

## JOSHUA

- July 25 **Josh 1–2**
- July 26 **Josh 3–4**
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- July 31 **Josh 8**
- August 1 **Josh 9:1–10:28**
- August 2 **Josh 10:29–11:23**
- August 3 **Josh 12:1–13:7**
- August 4 **Josh 13:8–14:15**
  
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- August 8 **Josh 16–17**
- August 9 **Josh 18:1–19:9**
- August 10 **Josh 19:10–51**
- August 11 **Josh 20–21**
  
- August 14 **Josh 22**
- August 15 **Josh 23–24**

### Key Passage

**Joshua 1:1–5 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup>After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, <sup>2</sup>"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

### Key Themes

holy war, the promised land, rest for God's people, covenant

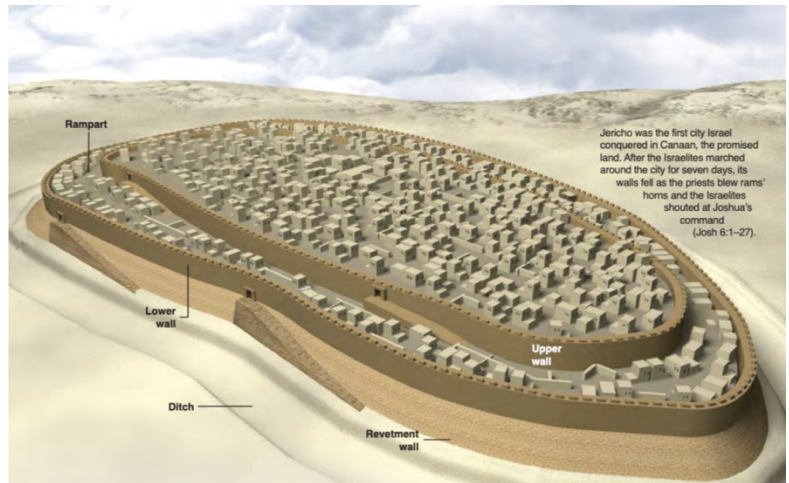
### Summary

As the sixth book of the OT, the book of Joshua occupies a pivotal position between the Pentateuch and the Historical Books. It points backward to the exodus as well as forward to the time of the judges and the monarchy. The book is named after the successor to Moses and one of the greatest military leaders of the OT, Joshua the son of Nun.

However, the central character of the book is not Joshua but God. God fights for Israel and drives out the enemy before them. He is a faithful God who desires a true covenant relationship with His chosen people. God promised that He would give Israel the land that He had pledged to their fathers (Exod. 3:8; Gen. 12:1–3; 15:18–21). The book of Joshua documents how God fulfilled this promise.

The book of Joshua is also about Israel's response to God's covenant promise. Israel's lack of faith and rebellion prevented them from truly receiving God's promised rest (Heb. 3:11). Joshua challenges us to consider what a faithful promise-keeping God can do, and will do, in and through a people who are completely yielded to him.

Hawkins, Ralph K. 2016. "Joshua, Book of." In *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*, edited by John D. Barry, David Bomar, Derek R. Brown, Rachel Klippenstein, Douglas Mangum, Carrie Sinclair Wolcott, Lazarus Wentz, Elliot Ritzema, and Wendy Widder. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.



Jericho was the first city Israel conquered in Canaan, the promised land. After the Israelites marched around the city for seven days, its walls fell as the priests blew rams' horns and the Israelites shouted at Joshua's command (Josh 6:1–27).

## Ancient Jericho

Toward the end of the Bronze Age

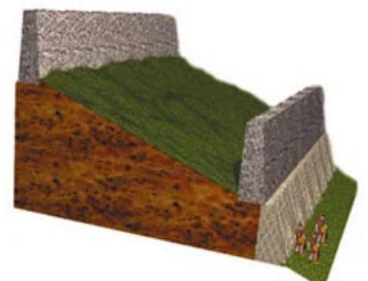
Archaeological excavations reveal that Jericho was violently destroyed sometime toward the end of the Bronze Age. The walls seem to have been thrown down by sudden force, as if by an earthquake. Charred wood shows that what was left of the city was burned. Excavators have also found food supplies buried in the destroyed city, which shows it was not captured by siege.



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Schematic cross-section diagram of the fortification system at Jericho based on Kenyon's west trench.



## Outline

The book of Joshua can be divided into three main sections:

1. **Chs. 1–12—Military campaigns (Israel’s conquest of the land)**
  - Ch. 1—The commission of Joshua
  - Ch. 2—Reconnoitering the land
  - Ch. 5—Circumcision and Passover at Gilgal
  - Chs. 6–12—Confirmation events
  - Ch. 6—Jericho
  - Chs. 7–8—Ai
  - Chs. 9–10—Southern city-states
  - Ch. 11—Hazor
  - Ch. 12—Summary of conquests
2. **Chs. 13–21—Allotment of tribal territories**
  - Chs. 13–17—Resolution of claims
  - Chs. 18–19—Allotments of Benjamin, Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and Dan
  - Chs. 20–21—Cities of refuge and Levitical cities
3. **Chs. 22–24—Covenant matters**
  - Ch. 22—The Eastern tribes
  - Ch. 23—Joshua’s farewell
  - Ch. 24—Covenant renewal at Shechem

## Content and Structure

The book of Joshua is a narrative work comprised of several assorted elements. Each of the three parts of the book contains different kinds of materials:

1. **Chapters 1–12** consist of stories of events that transpired during the conquest.
2. **Chapters 13–21** are comprised of lists or descriptions of geographical areas.
3. **Chapters 22–24** are made up of long speeches and accounts of ceremonial procedures.

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## Joshua in the N.T. Quotations or Citations (0)

### Allusions (11)

Matthew 22:37  
Mark 12:29  
Mark 12:30  
Luke 10:27  
John 4:5  
Acts 7:16  
Acts 13:19  
Hebrews 4:8  
Hebrews 11:31  
Hebrews 13:5  
James 2:25



Is there any evidence for Joshua’s long day? Scan to watch Hugh Ross explain.

In 5 millennia worth of wars—1,763 total—only 123 (or about 7%) were religious in nature (according to author Vox Day in the book *The Irrational Atheist*). Scan to read.

