

STOP 6: JOSHUA



PURPOSE: To give the history of Israel's conquest of the Promised Land

AUTHOR: Joshua, except for the ending, which may have been written by the high priest, Phinehas, an eyewitness to the events recounted there

ORIGINAL AUDIENCE: The people of Israel

DATE WRITTEN: Between 1400 and 1370 BC

SETTING: Canaan, also called the Promised Land, which occupied the same general geographical territory of modern-day Israel

KEY VERSE:

Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it. (1:11)

KEY PEOPLE: Joshua, Caleb, Rahab, Achan, Phinehas, Eleazar

KEY PLACES: Jericho, Ai, Mount Ebal, Mount Gerizim, Gibeon, Gilgal, Shiloh, Shechem

SPECIAL FEATURE:

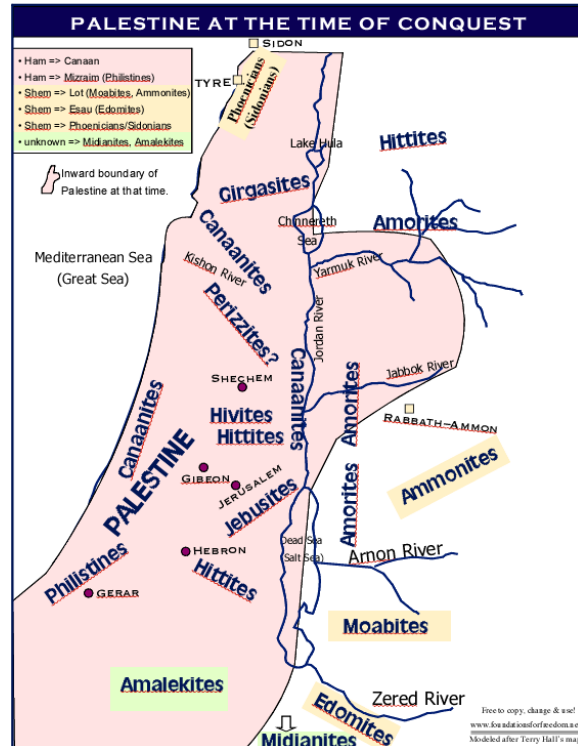
Out of over a million people, _____ & _____ were the only two who left Egypt and entered the Promised Land.

OUTLINE:

- A. _____ THE PROMISED LAND (1:1—5:12)
- B. _____ THE PROMISED LAND (5:13—12:24)
- C. _____ THE PROMISED LAND (13:1—24:33)

CHRIST IN JOSHUA:

- 1. The scarlet thread – type of _____ (2:18)
- 2. _____ of the host of the LORD (5:13-15)
- 3. Cities of Refuge (20)
- 4. _____ a picture of our Savior (Acts 7:45)



MEGATHEMES

THEME	EXPLANATION	IMPORTANCE
Success	God gave success to the Israelites when they obeyed his master plan, not when they followed their own desires. Victory came when they trusted in him rather than in their military power, money, muscle, or mental capacity.	God's work done in God's way will bring his success. The standard for success, however, is not to be set by the society around us but by God's Word. We must adjust our minds to God's way of thinking in order to see his standard for success.
Faith	The Israelites demonstrated their faith by trusting God daily to save and guide them. By noticing how God fulfilled his promises in the past, they developed strong confidence that he would be faithful in the future.	Our strength to do God's work comes from trusting him. His promises reassure us of his love and that he will be there to guide us in the decisions and struggles we face. Faith begins with believing he can be trusted.
Guidance	God gave instructions to Israel for every aspect of their lives. His law guided their daily living, and his specific marching orders gave them victory in battle.	Guidance from God for daily living can be found in his Word. By staying in touch with God, we will have the needed wisdom to meet the great challenges of life.
Leadership	Joshua was an example of an excellent leader. He was confident in God's strength, courageous in the face of opposition, and willing to seek God's advice.	To be a strong leader like Joshua, we must be ready to listen and to move quickly when God instructs us. Once we have his instructions, we must be diligent in carrying them out. Strong leaders are led by God.
Conquest	God commanded his people to conquer the Canaanites and take all their land. Completing this mission would have fulfilled God's promise to Abraham and brought judgment on the evil people living there. Unfortunately, Israel never finished the job.	The Israelites were faithful in accomplishing their mission at first, but their commitment faltered. To love God means more than being enthusiastic about him. We must complete all the work he gives us and apply his instructions to every corner of our lives.

Joshua 1:8

(8) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 24:15

(15) And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *[were]* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.