? _____

3. What did the king of Jericho attempt to do? _____
4. Where was the first camp site after the Israelites crossed the Jordan? _____

5. When did the manna cease? _____

6. How did the Lord tell Joshua to take Jericho? _____

7. What countries had been subdued under Moses' leadership? _____

8. How did Othniel get his wife? _____

9. In all how many cities did the Levites possess? _____
10. How old was Joshua when he died? _____

II. TRUE OR FALSE

- _____1. The Kohathites normally transported the ark of the Covenant.
- _____2. The Israelites did not keep the passover until they captured Ai.
- _____3. Caleb waited 45 years to get his inheritance.
- _____4. The Israelites built a great altar called ED at the Jordan River
- _____5. Phinehas was named as a successor to Joshua to be the leader.

III. RESEARCH

Why were the bones of Joseph just being buried at this time? _____

IV THOUGHT QUESTION

Was it important that the children do exactly what God said in regard to the taking of Jericho?

