



Joshua



THEME VERSE: “This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9

Author

Joshua (except the ending)

Date

1405 – 1390 B.C.

Location

Canaan - the PROMISED LAND

Outline

Entering the Promised Land	1:1 – 5:12
Conquering the Promised	5:13 – 12:24
Dividing the Promised Land	13:1 – 24:33

Content

Joshua is a war epic – a “blood and guts” kind of story but too inspiring to pass up. Basically, while the Hebrews (Israelites) were slaves in Egypt, other people settled on their land. So the Hebrews had to fight to get their land back. The book of Joshua is the record of those battles and Joshua was the name of the man who led the Hebrews into battles. He was a soldier, a diplomat, a negotiator, and a strategist. He believed God even when the odds were stacked up so high against his people that almost everyone else chickened out. He was a real hero.

What's the Point?

The book of Joshua matters to you today for several reasons. We face the same kind of battles that they faced - temptations that are too big for us to conquer alone and difficult times that feel like they are going to overwhelm us. The lesson for us in our battles is the same as the lesson for the Hebrews: Trust God to do your fighting for you. Take it one step at a time. Continually renew your commitment to obey Him and worship Him alone.