

# JOSHUA

**AUTHOR:**

Nowhere within the book of Joshua is an author clearly defined. Many scholars believe that Joshua wrote it.

**DATE:**

If this book was indeed written by Joshua then it would have been written during his lifetime and after he became the leader of the Israelites. This means Joshua was written sometime around 1400 BC.

**AUDIENCE:**

The book of Joshua was written for the Israelite people to remember their conquest of the Promised Land.

**CONTEXT:**

Moses has just died leaving Joshua as the leader of the Israelite people. After 40 years of wandering in the desert the Israelites have reached the Promised Land—now they have to go in and claim what has been promised to them.

**PURPOSE:**

Joshua tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promise of land to His people. Historically this book tells of Israel's conquest as they take the land that God has promised them. Joshua also illustrates God's faithfulness—He promised that He would redeem the Israelites from bondage (Exodus) and that He would give them the land He promised as their inheritance.

