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The Conquest of Canaan

Major Periods of the Old Testament

Patriarchal Period 2166 – 1876 B.C.

Primary Source Genesis

Secondary Book Job

Egyptian Sojourn 1876 – 1446 B.C.

Primary Source Exodus

Secondary Books Leviticus, Deuteronomy

Wilderness Wanderings 1446 – 1406 B.C.

Primary Source Numbers

Major Periods of the Old Testament

Conquest and Settlement of Canaan 1406 – 1389 B.C.

Primary Source Joshua

Meet Joshua

- Joshua led Israel in the battle against the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-16).
- Joshua accompanied Moses for a portion of his trip up Mt. Sinai to receive the Law (Exodus 24:12-13).
- Joshua was one of the two spies who believed that by God's help they could take the land (Numbers 14:6ff.).
- Joshua was chosen by God to take Moses' place (Numbers 27:18) and was given responsibility for the task by Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9).
- Joshua may have been around 85 when he assumed responsibility (14:7 - comparable to Caleb's age).

5-Minute Survey of Joshua

Author – Joshua (24:26a)

1. The writer was an eyewitness to the events recorded in the book.
2. God could've revealed to Joshua the events surrounding his own death (Joshua 24:29-33), or they may have been recorded by another.

5-Minute Survey of Joshua

Purpose

To record the conquest and settlement of the promised land.

To show the combat of God's people.

To show the victory that comes through faith.

5-Minute Survey of Joshua

Outline

- 1. Entering the Land (1-5)
 - a. Joshua charged (1)
 - b. Jericho spied (2)
 - c. Jordan crossed (3)
 - d. Memorials built (4)
 - e. Gilgal occupied (5)

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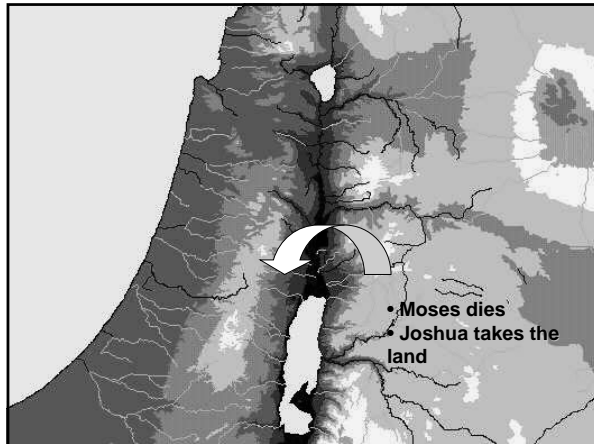
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- 2. Conquering the Land (6-12)
 - a. Fall of Jericho (6)
 - b. Sin of Achan (7)
 - c. Sacking of Ai (8)
 - d. Guile of Gibeon (9)
 - e. Defeat of foes (10-12)

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Outline

- 3. Occupying the Land (13-24)
 - a. Division of Canaan (13-19)
 - b. Cities of refuge (20)
 - c. Portion of the Levites (21)
 - d. Altar of Witness (22)
 - e. Farewell of Joshua (23-24)



***Jordan
(Joshua 1-5)***

1. What evidence of fear and discouragement do you see in today's world?
2. How do nonbelievers handle fear and discouragement?
3. What factors might have prompted fear and discouragement in Joshua at this time?
4. What did God tell Joshua in chapter 1 that served to allay his fears and build his confidence?

***Jordan
(Joshua 1-5)***

1. What do you say to the person who believes his/her faith is too imperfect to please God?
2. How did Rahab's faith express itself in Joshua 2?
3. Do you see a problem with Rahab's lie?

**Jordan
(Joshua 1-5)**

1. Are Americans more reactionary or contemplative in their decision making? Can you give examples?
2. What purpose did the Jordan memorial(s) serve in Joshua 4?
3. Can you think of other Jewish and Christian memorials mentioned in Scripture?

**Jewish and Christian
Memorials**



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Phylacteries (Tefillin)

Jewish and Christian Memorials



Jericho (Joshua 6)

1. Why did God command both armed men and priests bearing the ark to encircle Jericho? Why not one or the other?
2. Why was everything in Jericho to be devoted to the Lord? What are the parallels between the reasons for this demand and our duty to tithe?
3. What sense do you make of this strategy for bringing down the wall and overtaking Jericho?



**Conquest
(Joshua 7-12)**

1. Proponent of physician-assisted suicide, the legalization of marijuana, homosexual rights, etc. often argue that as long as the people involved are consenting adults and hurting no one but themselves, they should be allowed to do as they please. Do you see a problem with this philosophy in light of Joshua 7?
2. What did Achan do? Why?
3. Who was hurt by Achan's sin? How?

**Conquest
(Joshua 7-12)**

4. Can you think of individuals, Biblical and/or extra-Biblical, whose sins have affected others besides themselves?

**Conquest
(Joshua 7-12)**

1. Does God ever want us to remain in unhappy relationships or less-than-ideal situations?
2. How did the Jews end up in an alliance with the Gibeonites in Joshua 9?
3. Why couldn't the Jews just "divorce" themselves from the Gibeonites?
4. What did the Jews decide to do after the deception was uncovered?

**Conquest
(Joshua 7-12)**

~ What are we to make of this account of the sun standing still in Joshua 10:9-15?
What does it reveal about God?

**Dominion
(Joshua 13-24)**

1. For what purpose did the transjordan ("across Jordan") tribes, i.e., Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh, build the altar in Joshua 22?
2. For what purpose were they presumed to have built it?
3. What was the immediate reaction based upon this presumption?
4. What was the ultimate outcome?
