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

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.”