



Joshua

Background

- How is the book of Joshua related to the history told in the Pentateuch? Which epoch of OT history does it cover? What does this tell us about the content of Joshua?
- Which promise(s) to Abraham is/are fulfilled in the book of Joshua? What is the significance of this? How does this apply?
- What are the two possible dates for the conquest? How is this related to the date of the Exodus?
- What does the Lecture suggest about the author and date of the book of Joshua? What does this tell us about this book?
- What does the Lecture suggest about the historical reliability of Joshua? Why does this matter?

Outline

- What are the four main sections of the book of Joshua? What does each section generally cover? What does this tell us about the overall content of this book? How does this help us to read, understand, and apply Joshua?

Content

- What are the key verses of Joshua? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of Joshua? What does each tell us about how God relates to His people? What does each tell about how God's people should relate to Him?
- What ideas are repeatedly stressed in the key verses? Why? What does this tell us about the message of the book of Joshua? How does this apply?
- According to the book of Joshua, how many of God's promises failed? How many of His promises were tested and for a time looked like they would fail? What lesson should we learn from this? How should we respond?
- How were God's people commanded to relate to the evil nations that God was dispossessing from the land? Why? How does this apply today?
- What are the "5 'C's" from the introduction to Joshua? What happens in each subsection? What should we learn from each?
- What is stressed in God's commission to Joshua? How is this related to what was learned in Deuteronomy? What should we learn from this and apply in our own lives?
- What happened when Joshua sent spies into the land? How is this compared with the episode from Numbers where spies were sent into the land? What does this suggest?
- Why were the people commanded to consecrate themselves? Why is this important?
- What does the book of Joshua highlight about the crossing of the Jordan river? What is the point that is made by this? How should we respond?
- What did Israel do immediately after crossing the Jordan (before conquering Jericho)? Why is this important and significant? What does this tell us about God and how His people should relate to Him? How does this apply?
- What does the story of the conquest of Jericho highlight? How? What should we learn from this? How should we respond?
- How was Jericho conquered? What is the significance of this? What did they do to the city? Why?

- What happened when Israel first attacked the city of Ai? Why? What should we learn from this?
- How did Israel respond to their defeat at Ai? What did God command Joshua? What happened next?
- Why did Israel have a covenant ceremony at Ebal? How is this related to Deuteronomy?
- How did Israel treat the Gibeonites? Why? What lesson should be learned from this? How does it apply?
- Describe each of the three military campaigns? Who and where did they fight? Did Israel win? Why? How does this section end?
- In what way was the conquest “unfinished business” in Joshua? What was completed? What was not yet completed? How does this set up for the future history?
- What is described in the “Divide” section of Joshua? How did this take place?
- Whose inheritance is specifically mentioned? Why? What does this highlight? How does this apply?
- What are “cities of refuge”? What function do they serve?
- Why were the Levites not given a separate allotment of land?
- What did Joshua proclaim in his final speech? Why was this important for them to learn at that time? Why is that still important for us to learn now? How should we respond?
- How does the book of Joshua end?

Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell about the content, message and significance of Joshua? How should each idea be applied in current life?
- How was Joshua confirmed as leader? Who was the leader after Joshua? What is the significance of this?
- Describe the concept of “holy war” seen in Joshua? How is that different from other religions? What was the purpose of this war? Why was this not genocide?
- What does Joshua prove about the promises of God? How does this apply today?

Review

Review the four major sections of Joshua and work toward committing this to memory.
 Review the key themes of Joshua and work toward committing them to memory.