

## The Scriptures Summarized / Book 6 – Joshua

This is the first of many books in Scriptures named after its main character and/or human author. It continues the historical narrative of the Hebrew nation. We call this era the time of conquest. After a 40 year delay, the people are tasked with taking possession of the Promised Land. The key words are inherit which is used 63 times; while the word possess is used 24 times.

**Joshua 11:23** So Joshua took the entire land, just as the LORD had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from war.

Joshua is a Hebrew name equivalent to the Greek name Jesus, meaning Jehovah is salvation. He was a former slave turned spy who survived the wilderness wanderings because of his faith. (Caleb too) Joshua had been Moses' personal servant. He also became the chief soldier. At age 80 he becomes Moses' successor. He led the nation for 30 years until his death at age 110.

**Josh. 21:43** So the LORD gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. 44 The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the LORD gave all their enemies into their hands. 45 Not one of all the LORD's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

The book records the military destruction of the inhabitants of the land. This seems inconsistent with the NT teachings of Jesus. However, we need divine perspective.

**Gen. 15:16** In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”



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**Josh.24:15** But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."