

Joshua

Author: The author of this book is Joshua who was the military general of Moses and his assistant. We also know that someone finished the book as it ends with Joshua's death.

Date: Joshua wrote this book right around 1390 BCE, just before his death

Audience: The book was intended for that third generation of Israelites, the children of those who had entered into the promise land.

Reason: This book was to tell people how they came into the Promised Land, to share how things were dispersed and as always to show God's faithfulness to the Covenant.

Theme: Possession of the Promised Land

Key Verse: Joshua 11:23

Sections: The Conquest (ch 1-12) Land Allotments (Ch 13-21), Farewell of Joshua (Ch 22-24)

Key Words: Possession, Inheritance, Land, Covenant

Basic Intro: Joshua is the first of 6 books that are history books. The 5 Books of Moses and the law are done and now we learn about how the people live into the relationship. Joshua is leading now and one of the biggest stories we recall from Joshua is the battle of Jericho.

Questions for Discussion:

- Joshua talks about Rahab, what was she commanded to do in order to be protected? (2:18) How does that compare to the story of Exodus? ([Ex 12:5-7](#))

- We often talk about how the journey of the people of God mirrors our faith journey. We see them leave slavery, go through wilderness and finally into a Promise Land. If we follow that journey then what do you think the parting of the Jordan could represent?
- The only loss that the Israelites experienced was the city of Ai. This was because of the sin of Achan. He and his family experienced the consequences of his sin. What does generational sin look like? How is it passed down and how are the consequences of it passed down?
- An interesting thing is the allotment of land. Joshua passes the land to the 12 tribes. The only ones not getting land were the Levites because God was to be their portion. How would you feel, as a Levite? Would only having God be enough? Why might that be hard?