

~JOSHUA 1 (1343)

(Josh'u-a) [shortened form of Jehoshua, meaning Yehowah Is Salvation]

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- Son of Nun, an Ephraimite who ministered to Moses and was later appointed as his successor.
- And Yehowah spoke to Moses face to face, just as a man would speak to his fellow. When he returned to the camp, his minister **Joshua**, the son of Nun, as attendant, would not withdraw from the midst of the tent. (**Exodus 33:11**)
- And **Joshua** the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hand upon him, and the sons of Israel began to listen to him and they went doing just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Deuteronomy 34:9**)
- And it came about after the death of Moses the servant of Yehowah that Yehowah proceeded to say to **Joshua** the son of Nun, the minister of Moses. (**Joshua 1:1**)
- Moses my servant is dead, and now get up, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. (**Joshua 1:2**)
- The Scriptures portray **Joshua** as a bold and fearless leader, one who was confident in the certainty of Yehowah's promises, obedient to divine direction, and determined to serve Yehowah in faithfulness. His original name was Hoshea, but Moses called him **Joshua** or Jehoshua.
- Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. (**Numbers 13:8**)
- These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses continued to call Hoshea the son of Nun Jehoshua. (**Numbers 13:16**)

- The Bible record, however, does not reveal just when Hoshea came to be known as **Joshua**.

• Leads Fight Against The Amalekites

- In the year **1513 B.C.E**, when the Israelites encamped at Rephidim shortly after their miraculous deliverance from Egypt's military might at the Red Sea, the Amalekites launched an unprovoked attack on them.
- **Joshua** was then appointed by Moses as commander in the fight against the Amalekites. Under his able leadership, the Israelites, with divine assistance, vanquished the foe. Subsequently Yehowah decreed ultimate annihilation for the Amalekites, instructing Moses to make a written record about this and to propound it to **Joshua**.
- And the Amalekites proceeded to come and fight against Israel in Rephidim. (**Exodus 17:8**)
- At this Moses said to **Joshua**; Choose men for us and go out, fight against the Amalekites. Tomorrow I am stationing myself upon the top of the hill, with the rod of the true God in my hand. (**Exodus 17:9**)
- Then **Joshua** did just as Moses had said to him, in order to fight against the Amalekites, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. (**Exodus 17:10**)
- And it occurred that as soon as Moses would lift his hand up, the Israelites proved superior, but as soon as he would let down his hand, the Amalekites proved superior. (**Exodus 17:11**)
- When the hands of Moses were heavy, then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat upon it, and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on this side and the other on that side, so that his hands held steady until the sun set. (**Exodus 17:12**)
- Hence **Joshua** vanquished Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. (**Exodus 17:13**)
- Yehowah now said to Moses; Write this as a memorial in the book and propound it in **Joshua's** ears, I shall completely wipe out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens.

(Exodus 17:14)

- And Moses proceeded to build an altar and to call its name Yehowah-nissi. **(Exodus 17:15)**
- Saying; Because a hand is against the throne of Yah, Yehowah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. **(Exodus 17:16)**

.. Serves As Moses Attendant

- Later, at Mount Sinai, **Joshua**, as Moses attendant, likely was one of the 70 older men who were privileged to see a magnificent vision of Yehowah's glory.
- Thereafter **Joshua** accompanied Moses partway up Mount Sinai but apparently did not enter the cloud, since Moses alone was commanded to do so.
- And Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the older men of Israel proceeded to go up. **(Exodus 24:9)**
- And they got to see the God of Israel. And under his feet there was what seemed like a work of sapphire flagstones and like the very heavens for purity. **(Exodus 24:10)**
- And he did not put out his hand against the distinguished men of the sons of Israel, but they got a vision of the true God and ate and drank. **(Exodus 24:11)**
- Yehowah now said to Moses; Come up to me in the mountain and stay there, as I want to give you the stone tablets and the Law and the commandment that I must write in order to teach them. **(Exodus 24:12)**
- So Moses and **Joshua** his minister got up and Moses went up into the mountain of the true God. **(Exodus 24:13)**
- But to the older men he had said; You wait for us in this place until we return to you. And, look! Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a case at law, let him approach them. **(Exodus 24:14)**
- Thus Moses went up into the mountain while the cloud was

covering the mountain. (**Exodus 24:15**)

- And Yehowah's glory continued to reside upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud continued to cover it for six days. At length on the seventh day he called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. (**Exodus 24:16**)
- And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the sight of Yehowah's glory was like a devouring fire on the mountaintop. (**Exodus 24:17**)
- Then Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went on up the mountain. And Moses continued in the mountain forty days and forty nights. (**Exodus 24:18**)
- Both he and Moses remained on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights. At the end of this period, while descending Mount Sinai with Moses, **Joshua** mistook the sound of Israel's singing in connection with their idolatrous calf worship as a noise of battle.
- Doubtless he shared Moses indignation when he caught sight of the golden calf and perhaps even assisted in its destruction.
- After that Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand, tablets written upon on both their sides. On this side and on that they were written upon. (**Exodus 32:15**)
- And the tablets were the workmanship of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved upon the tablets. (**Exodus 32:16**)
- And **Joshua** began to hear the noise of the people because of their shouting, and he proceeded to say to Moses; There is a noise of battle in the camp. (**Exodus 32:17**)
- But he said; It is not the sound of the singing over mighty performance, and it is not the sound of the singing of defeat. It is the sound of other singing that I am hearing. (**Exodus 32:18**)
- So it came about that as soon as he got near the camp and could see the calf and the dances, Moses anger began to blaze, and he at once threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain. (**Exodus 32:19**)

- Then he took the calf that they had made and he burnt it with fire and crushed it till it was fine, after which he scattered it upon the surface of the waters and made the sons of Israel drink it. (Exodus 32:20)
- By engaging in calf worship, the Israelites broke the solemn covenant they had made with Yehowah God. This may have prompted Moses to move his tent, the tent of meeting; from the area where the people encamped, as Yehowah had not yet forgiven them for their sin and was therefore no longer in the midst of Israel.
- Perhaps to prevent Israelites from entering the tent of meeting in their unclean state, Joshua remained there whenever Moses returned to the Israelite camp.
- As for Moses, he proceeded to take his tent away and he pitched it outside the camp, far away from the camp, and he called it a tent of meeting. And it occurred that everyone inquiring of Yehowah would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. (Exodus 33:7)
- And it occurred that as soon as Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise, and they stationed themselves each one at the entrance of his own tent, and they gazed after Moses until he went into the tent. (Exodus 33:8)
- It also occurred that as soon as Moses had gone into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down, and it stood at the entrance of the tent and he spoke with Moses. (Exodus 33:9)
- And all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, and all the people rose and bowed down each one at the entrance of his own tent. (Exodus 33:10)
- And Yehowah spoke to Moses face to face, just as a man would speak to his fellow. When he returned to the camp, his minister Joshua, the son of Nun, as attendant, would not withdraw from the midst of the tent. (Exodus 33:11)
- Then he said; If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, O Yehowah, let Yehowah, please, go along in the midst of us, because it is a stiff-necked people, and you have to forgive our error and our sin, and you must take us as your possession. (Exodus 34:9)

- At a later time, when Moses, on account of the murmurings of the people, felt that his load was too great, Yehowah directed that he select 70 older men to assist him.
- These older men were then to go to the tent of meeting. But two of them, Eldad and Medad, doubtless for a valid reason, remained in the camp. When God's spirit became operative upon the 68 assembled at the tent of meeting, Eldad and Medad likewise began acting as prophets in the camp.
- News of this was quickly brought to Moses. Then Joshua, feeling jealous for his lord, urged that Moses restrain them. Since Eldad and Medad had apparently received the spirit apart from Moses mediation, Joshua may have felt that this detracted from the authority of his lord.
- But Moses corrected Joshua, saying; I wish that all of Yehowah's people were prophets, because Yehowah would put his spirit upon them.
- And Moses got to hear the people weeping in their families, each man at the entrance of his tent. And Yehowah's anger began growing very hot, and in the eyes of Moses it was bad. ([Numbers 11:10](#))
- Then Moses said to Yehowah; Why have you caused evil to your servant, and why have I not found favor in your eyes, in placing the load of all this people upon me? ([Numbers 11:11](#))
- Have I myself conceived all this people? Is it I who have given them birth, so that you should say to me, Carry them in your bosom, just as the male nurse carries the suckling, to the soil about which you swore to their forefathers? ([Numbers 11:12](#))
- From where do I have meat to give to all this people? For they keep weeping toward me, saying; Do give us meat, and let us eat! ([Numbers 11:13](#))
- I am not able, I by myself, to carry all this people, because they are too heavy for me. ([Numbers 11:14](#))
- So if this is the way you are doing to me, please kill me off altogether, if I have found favor in your eyes, and let me not look upon my calamity. ([Numbers 11:15](#))

- In turn Yehowah said to Moses; Gather for me seventy men of the older men of Israel, whom you do know that they are older men of the people and officers of theirs, and you must take them to the tent of meeting, and they must station themselves there with you. (**Numbers 11:16**)
- And I shall have to come down and speak with you there, and I shall have to take away some of the spirit that is upon you and place it upon them, and they will have to help you in carrying the load of the people that you may not carry it, just you alone. (**Numbers 11:17**)
- And to the people you should say; Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, as you will certainly eat meat, because you have wept in the ears of Yehowah, saying; Who will give us meat to eat, for it was well with us in Egypt? And Yehowah will certainly give you meat, and you will indeed eat. (**Numbers 11:18**)
- You will eat, not one day nor two days nor five days nor ten days nor twenty days. (**Numbers 11:19**)
- But up to a month of days, until it comes out of your nostrils and it has become a loathing to you, just because you rejected Yehowah, who is in your midst, and you went weeping before him, saying; Why is it that we have come out of Egypt? (**Numbers 11:20**)
- Then Moses said; The people in the midst of whom I am are six hundred thousand men on foot, and yet you, you have said; Meat I shall give them, and they will certainly eat for a month of days! (**Numbers 11:21**)
- Will flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, for it to be adequate for them? Or will all the fish of the sea be caught for them, for it to be adequate for them? (**Numbers 11:22**)
- At this Yehowah said to Moses; The hand of Yehowah is cut short, is it? Now you will see whether what I say befalls you or not. (**Numbers 11:23**)
- After that Moses went out and spoke to the people the words of Yehowah. And he went gathering seventy men from the older men of the people and proceeded to have them stand round

about the tent. (**Numbers 11:24**)

- Then Yehowah came down in a cloud and spoke to him and took away some of the spirit that was upon him and put it upon each of the seventy older men. And it came about that as soon as the spirit settled down upon them, then they proceeded to act as prophets, but they did not do it again. (**Numbers 11:25**)
- Now there were two of the men remaining in the camp. The name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. And the spirit began to settle down upon them, as they were among those written down, but they had not gone out to the tent. So they proceeded to act as prophets in the camp. (**Numbers 11:26**)
- And a young man went running and reporting to Moses and saying; Eldad and Medad are acting as prophets in the camp! (**Numbers 11:27**)
- Then **Joshua** the son of Nun, the minister of Moses from his young manhood on, responded and said; My lord Moses, restrain them! (**Numbers 11:28**)
- However, Moses said to him; Are you feeling jealous for me? No, I wish that all of Yehowah's people were prophets, because Yehowah would put his spirit upon them! (**Numbers 11:29**)
- John said to him; Teacher, we saw a certain man expelling demons by the use of your name and we tried to prevent him, because he was not accompanying us. (**Mark 9:38**)
- But Jesus said; Do not try to prevent him, for there is no one that will do a powerful work on the basis of my name that will quickly be able to revile me. (**Mark 9:39**)

•• Spies Out The Promised Land

- It was sometime after this that the Israelites encamped in the Wilderness of Paran. From there Moses sent out 12 men to spy out the Promised Land, one of these men being **Joshua**, **Hoshea**, or **Jehoshua**.
- Forty days later only **Joshua** and Caleb brought back a good report. The other ten spies disheartened the people, claiming that Israel could never hope to defeat the powerful inhabitants of Canaan.

- **Consequently rebellious murmuring broke out in the camp. Joshua and Caleb then ripped their garments apart and, as they tried to allay the people's fears, cautioned them against rebellion.**
- **But their courageous words reflecting full confidence in Yehowah's ability to fulfill his word were to no avail. In fact, all the assembly talked of pelting them with stones.**
- **Send out for yourself men that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel. You will send out one man for each tribe of his fathers, each one a chieftain among them. (Numbers 13:2)**
- **So Moses sent them out from the wilderness of Paran at the order of Yehowah. All the men were heads of the sons of Israel. (Numbers 13:3)**
- **Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. (Numbers 13:8)**
- **These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses continued to call Hoshea the son of Nun Jehoshua. (Numbers 13:16)**
- **Finally at the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. (Numbers 13:25)**
- **However, all the assembly talked of pelting them with stones. And Yehowah's glory appeared on the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel. (Numbers 14:10)**
- **For their rebellion Yehowah sentenced the Israelites to wander in the wilderness for 40 years until all the registered males, not including the Levites, who were not registered among the other Israelites for military duty.**
- **Take the sum of the whole assembly of the sons of Israel according to their families, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of names, all the males, head by head of them. (Numbers 1:2)**
- **From twenty years old upward, everyone going out to the army in Israel. You should register them according to their armies, you and Aaron (Numbers 1:3)**

- However, the Levites according to the tribe of their fathers did not get registered in among them. (**Numbers 1:47**)
- From 20 years old upward died off. Of the registered males, **Joshua** and Caleb alone were to enter the Promised Land, whereas the ten unfaithful spies were to die by a scourge from Yehowah.
- How long will this evil assembly have this murmuring that they are carrying on against me? I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel that they are murmuring against me. (**Numbers 14:27**)
- Say to them; As I live, is the utterance of Yehowah, if I shall not do to you just that way as you have spoken in my ears! (**Numbers 14:28**)
- In this wilderness your carcasses will fall, yes, all your registered ones of all your number from twenty years old upward, you who have murmured against me. (**Numbers 14:29**)
- As for you, you will not enter into the land in which I lifted up my hand in oath to reside with you, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. (**Numbers 14:30**)
- And your little ones who you said would become plunder, these also I shall certainly bring in, and they will indeed know the land that you have rejected. (**Numbers 14:31**)
- But the carcasses of you yourselves will fall in this wilderness. (**Numbers 14:32**)
- And your sons will become shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and they will have to answer for your acts of fornication, until your carcasses come to their end in the wilderness. (**Numbers 14:33**)
- By the number of the days that you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year, you will answer for your errors forty years, as you must know what my being estranged means. (**Numbers 14:34**)
- I Yehowah have spoken if this is not what I shall do to all this evil assembly, those who have gathered together against me; In

this wilderness they will come to their end, and there they will die. (**Numbers 14:35**)

- And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land and who, when they returned, began making the whole assembly murmur against him, by bringing forth a bad report against the land. (**Numbers 14:36**)
- Yes, the men bringing forth the bad report about the land will die by the scourge before Yehowah. (**Numbers 14:37**)
- But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh will certainly live on, of those men who went to spy out the land. (**Numbers 14:38**)
- For Yehowah had said concerning them; They will die without fail in the wilderness. So there was not left of them a man except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and **Joshua** the son of Nun.
- Of Hezron the family of the Hezronites, of Carmi the family of the Carmites. (**Numbers 26:6**)
- The men who came up out of Egypt from twenty years old upward will not see the soil of which I have sworn to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, because they have not followed me wholly. (**Numbers 32:11**)
- Except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and **Joshua** the son of Nun, because they have followed Yehowah wholly. (**Numbers 32:12**)

· Appointed As Moses Successor

- Toward the close of Israel's wandering in the wilderness, Moses and Aaron, for failing to sanctify Yehowah respecting the miraculous provision of water at Kadesh, also lost the privilege of entering the Promised Land.
- And the sons of Israel, the entire assembly, proceeded to come into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people took up dwelling in Kadesh. It was there that Miriam died and there that she was buried. (**Numbers 20:1**)
- Now there proved to be no water for the assembly, and they

**began to congregate themselves against Moses and Aaron.
(Numbers 20:2)**

- **And the people went quarreling with Moses and saying; If only we had expired when our brothers expired before Yehowah!
(Numbers 20:3)**
- **And why have you men brought Yehowah's congregation into this wilderness for us and our beasts of burden to die there?
(Numbers 20:4)**
- **And why have you conducted us up out of Egypt to bring us into this evil place? It is no place of seed and figs and vines and pomegranates, and there is no water to drink. (Numbers 20:5)**
- **Then Moses and Aaron came from before the congregation to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell upon their faces, and Yehowah's glory began to appear to them. (Numbers 20:6)**
- **Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (Numbers 20:7)**
- **Take the rod and call the assembly together, you and Aaron your brother, and you must speak to the crag before their eyes that it may indeed give its water, and you must bring out water for them from the crag and give the assembly and their beasts of burden drink. (Numbers 20:8)**
- **So Moses took the rod from before Yehowah, just as he had commanded him. (Numbers 20:9)**
- **After that Moses and Aaron called the congregation together before the crag, and he proceeded to say to them; Hear, now, you rebels! Is it from this crag that we shall bring out water for you? (Numbers 20:10)**
- **With that Moses lifted his hand up and struck the crag with his rod twice, and much water began to come out, and the assembly and their beasts of burden began to drink. (Numbers 20:11)**
- **Later Yehowah said to Moses and Aaron; Because you did not show faith in me to sanctify me before the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore you will not bring this congregation into the land that I shall certainly give them. (Numbers 20:12)**

- These are the waters of Meribah, because the sons of Israel quarreled with Yehowah, so that he was sanctified among them. **(Numbers 20:13)**
- Therefore, Yehowah instructed Moses to commission **Joshua** as his successor. In the immediate presence of the new High Priest, Aaron's son Eleazar, and before the assembly of Israel, Moses placed his hands upon Joshua.
- Although appointed as Moses successor, Joshua was not to be like him in knowing Yehowah face to face. Not all of Moses dignity was transferred to Joshua but only that which was needed for him to have the respect of the nation.
- Rather than the more direct communication Moses had been able to enjoy with Yehowah, face to face as it were, **Joshua** was to consult the High Priest, to whom had been entrusted the Urim and Thummim by which the divine will could be ascertained.
- So Yehowah said to Moses; Take for yourself **Joshua** the son of Nun, a man in whom there is spirit, and you must lay your hand upon him. **(Numbers 27:18)**
- And you must stand him before Eleazar the priest and before all the assembly, and you must commission him before their eyes. **(Numbers 27:19)**
- And you must put some of your dignity upon him, in order, that all the assembly of the sons of Israel may listen to him. **(Numbers 27:20)**
- And it is before Eleazar the priest that he will stand, and he must inquire in his behalf by the judgment of the Urim before Yehowah. At his order they will go out and at his order they will come in, he and all the sons of Israel with him and all the assembly. **(Numbers 27:21)**
- And Moses proceeded to do just as Yehowah had commanded him. Accordingly he took **Joshua** and stood him before Eleazar the priest and before all the assembly **(Numbers 27:22)**
- And laid his hands upon him and commissioned him, just as Yehowah had spoken by means of Moses. **(Numbers 27:23)**

- Even against me Yehowah got incensed on your account, saying; You too will not go in there. ([Deuteronomy 1:37](#))
- **Joshua** the son of Nun, who is standing before you, is the one who will go in there. Him he has made strong, because he will cause Israel to inherit it. ([Deuteronomy 1:38](#))
- Yehowah your God is the one crossing before you. He himself will annihilate these nations from before you, and you must drive them away. **Joshua** is the one crossing before you, just as Yehowah has spoken. ([Deuteronomy 31:3](#))
- And **Joshua** the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hand upon him, and the sons of Israel began to listen to him and they went doing just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. ([Deuteronomy 34:9](#))
- But there has never yet risen up a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom Yehowah knew face to face. ([Deuteronomy 34:10](#))
- As divinely directed, Moses gave certain instructions and encouragement to **Joshua** so that he might faithfully discharge his commission.
- And I commanded **Joshua** at that particular time, saying; Your eyes are seeing all that Yehowah your God has done to these two kings. The same way Yehowah will do to all the kingdoms to which you are passing over there. ([Deuteronomy 3:21](#))
- You men must not be afraid of them, for Yehowah your God is the One fighting for you. ([Deuteronomy 3:22](#))
- And commission **Joshua** and encourage him and strengthen him, because he is the one to pass over before this people and he is the one to cause them to inherit the land that you will see. ([Deuteronomy 3:28](#))
- And Moses proceeded to call **Joshua** and say to him before the eyes of all Israel; Be courageous and strong, because you, you will bring this people into the land that Yehowah swore to their forefathers to give to them, and you yourself will give it to them as an inheritance. ([Deuteronomy 31:7](#))
- And Yehowah is the one marching before you. He himself will

continue with you. He will neither desert you nor leave you entirely. Do not be afraid or be terrified. ([Deuteronomy 31:8](#))

- Finally, as the time of his death was nearing, Moses was to station himself with **Joshua** at the tent of meeting. Yehowah then commissioned Joshua, confirming the earlier appointment made by the imposition of Moses hands.
- After that Yehowah said to Moses; Look! The days have drawn near for you to die. Call **Joshua**, and station yourselves in the tent of meeting, that I may commission him. So Moses and Joshua went and stationed themselves in the tent of meeting. ([Deuteronomy 31:14](#))
- Then Yehowah appeared at the tent in the pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud began to stand by the entrance of the tent. ([Deuteronomy 31:15](#))
- And he proceeded to commission **Joshua** the son of Nun and to say; Be courageous and strong, because you, you will bring the sons of Israel into the land about which I have sworn to them, and I myself shall continue with you. ([Deuteronomy 31:23](#))
- Subsequently **Joshua** participated in some way in writing and teaching the Israelites the song that was given to Moses by inspiration.
- And now write for yourselves this song and teach it to the sons of Israel. Place it in their mouths in order, that this song may serve as my witness against the sons of Israel. ([Deuteronomy 31:19](#))
- Thus Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he and Hoshea the son of Nun. ([Deuteronomy 32:44](#))

.. Activities As Moses Successor

- After Moses death **Joshua** prepared to enter the Promised Land. He dispatched officers so that these might instruct the Israelites about getting ready to cross the Jordan three days from then, he reminded the Gadites, Reubenites, and the half tribe of Manasseh of their obligation to assist in the conquest of the land, and he sent out two men to spy out Jericho and the surrounding area.
- And it came about after the death of Moses the servant of

Yehowah that Yehowah proceeded to say to **Joshua** the son of Nun, the minister of Moses. (**Joshua 1:1**)

- Then **Joshua** the son of Nun sent two men out secretly from Shittim as spies, saying; Go, take a look at the land and Jericho. So they went and came to the house of a prostitute woman whose name was Rahab, and they took up lodging there. (**Joshua 2:1**)
- Following the return of the two spies, the Israelites left Shittim and encamped near the Jordan. On the next day Yehowah miraculously dammed up the Jordan, permitting the nation to cross on dry ground.
- To memorialize this event, **Joshua** set up 12 stones in the middle of the riverbed and 12 stones at Gilgal, Israel's first encampment West of the Jordan. He also made flint knives for circumcising all the Israelite males born in the wilderness. Thus some four days later they were in a fit condition to observe the Passover.
- And the two men proceeded to descend again from the mountainous region and to cross over and come to **Joshua** the son of Nun, and they began to relate to him all the things that had happened to them. (**Joshua 2:23**)
- And they began to eat some of the yield of the land the day after the Passover, unfermented cakes and roasted grains, on this same day. (**Joshua 5:11**)
- Thereafter, while near Jericho, **Joshua** met an angelic prince from whom he received instruction about the procedure to be followed in taking that city.
- Joshua handled matters accordingly and, after devoting Jericho to destruction, pronounced a prophetic curse on its future rebuilders, which was fulfilled over 500 years later.
- And it came about when **Joshua** happened to be by Jericho that he proceeded to raise his eyes and look, and there, there was a man standing in front of him with his drawn sword in his hand. So Joshua walked up to him and said to him; Are you for us or for our adversaries? (**Joshua 5:13**)
- Then **Joshua** had an oath pronounced at that particular time,

saying; Cursed may the man be before Yehowah who gets up and does build this city, even Jericho. At the forfeit of his firstborn let him lay the foundation of it, and at the forfeit of his youngest let him put up its doors. (**Joshua 6:26**)

- In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. At the forfeit of Abiram his firstborn he laid the foundation of it, and at the forfeit of Segub his youngest he put up its doors, according to Yehowah's word that he spoke by means of **Joshua** the son of Nun. (**1 Kings 16:34**)

· Next He Moved Against Ai

- At first, the Israelite force of some 3,000 men suffered defeat, Yehowah having withheld his aid because of Achan's disobediently taking spoil from Jericho for personal use. Subsequent to Israel's stoning of Achan and his household for this sin, **Joshua** employed an ambush against Ai and reduced the city to a desolate mound.
- And the sons of Israel went committing an act of unfaithfulness respecting the thing devoted to destruction in that Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the thing devoted to destruction. At this Yehowah's anger grew hot against the sons of Israel. (**Joshua 7:1**)
- And he hanged the king of Ai upon a stake until the evening time, and as the sun was about to set **Joshua** gave the command, and then they took his dead body down from the stake and pitched it at the entrance of the gate of the city and raised up a great pile of stones over him, down to this day. (**Joshua 8:29**)
- It was then that the entire congregation of Israel, including women, children, and alien residents, went to the vicinity of Mount Ebal. There at Mount Ebal, **Joshua** built an altar according to the specifications outlined in the Law.
- As half of the congregation stood in front of Mount Gerizim and the other half in front of Mount Ebal, Joshua read to them the Law, the blessing and the malediction. There proved to be not a word of all that Moses had commanded that **Joshua** did not read aloud.
- It was then that **Joshua** proceeded to build an altar to Yehowah the God of Israel, in Mount Ebal. (**Joshua 8:30**)

- Just as Moses the servant of Yehowah had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the Law of Moses; An altar of whole stones, upon which no iron tool has been wielded, and they went offering up burnt offerings upon it to Yehowah and sacrificing communion sacrifices. (**Joshua 8:31**)
- Then he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the Law of Moses that he had written before the sons of Israel. (**Joshua 8:32**)
- And all Israel and their older men and the officers and their judges were standing on this side and on that side of the Ark in front of the priests, the Levites, carrying the ark of the covenant of Yehowah, the alien resident as well as the native, one half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and the other half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of Yehowah had commanded, to bless the people of Israel first of all. (**Joshua 8:33**)
- And after this he read aloud all the words of the Law, the blessing and the malediction, according to all that is written in the book of the Law. (**Joshua 8:34**)
- There proved to be not a word of all that Moses had commanded that **Joshua** did not read aloud in front of all the congregation of Israel, together with the women and the little ones and the alien residents who walked in their midst. (**Joshua 8:35**)
- After returning to their Gilgal camp, **Joshua** and the chieftains of Israel had a visit from Gibeonite messengers. Recognizing that Yehowah was fighting for the Israelites, the Gibeonites, through trickery, succeeded in concluding a covenant of peace with **Joshua**.
- When the actual facts came to light, however, **Joshua** constituted them slaves. News of what the Gibeonites had done also reached Adoni-zedek the king of Jerusalem. For this reason he and four other Canaanite kings launched a punitive expedition against them.
- In response to an appeal from the Gibeonites for aid, **Joshua** staged an all-night march from Gilgal. Yehowah then fought for Israel in defense of the Gibeonites, indicating that he did not disapprove of the covenant that had earlier been made with them.

- More of the enemy forces perished as a result of a miraculous hailstorm than died in the actual warfare. Yehowah even listened to **Joshua's** voice in lengthening the daylight hours for the battle.
- And the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what **Joshua** had done to Jericho and Ai. (**Joshua 9:3**)
- And no day has proved to be like that one, either before it or after it, in that Yehowah listened to the voice of a man, for Yehowah himself was fighting for Israel. (**Joshua 10:14**)
- **Joshua** followed up this God-given victory by capturing Makkedah, Libnah, Lachish, Eglon, Hebron, and Debir, thus breaking the power of the Canaanites in the southern part of the land. Next, the northern Canaanite kings, under the leadership of Jabin the king of Hazor, assembled their forces at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.
- Though faced with horses and chariots, **Joshua** was divinely encouraged not to give way to fear. Again Yehowah granted victory to the Israelites. As instructed, **Joshua** hamstringed the horses and burned the chariots of the enemy. Hazor itself was consigned to the fire.
- Meantime these five kings fled and went hiding themselves in the cave at Makkedah. (**Joshua 10:16**)
- So **Joshua** took all the land, according to all that Yehowah had promised Moses, and Joshua then gave it as an inheritance to Israel by their shares, according to their tribes. And the land had no disturbance from war. (**Joshua 11:23**)
- Thus, within a period of about six years.
- Now it came about that in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day in the month, the cloud lifted itself from over the tabernacle of the Testimony. (**Numbers 10:11**)
- Send out for yourself men that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel. You will send out one man for each tribe of his fathers, each one a chieftain among them. (**Numbers 13:2**)
- Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. (**Numbers 13:6**)

- **By the number of the days that you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year, you will answer for your errors forty years, as you must know what my being estranged means. (Numbers 14:34)**
- **I Yehowah have spoken if this is not what I shall do to all this evil assembly, those who have gathered together against me: In this wilderness they will come to their end, and there they will die. (Numbers 14:35)**
- **And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land and who, when they returned, began making the whole assembly murmur against him, by bringing forth a bad report against the land. (Numbers 14:36)**
- **Yes, the men bringing forth the bad report about the land will die by the scourge before Yehowah. (Numbers 14:37)**
- **But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh will certainly live on, of those men who went to spy out the land. (Numbers 14:38)**
- **Then the sons of Judah approached Joshua in Gilgal, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him; You yourself well know the word that Yehowah spoke to Moses the man of the true God with regard to me and with regard to you at Kadesh-barnea. (Joshua 14:6)**
- **Forty years old I was when Moses the servant of Yehowah sent me out of Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I came bringing him back word just as it was in my heart. (Joshua 14:7)**
- **And my brothers who went up with me caused the heart of the people to melt, but as for me, I followed Yehowah my God fully. (Joshua 14:8)**
- **Consequently Moses swore on that day, saying; The land upon which your foot has trod will become yours and your sons as an inheritance to time indefinite, because you have followed Yehowah my God fully. (Joshua 14:9)**
- **And now here Yehowah has preserved me alive, just as he promised, these forty-five years since Yehowah made this**

promise to Moses when Israel walked in the wilderness, and now here I am today eighty-five years old. ([Joshua 14:10](#))

- **Joshua** defeated 31 kings and subjugated large sections of the Promised Land.
- And these are the kings of the land whom **Joshua** and the sons of Israel defeated on the side of the Jordan toward the west, from Baal-gad in the valley plain of Lebanon and as far as Mount Halak, which goes up to Seir, after which Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel as a holding by their shares. ([Joshua 12:7](#))
- In the mountainous region and in the Shephelah and in the Arabah and on the slopes and in the wilderness and in the Negeb, the Hittites, the Amorites and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites. ([Joshua 12:8](#))
- He king of Jericho, one, the king of Ai, which was beside Bethel, one. ([Joshua 12:9](#))
- The king of Jerusalem, one. The king of Hebron, one. ([Joshua 12:10](#))
- The king of Jarmuth, one. The king of Lachish, one. ([Joshua 12:11](#))
- The king of Eglon, one. The king of Gezer, one. ([Joshua 12:12](#))
- The king of Debir, one. The king of Geder, one. ([Joshua 12:13](#))
- The king of Hormah, one. The king of Arad, one ([Joshua 12:14](#))
- The king of Libnah, one. The king of Adullam, one. ([Joshua 12:15](#))
- The king of Makkedah, one, the king of Bethel, one. ([Joshua 12:16](#))
- The king of Tappuah, one. The king of Hephher, one. ([Joshua 12:17](#))
- The king of Aphek, one. The king of Lass Sharon, one. ([Joshua 12:18](#))

- The king of Madon, one. The king of Hazor, one. (**Joshua 12:19**)
- The king of Shimron-meron, one. The king of Achshaph, one. (**Joshua 12:20**)
- The king of Taanach, one. The king of Megiddo, one. (**Joshua 12:21**)
- The king of Kedesh, one. The king of Jokneam in Carmel, one. (**Joshua 12:22**)
- The king of Dor on the mountain ridge of Dor, one. The king of Goiim in Gilgal, one. (**Joshua 12:23**)
- The king of Tirzah, one. All the kings being thirty-one. (**Joshua 12:24**)
- Now came the time for distributing the land to the individual tribes. This was done initially from Gilgal, under the supervision of **Joshua**, High Priest Eleazar, and ten other divinely appointed representatives.
- And now apportion this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half tribe of Manasseh. (**Joshua 13:7**)
- Now this is what the sons of Israel took as a hereditary possession in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and **Joshua** the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel caused them to inherit. (**Joshua 14:1**)
- Their inheritance was by lot, just as Yehowah had commanded by means of Moses for the nine tribes and the half tribe. (**Joshua 14:2**)
- Then the sons of Judah approached **Joshua** in Gilgal, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him; You yourself well know the word that Yehowah spoke to Moses the man of the true God with regard to me and with regard to you at Kadesh-barnea. (**Joshua 14:6**)
- These are the names of the men who will divide the land to you people for a possession, Eleazar the priest and **Joshua** the son of Nun. (**Numbers 34:17**)

- And you will take one chieftain out of each tribe to divide the land for a possession. (**Numbers 34:18**)
- And these are the names of the men. Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. (**Numbers 34:19**)
- And of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud. (**Numbers 34:20**)
- Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon. (**Numbers 34:21**)
- And of the tribe of the sons of Dan a chieftain, Bukki the son of Jogli. (**Numbers 34:22**)
- Of the sons of Joseph, of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh a chieftain, Hanniel the son of Ephod. (**Numbers 34:23**)
- And of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim a chieftain, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan. (**Numbers 34:24**)
- And of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun a chieftain, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. (**Numbers 34:25**)
- And of the tribe of the sons of Issachar a chieftain, Paltiel the son of Azzan. (**Numbers 34:26**)
- And of the tribe of the sons of Asher a chieftain, Ahihud the son of Shelomi. (**Numbers 34:27**)
- And of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali a chieftain, Pedahel the son of Ammihud. (**Numbers 34:28**)
- These are the ones whom Yehowah commanded to make the sons of Israel landholders in the land of Canaan. (**Numbers 34:29**)
- After the tabernacle was located at Shiloh, the apportioning of the land by lot continued from there.
- Then all the assembly of the sons of Israel were congregated at Shiloh, and they proceeded to locate the tent of meeting there, as the land was now subdued before them. (**Joshua 18:1**)

- So the men got up that they might go, and Joshua proceeded to command those who were going to map out the land, saying; Go and walk about in the land and map it out and return to me, and here is where I shall draw lots for you before Yehowah in Shiloh. (Joshua 18:8)
- With that the men went and passed through the land and mapped it out by cities in seven shares, in a book. After that they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh. (Joshua 18:9)
- And Joshua went drawing lots for them in Shiloh before Yehowah. Thus Joshua there apportioned the land to the sons of Israel in their shares. (Joshua 18:10)
- Joshua himself received the city of Timnath-serah in the mountainous region of Ephraim.
- Thus they finished dividing the land for a possession by its territories. Then the sons of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun in their midst. (Joshua 19:49)
- At the order of Yehowah they gave him the city for which he asked, namely, Timnath-serah, in the mountainous region of Ephraim, and he began to build up the city and dwell in it. (Joshua 19:50)

• Final Admonition To Israelites, And Death

- Toward the end of his life, Joshua assembled Israel's older men, its heads, judges, and officers, admonishing them to serve Yehowah in faithfulness and warning them of the consequences of disobedience.
- And it came about many days after Yehowah had given Israel rest from all their enemies all around, when Joshua was old and advanced in days. (Joshua 23:1)
- That Joshua proceeded to call all Israel, its older men and its heads and its judges and its officers, and to say to them; As for me, I have grown old, I have advanced in days. (Joshua 23:2)
- And as for you, you have seen all that Yehowah your God did to all these nations on your account, because Yehowah your God was the one who was fighting for you. (Joshua 23:3)

- See, I assigned to you by lot these nations that remain as an inheritance for your tribes, and all the nations that I cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea at the setting of the sun. (**Joshua 23:4**)
- And Yehowah your God was the one who kept pushing them away from before you, and he dispossessed them on your account, and you took possession of their land, just as Yehowah your God had promised you. (**Joshua 23:5**)
- And you must be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the Law of Moses by never turning away from it to the right or to the left. (**Joshua 23:6**)
- By never going in among these nations, these that remain with you. And you must not mention the names of their gods nor swear by them, neither must you serve them nor bow down to them. (**Joshua 23:7**)
- But it is to Yehowah your God that you should cleave, just as you have done down to this day. (**Joshua 23:8**)
- And Yehowah will drive away great and mighty nations from before you. As for you, not a man has stood before you down to this day. (**Joshua 23:9**)
- Just one man of you will chase a thousand, because Yehowah your God is the one who is fighting for you, just as he has promised you. (**Joshua 23:10**)
- And you must be on constant guard for your souls by loving Yehowah your God. (**Joshua 23:11**)
- But if you should turn back at all and you do cleave to what is left of these nations, these that remain with you, and you do form marriage alliances with them and go in among them, and they among you. (**Joshua 23:12**)
- You should positively know that Yehowah your God will not continue to dispossess these nations on your account, and they must become to you as a trap and as a snare and as a scourge on your flanks and as thorns in your eyes until you have perished off this good ground that Yehowah your God has given you. (**Joshua 23:13**)

- **Now, look! I am going today in the way of all the earth, and you well know with all your hearts and with all your souls that not one word out of all the good words that Yehowah your God has spoken to you has failed. They have all come true for you. Not one word of them has failed. (Joshua 23:14)**
- **And it must occur that, just as all the good word that Yehowah your God has spoken to you has come upon you, so Yehowah will bring upon you all the evil word until he has annihilated you from off this good ground that Yehowah your God has given you. (Joshua 23:15)**
- **Because of your overstepping the covenant of Yehowah your God that he commanded you, and because you have gone and served other gods and bowed down to them. And Yehowah's anger will certainly blaze against you, and you will certainly perish in a hurry from off the good land that he has given you. (Joshua 23:16)**
- **He also called together the entire congregation of Israel, reviewed Yehowah's past dealings with their forefathers and the nation, and then appealed to them to serve Yehowah. Said Joshua,**
- **Now if it is bad in your eyes to serve Yehowah, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods that your forefathers who were on the other side of the River served or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are dwelling. But as for me and my household, we shall serve Yehowah.**
- **And Joshua proceeded to assemble all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem and to call the older men of Israel and its heads and its judges and its officers, and they went taking their stand before the true God. (Joshua 24:1)**
- **And Joshua went on to say to all the people; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; It was on the other side of the River that your forefathers dwelt a long time ago, Terah the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they used to serve other gods. (Joshua 24:2)**
- **In time I took your forefather Abraham from the other side of the River and had him walk through all the land of Canaan and made his seed many. So I gave him Isaac. (Joshua 24:3)**

- Then to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. Later to Esau I gave Mount Seir to take possession of it, and Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt. ([Joshua 24:4](#))
- Later on I sent Moses and Aaron, and I went plaguing Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I brought you out. ([Joshua 24:5](#))
- When I was bringing your fathers out of Egypt and you came to the sea, then the Egyptians went chasing after your fathers with war chariots and cavalrymen to the Red Sea. ([Joshua 24:6](#))
- And they began to cry out to Yehowah. So he placed a darkness between you and the Egyptians and brought the sea upon them and covered them, and your eyes got to see what I did in Egypt, and you took up dwelling in the wilderness many days. ([Joshua 24:7](#))
- Eventually I brought you to the land of the Amorites who were dwelling on the other side of the Jordan, and they went fighting against you. At that I gave them into your hand that you might take possession of their land, and I annihilated them from before you. ([Joshua 24:8](#))
- Then Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, got up and went fighting against Israel. So he sent and summoned Balaam the son of Beor to call down evil upon you. ([Joshua 24:9](#))
- And I did not want to listen to Balaam. Consequently he blessed you repeatedly. Thus I delivered you out of his hand. ([Joshua 24:10](#))
- Then you went crossing the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the landowners of Jericho, the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Girgashites, the Hivites and the Jebusites began fighting against you, but I gave them into your hand. ([Joshua 24:11](#))
- So I sent the feeling of dejection ahead of you, and it gradually drove them out before you, two kings of the Amorites, not with your sword and not with your bow. ([Joshua 24:12](#))
- Thus I gave you a land for which you had not toiled and cities

that you had not built, and you took up dwelling in them. Vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant are what you are eating. (**Joshua 24:13**)

- And now fear Yehowah and serve him in faultlessness and in truth, and remove the gods that your forefathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt, and serve Yehowah. (**Joshua 24:14**)
- Now if it is bad in your eyes to serve Yehowah, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods that your forefathers who were on the other side of the River served or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are dwelling. But as for me and my household, we shall serve Yehowah. (**Joshua 24:15**)
- Thereafter the Israelites renewed their covenant to obey Yehowah.
- At this the people answered and said; It is unthinkable, on our part, to leave Yehowah so as to serve other gods. (**Joshua 24:16**)
- For it is Yehowah our God who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves, and who performed these great signs before our eyes and who kept guarding us in all the way in which we walked and among all the peoples through the midst of whom we passed. (**Joshua 24:17**)
- And Yehowah proceeded to drive out all the peoples, even the Amorites, dwelling in the land from before us. As for us, too, we shall serve Yehowah, because he is our God. (**Joshua 24:18**)
- Then **Joshua** said to the people; You are not able to serve Yehowah, for he is a holy God, he is a God exacting exclusive devotion. He will not pardon your revolting and your sins. (**Joshua 24:19**)
- In case you should leave Yehowah and you do serve foreign gods, he also will certainly turn back and do you injury and exterminate you after he has done you good. (**Joshua 24:20**)
- In turn the people said to **Joshua**; No, but Yehowah we shall serve! (**Joshua 24:21**)

- At this **Joshua** said to the people; You are witnesses against yourselves that you of your own accord have chosen Yehowah for yourselves, to serve him. To this they said; We are witnesses. (**Joshua 24:22**)
- And now remove the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to Yehowah the God of Israel. (**Joshua 24:23**)
- In turn the people said to **Joshua**; Yehowah our God we shall serve, and to his voice we shall listen! (**Joshua 24:24**)
- And **Joshua** proceeded to conclude a covenant with the people on that day and to constitute for them a regulation and judicial decision in Shechem. (**Joshua 24:25**)
- Then **Joshua** wrote these words in the book of God's Law and took a great stone and set it up there under the massive tree that is by the sanctuary of Yehowah. (**Joshua 24:26**)
- And **Joshua** went on to say to all the people; Look! This stone is what will serve as a witness against us, because it has itself heard all the sayings of Yehowah that he has spoken with us, and it must serve as a witness against you, that you may not deny your God. (**Joshua 24:27**)
- With that **Joshua** sent the people away, each one to his inheritance. (**Joshua 24:28**)
- At the age of 110 years, **Joshua** died and was buried at Timnath-serah. The good effect of his unswerving loyalty to Yehowah is evident from the fact that Israel continued to serve Yehowah all the days of **Joshua** and all the days of the older men who extended their days after **Joshua**.
- And it came about that after these things **Joshua** the son of Nun, the servant of Yehowah, gradually died at the age of a hundred and ten years. (**Joshua 24:29**)
- So they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in the mountainous region of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. (**Joshua 24:30**)
- And Israel continued to serve Yehowah all the days of **Joshua** and all the days of the older men who extended their days after

Joshua and who had known all the work of Yehowah that he did for Israel. (**Joshua 24:31**)

- And the people continued to serve Yehowah all the days of **Joshua** and all the days of the older men who extended their days after Joshua and who had seen all of Yehowah's great work that he did for Israel. (**Judges 2:7**)
- Then **Joshua** the son of Nun, the servant of Yehowah, died at the age of a hundred and ten years. (**Judges 2:8**)
- So they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-heres in the mountainous region of Ephraim, on the north of Mount Gaash. (**Judges 2:9**)