

An Old Testament Glance

The History Books – Joshua, Part 1

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So, here are the people of Israel (the younger generation) preparing to enter a land (The Promised Land) they had never seen, a land supposedly filled with nasty people. Notice the verse:

1. Write out Joshua 1:9 _____

*The book is called "**Joshua**" because he is the main character; he wrote the book too. His name has the same meaning in Hebrew as "Jesus" – which is "The LORD our salvation", "to rescue or deliver".*

2. What was he selected to do by God back in Numbers 27:12-18?

3. What was the first order that God gave Joshua (Joshua 1:1-2)?

4. What was the first order that Joshua gave the people (Joshua 1:10-11)?

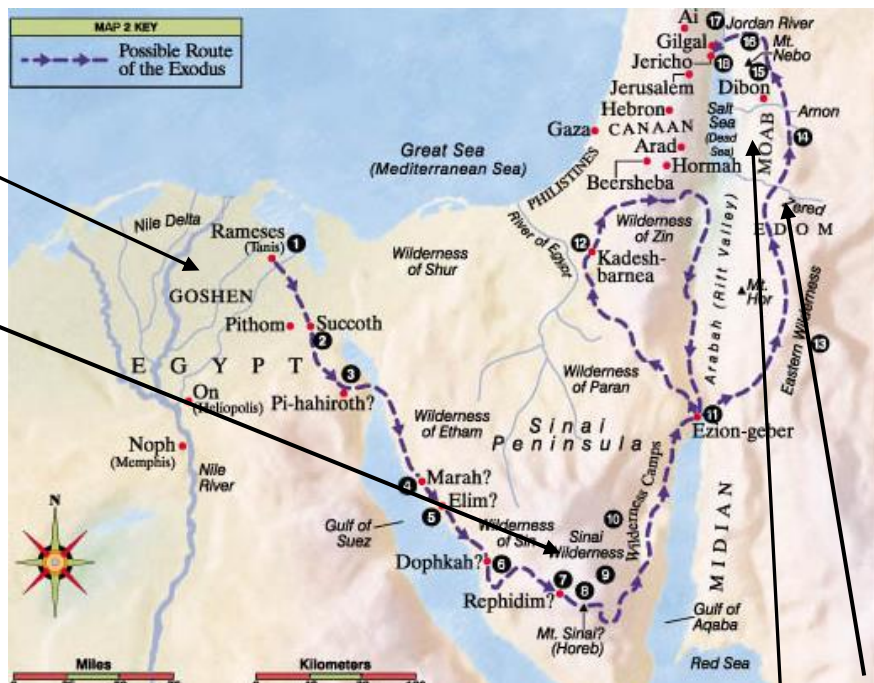
5. Why did Joshua send spies into the Promised Land (Joshua 2:1-2)?

"Goshen" on this map is the place where the nation of Israel began the Exodus from Egypt.

When the **Book of Exodus ends**, Israel is in the Sinai Wilderness.

During Leviticus, Israel is still camped in the Sinai Wilderness. Moses is still receiving laws & instructions from God.

When Numbers ends, Moses had led them to the Plains of Moab.



6. Where are the Israelites when Deuteronomy begins (Deut. 1:5)?

Keep in mind that this group of Israelites (Jews) were not adults when the Exodus from Egypt began, and would not remember what Moses said in Exodus 20.

7. What was Moses teaching them all through the Book of Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 5:1-22)?

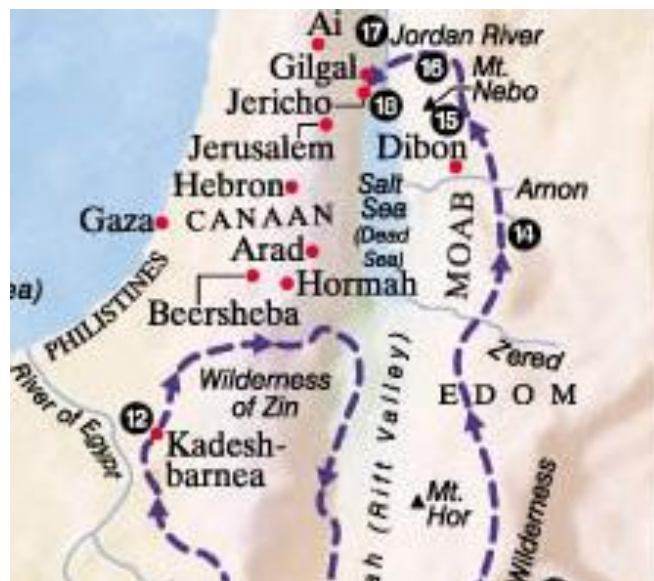
The rest of Deuteronomy contains Moses' teaching of the Law & the miscellaneous laws that God required. They are camped in the Land of Moab.

8. Where did Moses die (Deut. 34:1)?

9. Who took over for Moses (Deut. 1:1)?

10. As the Book of Joshua begins, where are the Israelites camped still (Deut. 34:8)? _____

Now this lesson is back where it started. Let's move on to Joshua, Part 2.



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*So, Joshua **takes over** (Joshua 1:1-5). Joshua **orders the Israelites to cross** the Jordan River (Joshua 1:10-11). Joshua **sends spies** across the Jordan into the city of Jericho (Joshua 2:1-24). **Israel crosses** the Jordan River into Canaan (old name for Israel or the Promised Land) (Joshua 3:1-17).*

1. What city did they attack first (Joshua 6:1-2)? _____
2. What was the outcome (Joshua 6:20-21)? _____

3. What city did they attack next (Joshua 7:2-5) _____
4. What was the outcome (Joshua 7:4-5)? _____

5. What caused the bad outcome in this second city (Joshua 7:10-26)

The King of Jerusalem freaked out over what the Israelites were doing.

6. What did this king do (Joshua 10:1-5) _____

Joshua 10-13 describe further battles & victories. Though they won battles, they did not obey God completely; they did not drive the Canaanite people out of this Land that now belonged to the Israelites; that caused them grief which could have been avoided had they obeyed God in the first place.

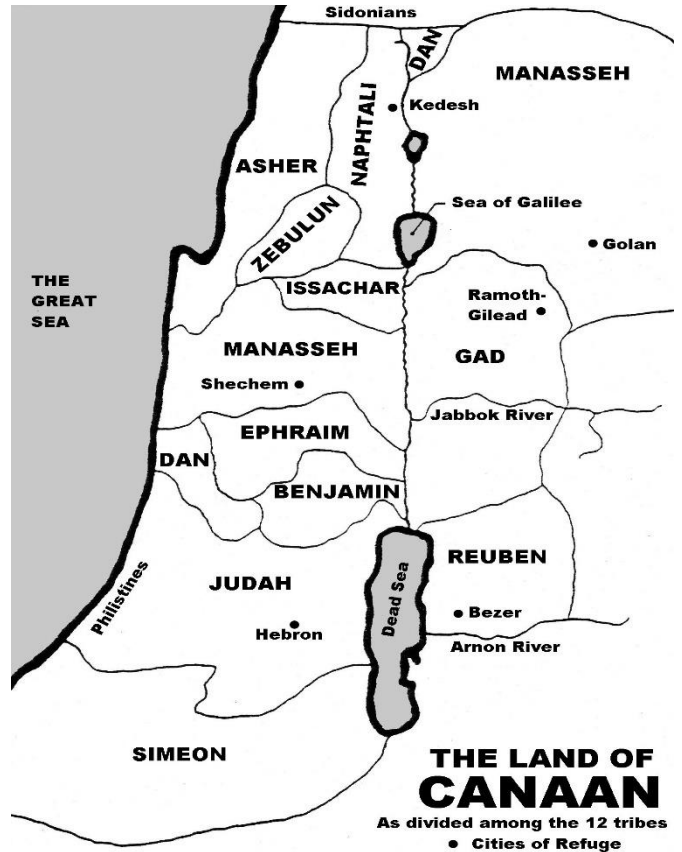
7. What is Joshua's next task (Joshua 13:7)? _____

The 12 tribes of Israel listed in Alphabetical order are: Asher, Benjamin, Dan, Ephraim, Gad, Issachar, Judah, Manasseh, Naphtali, Reuben, Simeon, Zebulun.

8. Which three tribes were assigned to the east side of the Jordan?

9. Which tribe was assigned to both sides of the Jordan?

As you can see from Numbers 32, the tribes of Reuben, Gad, & Manasseh could have their land on the East side only if they crossed the River & fought with the other 9 1/2 tribes.



10. Who was given the area of Hebron (in the Land of Judah) because of his faithful service as a spy (Joshua 14:6-15)? _____

The Levites (the priests of Israel) did not get land; just certain cities to live in.

Finally, there are six cities called **Cities of Refuge**, scattered around the Land of Israel. (see cities with dots on the map)

11. List the Cities of Refuge.

12. What was the purpose of these Cities of Refuge? (Joshua 20:1-9)

13. What lessons for your life can you learn from the Book of Joshua?
