

BIBLE STUDY

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

The Book of Joshua is the sixth book of the Bible and the first book of the History section of the Bible.

Chapter 1



The new leader's commission

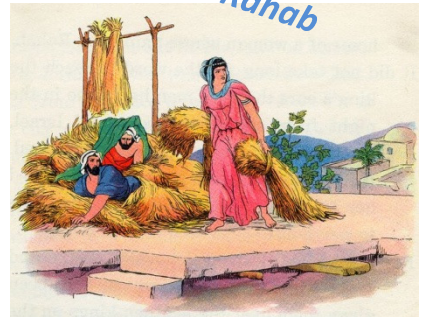
God chose Joshua to lead His people when Moses died.

Joshua started to prepare the people for entering and possessing the land.

The Lord commanded Joshua to be courageous and to keep God's Law day and night.

Joshua took over and prepared his army to battle with the armies of Canaan which God was judging for their wicked behaviour.

People mentioned in the book of Joshua
Joshua - Rahab



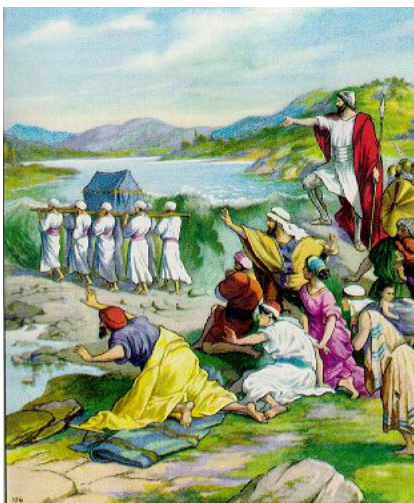
Chapter 2

Rahab and the spies

Joshua sent spies to examine Jericho. The spies were discovered, but they were hidden by Rahab who helped them escape over the wall of the city. Therefore, she was promised that her family will be spared when the Israelites destroy Jericho. The spies gave her the sign of the "Scarlet cord" to put on her house, only those sheltered in her house would be saved.

Chapter 3

Joshua's army crossed the Jordan and they brought with them the Ark of the Covenant.



Chapter 4

The Memorial Stones

Joshua chose twelve men one from each tribe to bring up twelve stones from the Jordan. They took the stones and erected a Memorial in Gilgal to give the fathers the opportunity to tell their children about the miraculous crossing of the river.



When did all of these events take place?

1400 BC through 1375 BC

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Chapter 5

The second generation circumcised

Three important events took place in Gilgal:

1. The men of Israel were circumcised.
2. The Passover feast was celebrated on the 14th day of the 1st month.
3. The manna which God had supplied as food in the wilderness journey ceased as Israel started to eat of the produce of Canaan.



Joshua needed to go through Jericho to go to Canaan. Jericho was a well fortified city. So, the Lord met with him in the form of a man with a sword in His hand and said to him that He was the Commander of the army of the Lord.



Chapters 7 The first defeat and its cause

When Joshua sent a few thousand men up to take the small settlement of Ai, Israel was defeated because of their disobedience. Achan had taken from Jericho a Babylonian robe with silver and gold. He hid them in his tent.



Chapter 8 Ai taken

Now that the evil was put away, the people were reassured of their victory. Joshua built an altar for the Lord and the people offered sacrifices. Then he divided the people into two groups, one group stood in front of Mount Gerizim and the other in front of Mount Ebal. Then he started to read Moses Law for them.

Chapter 6 Jericho taken and consecrated

The people marched around Jericho once a day for six days, and seven times on the 7th day. All, except those who had taken refuge in Rahab's house, were destroyed while all silver, gold and bronze were set aside for the Lord's treasury.



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Chapters 9 - 10

The Gibeonites deception

The Gibeonites saw the miraculous hand of the Lord with His people. They were afraid and resorted to a trick. They went as a delegation to Joshua with worn-out sacks and old wineskins, cracked and mended. They put torn and patched sandals on their feet and wore old clothes. All the bread of their food supply was dry and moldy. They said to Joshua "We have come from a distant country; make a treaty with us." Joshua believed them and made a treaty of peace with them to let them live. Since the Gibeonites entered in this treaty with Joshua, when five kings of the Amorites rose against them to fight them, Joshua interfered to save them.



Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies.



"And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel." Joshua 10:14

Did you know?

In the book of Joshua we see Joshua, the leader, bringing God's people into the Promised Land. To keep the land, the people had to obey God. In the New Testament we see another leader who came to take God's people into the promised land - eternal life in heaven. This is Jesus of course.

| Jesus | Joshua |
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| His name means Savior. | His name "Yehoshua", means Jehovah is salvation. |
| He leads His children to the Heavenly Jerusalem. | He led his people into the Promised Land. |
| Was born in the world to be like us in everything. | He was born in the land of Egypt (land of slavery) like his brothers. |
| He died on the cross to grant us the Kingdom of Heaven. | His book ended by his death after he entered with his people to the Promised Land. |
| He leads us to victory over sin and death. | He led his people to victory. |
| He became man and took the form of a slave. | He was named the servant of the Lord. Joshua 24:29 |
| He sent His disciples two by two to every city to save the believers. Luke 10:1 | He sent two spies and saved the faithful lady, Rahab from death. |
| He performed many miracles. | The Lord ascertained his mission by making the sun stand still during the war in Gibeon. |

JOSHUA ID CARD



1. Joshua the son of Nun
2. The successor of Moses
3. The author of the Book of Joshua
4. The name Joshua comes from the Hebrew meaning "salvation" or "the Lord saves"
5. From the tribe of Ephraim
6. He was born in Egypt during the weary years of bondage
7. He was appointed by Moses to be the military leader during the first battle against the Amalakites after they came out of Egypt- (Exodus 17:3-8)
8. Joshua along with eleven others was chosen to search the Land of Canaan representing his tribe. Along with Caleb, they brought a faithful report about the Promised Land and trusted that God would fulfill His promise. Therefore, they were the only two from the Israelites who were born in Egypt to enter the Promised Land
9. Achievements:
 - He led the people to the Promised Land crossing the Jordan River
 - He divided the lands among the tribes of Israel
10. He died at the age of 110 years