JOSHUA
A Historical Book
Joshua: The Book of Joshua picks up right after Moses dies and shows how God had been faithful to the covenant he made with Abraham by bringing them into the land.

Joshua leads Israel and they settle in the promised land currently occupied by Canaanites.
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• JOSHUA - The nation of Israel has followed Moses for 40 years. God has delivered them from slavery in Egypt, disciplined them in the wilderness, and brought them to the land He promised their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But not Moses is dead, and his aide Joshua is commissioned to lead the people into the promised land of Canaan.
• JOSHUA - The book of Joshua can be broken into two simple parts: conquering the land and settling the land. Israel is charged with keeping God’s commandments, driving out the evil inhabitants, and divvying up the land among themselves as an inheritance. Joshua oversees this process.
This book begins with God calling Joshua to be strong, courageous, and obedient (Jos 1:6–7). Joshua is obedient, and the people are faithful to God under Joshua’s leadership. The book ends with Joshua’s death, and the people of Israel happily serving God in the land He has given them.
JOSHUA – Theme Verse

• If we had to choose just one verse to sum up the key theme in this book, it would be Joshua 1:6

• “Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.”
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JOSHUA – Its Role in the Bible

• The book of Joshua marks God fulfilling His promise to Abraham: that the land of Canaan would belong to his descendants. More than 500 years later, the children of Israel finally settle the land and make it theirs.
This book also marks the end of an age for Israel. After Moses and Joshua die, there is no commissioned leader of the whole nation, save God Himself. Israel moves into the age of judges, when God periodically raises leaders to deliver Israel from her enemies.
JOSHUA – Outline

- Joshua and Israel conquer the land (Jos 1 – 12)
  - The Entrance into the Land (1:1; 5:12)
  - The Exhortations to Conquer (ch. 1)
  - The Reconnaissance of Jericho (ch. 2)
  - The Crossing of the Jordan (chs. 3-4)
  - The Consecration at Gilgal (5:1-12)

- The Conquest of the Land (5:13; 12:24)
  - The Initial Battles (5:13; 8:35),
  - Jericho (5:13; 6:27),
  - Ai, Achan’s sin (ch. 7),
  - Victory at Ai (8:1-29)
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- The covenant renewed at Shechem (8:30-35)
- The Campaign in the South (chs. 9-10)
  - The treaty with the Gibeonites (ch. 9)
  - The long day of Joshua (10:1-15)
  - The southern cities conquered (10:16-43)
- The Campaign in the North (ch. 11)
- The Defeated Kings of Canaan (ch. 12)
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- The Distribution of the Land (chs. 13-21)
- The Areas Yet to Be Conquered (13:1-7)
- The Land Assigned by Moses to the Tribes in Transjordan (13:8-33)
- The Division of the Land of Canaan (chs. 14-19)
  - Introduction (14:1-5)
  - The town given to Caleb (14:6-15)
  - The lands given to Judah and "Joseph" at Gilgal (chs. 15-17)
  - The allotments for Benjamin, Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali and Dan at Shiloh (18:1; 19:48)
  - The town given to Joshua (19:49-51)
The Great Sea
(Mediterranean sea)
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- The Cities Assigned to the Levites (chs. 20-21)
  - The 6 cities of refuge (ch. 20)
  - The 48 cities of the priests (ch. 21)

- Epilogue: Tribal Unity and Loyalty to the Lord (chs. 22-24)
  - The Altar of Witness by the Jordan (ch. 22)
  - Joshua's Farewell Exhortation (ch. 23)
  - The Renewal of the Covenant at Shechem (24:1-28)
  - The Death and Burial of Joshua and Eleazar (24:29-33)
“Now the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ‘The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers’ households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance.’” Numbers 2:1-2