

# An Outline of Joshua

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- I. "Conquest" of the Land (1–12)
  - A. Preparations for conquest (1–5)
    1. God prepares Joshua (1:1–9).
      - a. Background (1)
      - b. An address from God (2–9)
        - 1) Direction to enter the land (2)
        - 2) Description of the boundaries of the land (3–4)
        - 3) Statement of pending victory (5)
        - 4) Commands to be strong and courageous (6–9)
          - a) First challenge (6–8)
          - b) Second challenge (9)
    2. Joshua addresses the people (1:10–18).
      - a. His address to the officers (10–11)
      - b. His address to the Transjordan tribes (12–15)
      - c. The people's response (16–18)
        - 1) Their response is warm and extensive (16).
        - 2) Their commitment is conditional (17–18).
    3. Joshua deploys spies: a different spy story (2).
      - a. Act 1: Two spies seek refuge (2:1–7).
      - b. Act 2: A harlot acknowledges God and seeks a deal (2:8–14).
      - c. Act 3: The spies escape and report back (2:15–24).
    4. The people cross the Jordan (3).
      - a. Preparations for a miracle (3:1–13)
        - 1) Instructions for the people (1–5; 9–13)
        - 2) Instructions for the priests (6; 8)
        - 3) Instructions for Joshua (7)
      - b. The miracle itself (3:14–17)
    5. The people set up memorial stones (4).
    6. God makes final preparations (5).
      - a. The circumcision of Jewish males (5:1–9)
      - b. The celebration of Passover (5:10–12)
      - c. The commander of the Lord's army (5:13–15)
  - B. The conquest itself (6–12)
    1. Victory at Jericho (6)
      - a. Instructions for defeating Jericho (6:1–5)
      - b. The 7-Day initiative (6:6–21)
    2. Troubles at Ai (7–8)
    3. Deceit at Gibeah (9)
      - a. A rising challenge: Israel faces a southern coalition of cities (9:1–2)
      - b. An unnecessary failure: Israel fails to seek counsel from God (9:3–27)
        - 1) The deception (3–15)



- 2) The exposure (16–21)
- 3) The curse (22–27)
- 4. Concluding military campaigns (10–11)
  - a. Amorite alliance (10:1–28)
  - b. Southern campaigns (10:29–43)
  - c. Northern campaigns (11:1–23)
- 5. Final victory summaries (12)
  - a. In the east (12:1–6)
  - b. In the west (12:7–24)
- II. “Distribution” of the Land (13–21)
  - A. The call to allot land to the people (13:1–7)
  - B. The inheritance of the Transjordan tribes and Levi (13:8–14:5)
    - 1. General description of the Transjordan tribes’ inheritance (13:8–13)
    - 2. General description of Levi’s inheritance (13:14)
    - 3. Specific instructions for the Transjordan tribes (13:15–32)
      - a. The inheritance of Reuben (13:15–23)
      - b. The inheritance of Gad (13:24–28)
      - c. The inheritance of the half tribe of Manasseh (13:29–32)
    - 4. Specific instructions for Levi’s inheritance (13:33–14:5)
  - C. The inheritance of Judah (14:6–15:63)
  - D. The inheritance of Joseph (16–17)
    - 1. The people of Joseph generally (16:1–4)
    - 2. Ephraim’s inheritance (16:5–10)
    - 3. Manasseh’s inheritance (17:1–13)
    - 4. The people of Joseph seek more property (17:14–18)
  - E. The inheritance for the remaining tribes (18:1–19:48)
    - 1. Setting up the Tabernacle in Shiloh and calling Israel to finish taking the land (18:1–10)
    - 2. The inheritance of Benjamin (18:11–28)
    - 3. The inheritance of Simeon (19:1–9)
    - 4. The inheritance of Zebulun (19:10–16)
    - 5. The inheritance of Issachar (19:17–23)
    - 6. The inheritance of Asher (19:24–31)
    - 7. The inheritance of Naphtali (19:32–39)
    - 8. The inheritance of Dan (19:40–48)
  - F. Israel’s gift of land to Joshua (19:49–51)
  - G. The cities of Refuge (20)
  - H. The cities of Levi (21:1–42)
  - I. Summary Statement (21:43–45)
- III. “Assemblies” in the Land (22–24)
  - A. Gathering to bless the Transjordan tribes (22)
  - B. Gathering for Joshua’s farewell address (23)
  - C. Gathering for covenant renewal (24:1–28)

*\*Conclusion (24:29–33)*

