

CONQUEST

The Bible is a bunch of smaller stories that point to one, big, true story: The story of God and His rescue plan through Jesus.



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Let's summarize the CONQUEST era:

God kept His promise to Abraham and gave his family the land of Canaan to be their home. There were people already living in the land, so the Israelites had to fight for it. Obedience to God led to victory while disobedience brought defeat. God commanded Israel to remove all the wicked Canaanites, but they did not. This would eventually lead to trouble for the Israelites.

Where is it found?

Joshua

Names to know:

Joshua
Rahab

What are the major stories?

(Joshua 2) Joshua sent two men to spy out the land. Rahab, a Canaanite woman who trusted the Lord, hid the spies from the king of Jericho. They promised to spare her and her family when the city was attacked.

(Joshua 6) Israel's first battle was against the walled city of Jericho. They followed God's specific instructions. After they walked around the city for 7 days, God caused the walls to fall and gave them victory.

(Joshua 7-8) Israel fought two battles against Ai. When they disobeyed God, they were defeated. When they followed the Lord, He gave them victory. This is true for all the battles Israel fought in Canaan.

(Joshua 23-24) God told Joshua to divide the land between the 12 tribes. Then Joshua reminded the Israelites of the Law God had given them through Moses. The people made promises to serve God. Joshua warned them of what would happen if they broke their promises.

How does the CONQUEST era point to Jesus?

The spies kept their promise to Rahab and rescued her and her family from Jericho. She then married an Israelite. In Matthew 1:5, she is listed in the family of Jesus, the Messiah. The story of Rahab also shows that God invites all people into His family if they trust Him. The Canaanites had a choice to follow God or reject Him. Most rejected Him and worshipped fake gods, so they faced the consequences they deserved for their sin. We also have a choice to go our own way and face the consequences of our sin or put our faith in the one, true God and be part of His family forever.