

# Interesting Facts About Joshua

**MEANING:** Joshua means “salvation.” Numbers 13:8

**AUTHOR:** Joshua

**TIME WRITTEN:** Cannot be dated precisely.

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 6th Book in the Bible
- 6th Book in the Old Testament
- 1st of 12 books of History (Joshua - Esther)
- 60 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 24

**VERSES:** 658

**WORDS:** 18,858

## **OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JOSHUA:**

- Joshua was born a slave in Egypt but became a conqueror in Canaan.
- Joshua:
  - Became Israel's leader at age 85.
  - Led Israel for 25 years,
  - Died at age 110.
- Joshua had been one of the 12 spies Moses sent out from Kadesh Barnea. Joshua was 50 years old at the time.
  - He and Caleb brought back a favorable report.
  - He and Caleb were permitted to live in Canaan.
- Joshua exhibits three great qualities:
  - His obedient faith in God.
  - His great courage.
  - His dedication to God and His Word.
- The entire Book of Joshua has to do with the entering, conquering, and occupying the Land of Canaan.
  - It begins with a statement of the promise of the conquest. 1:2-3

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- It ends with the completion of the conquest. 23:14
- The conquest was accomplished with three military campaigns wherein Israel engaged more than 30 armies over a 7 year period.
  - 1st Military Campaign: Central Canaan. Joshua 6-8
  - 2nd Military Campaign: Southern Canaan. Joshua 9-10
  - 3rd Military Campaign: Northern Campaign. Joshua 11-12
- Joshua used the “divide and conquer” method of dividing the Southern part of Canaan from the Northern part.
- Joshua's great challenge: Joshua 24:15 - “Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
- Thus, Joshua begins where Deuteronomy leaves off, and takes Israel from the Wilderness to the Promised Land.
- In the Book of Joshua, the fulfillment of the land promise made to Abraham in Genesis 12:6 was fulfilled. “Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.”

