

# Joshua and the Conquest

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War with inhabitants of the land		Division of the land		"The Golden Age"	
				Joshua's final years	The "elders" who outlive Joshua
<p>41:1:10 Jsh4:19</p> <p><b>Crossing the Jordan</b></p> <p>Jsh3:14-17; twelve stones taken from the river Jsh4:1-14; the stones set up as a memorial at Gilgal Jsh4:15-24</p>		<p><b>Summary: "Joshua made war a long time ..."</b></p> <p>Jsh11:18; territory taken by Joshua Jsh11:16-23; kings defeated by Moses Jsh12:1-6; kings defeated by Joshua Jsh12:7-24</p>		<p><b>"the land lay subdued before them" Jsh18:1; the Tabernacle is established at Shiloh</b> Jsh18:1, 22:19; seven tribes remained unallocated Jsh18:2; men sent to survey the remaining land into seven divisions for Joshua to allocate by lot Jsh18:3-10</p>	
<p>1406BC</p> <p>41:1:8</p> <p>Joshua told to cross the Jordan Jsh1:1-9</p>		<p><b>~1397BC</b></p> <p><b>"Joshua is old and advanced in years";</b> Joshua ~84 years old Jsh13:1a</p>		<p><b>~1390BC</b></p> <p>commencement of the <b>"Golden Age"</b> see Jr2:2, 6:16a, Nm23:21-24, 24:5-9, Dt2:7, 8:2-3, Jsh24:31, Jdg2:7, Ez16:3-7a,43a,60, Hs2:14-15, 9:10a, 11:1, 12:9, 13:4-5</p>	
<p>41:1:14 the first Passover in the Promised Land Jsh5:10-12; theophany for Joshua Jsh5:13-15</p>		<p>Adoni-zedek and four Amorite kings attack Gibeon Jsh10:1-5; Joshua responds and defeats the five kings Jsh10:6-28</p>		<p><b>~1370BC</b></p> <p>"a long time afterward" Jsh23:1; <b>"I am about to go the way of all the earth"</b> Jsh23:14; Joshua's final speech to the people Jsh23:2-16</p>	
<p><b>Mount Ebal ceremony</b></p> <p>Jsh8:30-35; see Dt27:1-26</p>		<p><b>Campaign of Judah and Simeon</b> against the Canaanites, Jerusalem, Debir, and Philistine cities Jdg1:1-20; Benjaminites unable to drive Jebusites from Jerusalem Jdg1:21</p>		<p><b>The Covenant of Fidelity</b> Jsh24:1-28</p> <p>"Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem" Jsh24:1</p> <p><b>"Joshua cut a covenant with the people that day"</b> Jsh24:25; "but as for me and my house, we will serve YHWH" Jsh24:15; "the people answered ... we also will serve YHWH, for he is our God" Jsh24:16,18</p>	
<p><b>Joshua ~75 years old, therefore born ~1480BC</b></p>		<p><b>Joshua's speech to officers</b> Jsh1:10-11; to eastern tribes Jsh1:12-15; they agree Jsh1:16-17; spies sent to Jericho Jsh2:1-24; instructions for crossing the Jordan Jsh3:1-13</p>		<p><b>Joshua is given Timanth-serah</b> in the hill country of Ephraim as his inheritance Jsh19:49-50, 24:30, Jdg2:9</p>	
<p>Canaanites and Amorites are in fear of Israel Jsh5:1; men of Wideness Generation circumcised Jsh5:2-8</p>		<p><b>Southern confederacy</b> Jsh9:1-2; <b>Gibeonite deception</b> Jsh9:3-27</p>		<p><b>~1370BC</b></p> <p><b>Death of Joshua</b> at "a good old age", "being 110 years old" Jsh24:29-30, Jdg2:8-9</p>	
<p><b>Joshua executes the Southern Campaign</b> followed by the <b>Northern Campaign</b> Jsh10:29-43; Jsh13:1b-7, Ex23:30, Dt7:22</p>		<p><b>Division of land west of Jordan</b> by Joshua and Eleazar to Judah and Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh) Jsh14:, 15:, 16:, and 17:</p>		<p><b>Campaign of Joseph</b> against Bethel Jdg1:22-25</p>	
<p><b>Joshua</b> Jsh11:1-15</p>		<p><b>Division of land east of the Jordan</b> to Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh by Moses Jsh13:8-33; no allocation to Levites Jsh13:14,33</p>		<p><b>Failures</b> in driving out the inhabitants of the land Jdg1:27-36, 3:1-6</p>	
<p><b>Joshua</b> Jsh11:1-15</p>		<p><b>Division of the remaining land</b> to Benjamin, Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and Dan Jsh18:11-28, 19:1-48,51</p>		<p><b>Theophany at Bochim</b> Jdg2:1-5</p> <p>Now the angel of YHWH went up from Gilgal to Bochim. "... I will never break my covenant with you ... But you have not obeyed my voice." Jdg2:1-2</p>	
<p><b>Joshua</b> Jsh11:1-15</p>		<p><b>Apostasy of Israel:</b> "And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of YHWH and served the Baals. And they abandoned YHWH ... And they were in terrible distress." Jdg2:11-12a,15b</p>		<p><b>Joshua the Scribe</b></p>	
<p><b>The Age of Joshua</b></p>		<p><b>The Age of Caleb</b></p>		<p><b>Joshua the Scribe</b></p>	
<p>All the fighting men over age 20 were to die in the wilderness, except for Joshua and Caleb; therefore, Joshua was least <b>60 + Y</b> at the commencement of the conquest (Nm14:28-33)</p> <p>The war with the inhabitants of the land took several years; Joshua is "old and advanced in years" when it is over (Jsh13:1); <b>call his age 60 + Y + W</b></p> <p>The division of the land may have taken several years; <b>call his age 60 + Y + W + D</b></p> <p>"a long time afterwards" Joshua is approaching death (Jsh23:1,14) <b>call his age 60 + Y + W + D + L</b></p> <p>Assume Y is 10 to 15 years; W is 5 to 10 years; D is 5 to 10 years, and L is 15 to 25 years</p> <p>Joshua's <b>minimum age</b> at death is: 60+10+5+5+15 gives 95</p> <p>Joshua's <b>maximum age</b> at death is: 60+15+10+10+25 gives 120</p> <p>It is stated that Joshua is "110" at his death (Jsh24:29, Jdg2:8)</p> <p>There is an Egyptian idiom "being 110 years old" means "being a good old age" (Gn50:26)*</p> <p>Given that Joshua and Judges were written in very different environments than Genesis, it is less likely the "idiom" is in use; therefore, "110" is likely a good approximation of the age of Joshua at his death</p>		<p>Caleb states that he was 40 years old when he spied out the land (Jsh14:7) – this supports an approximate age of 35 for Joshua</p> <p>When he was allocated his inheritance 45 years later, he was 85 years old and still able to fight (Jsh14:10-11) – this supports a similar age for Joshua at the end of the war</p> <p>After spying out the land, the Israelites spent approximately 38 years in the wilderness, this allows about 7 years for the war (period W in the previous box)</p>		<p>Joshua was Moses' assistant from the beginning (Ex17:14, 24:13, Nm11:28)</p> <p>On the mountain (Ex24:12-18) YHWH gave the instructions for construction of the Tabernacle and its accoutrements (Ex25: - 30:); – Joshua likely wrote these down</p> <p>During the construction of the Tabernacle, Joshua was posted to the temporary Tent of Meeting (Ex33:7-11); during this time Moses received much teaching from YHWH (Lv1: - 7:, 25:1, 26:46, 27:34) – Joshua likely recorded this information</p> <p>Moses delivered the speeches recorded in the Book of Deuteronomy right up till the day of his death (Dt32:48-50); it was most likely under the auspices of Joshua that the speeches were assembled into the book as we have it</p> <p>Joshua carefully recorded an extract from the Documentation of Moses onto the alter on Mount Ebal (Jsh8:30-35)</p> <p>Joshua recorded the Covenant of Fidelity in the Documentation of the Torah of God (Jsh24:26a)</p>	
<p>*See Hamilton, V.P., <i>The Book of Genesis Chapters 18-50</i>, New International Commentary on the Old Testament, William B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1995, page 709</p>					