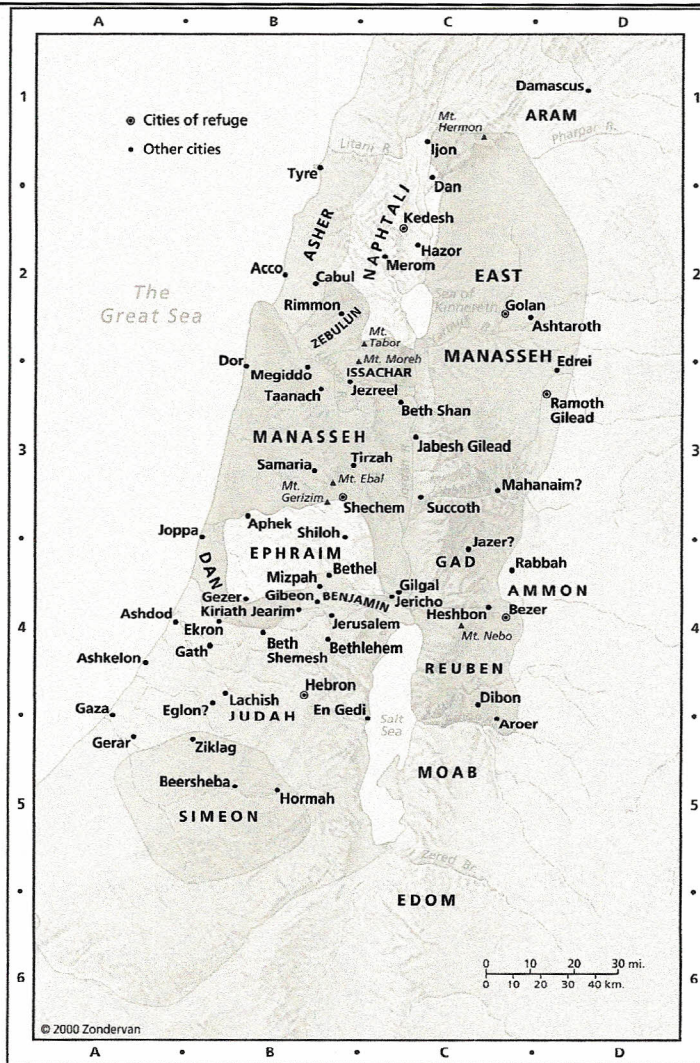


Joshua

At God's behest, Joshua leads the 12 tribes of Israel into the Promised Land and a series of battles against the resident Canaanites. The campaigns are very successful, so much so that they represent one of the highpoints in Israel's history. Joshua is one of the most faithful servants we find in the Bible — and Israel is rewarded accordingly. However, even under Joshua, Israel is not perfect in following God's commands, so the foundation is laid for what follows in the book of *Judges*.

LOOKING FORWARD TO JESUS

Joshua is one of the few flawless people we find in the Old Testament, in fact, in the entire Bible. He does what he is commanded to do, in the manner commanded. Because he is described as being without apparent flaw — and because his name is a variant of 'Jesus' — Joshua is seen as an early hint of the perfect One to come.



Land of the twelve tribes

Old Testament Timeline

BC	2000-1700	1700	1250	1210	1030
Creation/Fall Adam & Eve Noah	Patriarchs Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	Israel in Egypt	The Exodus Moses The Law	Promised Land Joshua Deborah Gideon Sampson	United Kingdom Samuel Saul David Solomon

From children's thoughts on the Bible:

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still... and the son obeyed him.

People:

Amorites enemy of Israel living in Canaan **Asher** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Balaam** a prophet hired to curse Israel by Balaak king of Moab **Caleb** one of the twelve spies who enter the Land of Canaan; he and Joshua are only two spies who return favoring the invasion of Canaan **Canaanites** original inhabitants of Canaan **Dan** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Eleazar** Aaron's son and successor as high priest **Ephraim** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Gad** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Hittites** ancient tribe living in Canaan **Hivites** inhabitants of the Canaan before and after Israel arrives in the Promised Land **Issachar** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Jebusites** ancient tribe in control of Jebus (later Jerusalem) **Joseph** son of Jacob who receives a double portion of inheritance, thus his sons Manasseh and Ephraim each found one of the tribes of Israel **Joshua son of Nun** Moses' lieutenant and successor **Judah** one of 12 tribes of Israel; ancestors of Christ **Levi** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Levites** Aaron, Miriam and Moses are Levites; line of priests and their assistants **Manasseh** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Moses** under God's direction, leads Israel out of Egypt into the Promised Land **Naphtali** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Perrizites** **Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron** becomes high priest **Rahab** a prostitute in Jericho who hides Joshua's spies, Rahab becomes the mother of Boaz and an ancestor of Christ **Reuben** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Simeon** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Zebulun** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Zelophehad's daughters** notable for the special arrangement made for them to accommodate their father's lack of male heirs

Terms:

ark of the covenant/ark of the Testimony a wooden chest containing the Ten Commandments **circumcision** spiritually: a symbol of the covenant between God and his chosen people; physically: cutting off a section of excess skin at the top of a male's penis **consecrate** to set apart for God **Great Sea** Mediterranean Sea

Key Verse

Israel served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the LORD had done for Israel.

Joshua 24:31

930	722	587	538	336	63 BC
Divided Kingdom	Samaria	Jerusalem	Judeans return	Greek	Roman
North: Ahab Elijah	South: Hezekiah Isaiah	falls to Assyria, scatters	falls to Babylon, exiled	rule Esther Ezra Nehemiah	rule