

## These are the Days of Joshua

Seven nations were conquered. At last thirty-one kings defeated. Approximately ten thousand square miles of choice property claimed. They were outnumbered but not outpowered. Underequipped but not overwhelmed. They were the unlikely but unquestionable conquerors of some of the most barbaric armies in history...On the time line of your Bible, the era glistens between the difficult days of Exodus and the dark age of the Judges (*Glory Days*, pg 3, 4).



During the time of Joshua, the Jordan River opened up. The Jericho wall fell down. The Sun stood still and the evil kings of Canaan were booted out. By the end of the campaign, the homeless wanderers became the hope-filled residents of a land promised by God.

It's a study in leadership. It's a study in being courageous. It's a study in the fulfillment of God's promises. It is a study in faithfulness to God.

1. The book of Joshua begins a new section in our Bibles: History (Joshua-Nehemiah)  
This covers about 1,000 years (1450 B.C.—400 B.C.)
2. Our theme this year, "*Finish what was Started,*" takes us to one who fulfilled a promise spoken to Abraham years before.  
- Joshua completed what Moses started

The book of Joshua is about faithfulness to God and the triumphant victories in taking the promise land. There are 31 battles that Israel is victorious (Josh 12:9-24).

### The Miracles found in Joshua

1. The parting of the Jordan River (3:14-19)
2. The walls of Jericho falling down (6:20)
3. The sun standing still (10:12-14)
4. Hailstones (10:11)

### Some of the Powerful Lessons We Learn from Joshua

- Learning from a leader
- Standing for what you believe in
- Navigating through changes
- Dealing with Sin in the camp
- The Captain of the Lord's host appears to Joshua
- Journeying by faith through places you've never been before
- Cities of refuge
- Gathering memorial stones to remember
- Burying the bones of Joseph that they had carried from Egypt
- Promises & inheritances

HELLO  
my name is

JOSHUA

- His name appears 202x in the O.T.
- His name means "Yahweh is Salvation"

Interesting Fact: The name "Jesus" is a transliteration of the Hebrew word "Joshua" which means, "Jehovah is salvation."

1. Joshua was born in \_\_\_\_\_ and grew up under there

From the tribe of Ephraim  
His father's name was Nun  
Lives to be 110 years old

In Egypt, what would his life had been like?



2. Joshua's name first appears in our Bible in Exodus 17:9-13

Moses uses him as a Leader and a Warrior.

- Ex 24:13 he is called Moses' \_\_\_\_\_
- Ex 33:11 he is called a young man
- God promises to be with Joshua as He was with Moses (Josh 1:5)
- God would speak directly to Joshua

3. He went with Moses to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Ex 24:13)

Joshua was one of the twelve spies sent into the promise land. Ten of the spies felt like grasshoppers in comparison to their enemies (Num 13:33).  
What made them come to that conclusion?



What lessons ought we to learn from this?

- Joshua and Caleb were the \_\_\_\_\_ adults from their generation to enter the promise land.

**Josh 21:43-45 "So the LORD gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it. <sup>44</sup> And the LORD gave them rest on every side, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers, and no one of all their enemies stood before them; the LORD gave all their enemies into their hand. <sup>45</sup> Not one of the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass."**

4. Four Truths that the Books Ends With:

- (a) The Lord gave all the \_\_\_\_\_ that was promised
- (b) The Lord provided \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) None of their enemies \_\_\_\_\_ them
- (d) All came to \_\_\_\_\_

5. Our hymn, *To Canaan's Land, I'm on my way* is often viewed as Heaven.

- Why is this not a fitting description?
- What should Canaan's land mean to us?

6. Judges 2:7 reveals that Joshua and his generation faithfully served the Lord during their lifetimes

What challenges did they face in remaining faithful to God?

