



# JOSHUA

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## Background to Joshua:

- Books starts following the death of Moses and gives the account of the conquest of Canaan
- Timeline C.1406 BC – C.1375
- Author – Traditionally thought of as by Joshua
- Earliest Translation – 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC Greek Septuagint
- Historical – from the perspective of Israel

## The Big Questions:

- What does obedience to God look like?
- Is God more powerful than the forces arrayed against his people?

## Questions of Violence:

- Is the God of all this violence really the same as our Loving Heavenly Father who sent Jesus?
- Book has been but to wrong usage by Crusaders etc
- Joshua's world was full of violence – rulers ruled small kingdoms and would regularly fight.
- God will work in whatever world we live in – even out of evil God will bring through his light.
- The people of the Israel are a freed people – God will not allow them to be enslaved by the 'Chariots and Horses'.
- God is always moving his people towards peace and harmony, here this is towards a nation under the law. Joshua is but one piece of the greater picture moving towards Jesus.



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# WAITING



# Joshua 1

- God's promises = Certainty
- Obedience = Conviction that God is Right
- Being Strong & Courageous – a Coming Together of Presence & Obedience