



## Outline of the Book of Joshua by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### Joshua = Jehovah Is Salvation

### [God Is Proprietor]

### Blueprint for Redemption

(Name was *Hoshea* = "Salvation" **Numbers 13:8; 14:6,30**)

#### I. Continue to Execute **1:1-4:24**

A. Faith of Brave Leader **1:1-18** (overlaps with **Deuteronomy 31:1-8**)

1. Authority is from God's Word **1:1-9**
2. Awareness of duty by the "left behind" **1:10-18**

B. Faith in Brave Mission **2:1-24**

1. Only 2 spies sent for only good report Cf **Num. 13-14**
2. *Rahab* saved them **2:8-21** **Matthew 1:5; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25**

C. Faith to Bravely Cross **3:1-4:24**

1. Follow the ark (representing God's Presence) **3:1-17**
2. Leave a monument **4:1-9**
3. Admire their leader **4:10-14**
4. Teach their children **4:15-24**

#### II. Contend for Exorcism **5:1-12:24**

A. Children of Israel Sanctified **5:1-12**

1. By circumcision **5:1-9** (*Gilgal* = reproach rolled away)
2. By Passover **5:10-12** (end of "manna")

B. Canaanites Sacrificed **5:13-12:24**

1. **Southern Campaign** - *Jericho* **5:13-6:1-27**
  - a. *Joshua* saw a Soldier **5:13-15**, Moses a burning bush **Exodus 3**
  - b. Strength in sevens (priests, trumpets, days, laps) **6:1-21**
  - c. Salvation for *Rahab's* Faith **6:22-25**

- d. Shattering for good **6:26-27 Cf 1 Kings 16:34**
- 2. **Ai 7:1-8:35**
  - a. Failure of Israel's scheme **7:1-9**
  - b. Firmness of God's sacrifice **7:10-26**
  - c. Force of Joshua's strategy **8:1-29**
  - c. Fear of Divine justice **8:30-35**
- 3. **Gibeon** surrenders by deceptive covenant **9:1-27; Cf 10:2**
- 4. Amorites defeated at **Gibeon 10:1-27**
  - a. United armies of 5 Amorite kings **10:1-6**
  - b. Divine: army, hail, and "sun stood still" **10:7-15**
  - c. From cave at **Makkedah** to lynching **10:16-28**
- 5. **Libnah 10:29-30, Lachish 10:31-33, Eglon 10:34-35, Hebron 10:36-37, Debir 10:38-39**
- 6. Summary Ending at **Gilgal 10:40-43**
- 7. **Northern Campaign** -
  - a. United armies lost by Jabin king of **Hazor 11:1-9**
  - b. Lost capital city of **Hazor 11:10-12**
  - c. Cities on "mounds" (Heb. *tel*) captured **11:13-15**

C. Complete Summary of Conquest **11:16-12:24**

### III. **Content with Executor 13:1-24:33**

- A. Land Left to Conquer **13:1-33**
  - 1. Additional West wars not done (Joshua was old) **13:1-13**
  - 2. Levites left out of land deals **13:14, 33; 14:4; 17:7**
  - 3. Additional East wars not done **13:8-14**
- B. East Lands Promised by Moses **13:8-33; 14:5**
  - a. **Land to Reuben** (**Balaam** killed) **13:8-23**
  - b. **Land to Gad 13:24-28**
  - c. **Land to Half Tribe of Manasseh** (East) **13:29-31**
- C. West Lands (Canaan) Divided **14:1-19:51**
  - 1. Method of choosing was by lot **14:1-3**
  - 2. **Tribe of Joseph** split into **Manasseh & Ephraim 14:4**
  - 3. **Tribe of Levi** received no land inheritance **14:4**
  - 4. **Caleb** requested **Hebron (Kirjath Arba) 14:6-15; 15:13-19**
  - 5. **Land to Judah 15:1-63**
  - 6. **Land to Joseph - Manasseh** (West) & **Ephraim 16:1-17:18**
  - 7. Worship in **Shiloh** with Tabernacle **18:1**
  - 8. The other 7 tribes divide the rest **18:2-10**
    - a. **Land to Benjamin 18:11-28**

- b. Land to Simeon **19:1-9**
  - c. Land to Zebulun **19:10-16**
  - d. Land to Issachar **19:17-23**
  - e. Land to Asher **19:24-31**
  - f. Land to Naphtali **19:32-39**
  - g. Land to Dan **19:40-48**
9. *Joshua's Timnath Serah* in the mountains of Ephraim **19:49-51**
- D. Merciful Additions **20:1-22:34**
- 1. Cities of Refuge (3 West, 3 East) **20:1-9**
  - 2. Cities for Levites (among all tribes) **21:1-42**
  - 3. NOT ONE WORD OF GOD WAS LEFT UNDONE! **21:43-45**
  - 4. Eastern 2 1/2 tribes through with obligation to war **22:1-9**
  - 5. Altar called *Witness* mistaken for apostasy **22:10-34**
- E. Joshua's Finale **23:1-30**
- 1. Israel urged to be faithful to the God of conquest **23:1-16**
  - 2. At *Shechem*, covenant renewed (and stone monument)  
for God's dealings from Terah till then **24:1-25**
  - 3. Joshua wrote this in the Book of the Law of God **24:26-28**  
**Cf Deuteronomy 31:9-13; 22-29**
- F. Completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation From Egypt **24:29-33**
- 1. Joshua's death at age 110 **24:29-30**
  - 2. Elders who knew Joshua's works were faithful **24:31**
  - 3. Joseph's bones were interred at *Shechem* **24:32 Acts 7:15,16**
  - 4. Eleazar the Priest is buried **24:33 Cf 21:1; Leviticus 10:6**