

JOSHUA

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

Here we see how, under the leadership of Joshua, Yahweh, as divine Warrior, brings His people into the Land of Promise and gives them “rest,” with particular emphasis upon Yahweh’s faithfulness in fulfilling His promise to the patriarchs.

Author

Joshua

Date

Joshua was written c.1375 BC after the conquest of Canaan.

Audience

The people of Israel who are now settled in the Promised Land.

Setting

Canaan.

Special Features

The parting of the Jordan River allowing the Children of Israel to pass through, the Battle of Jericho, the story of Rahab the Harlot, the day the sun stood still, the Conquest of Canaan, and the division of the land among the twelve tribes of Israel.



Key Verses

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (1:9 ESV).

“And he said in the sight of Israel, ‘Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.’ And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.” (10:12b-13 ESV).

“Choose today whom you will serve... But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.” (24:15 NLT).

Key People

Yahweh, Joshua, Rahab, Achan, Phinehas, Eleazar.

Key Places

Jericho, Ai, Mount Ebal, Mount Gerizim, Gibeon, Gilgal, Shiloh, Shechem.