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# JOSHUA AND THE WALLS OF JERICHO

Printable Lesson Kit



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# JOSHUA AND THE WALLS OF JERICO

## LESSON OVERVIEW

### JOSHUA AND THE WALLS OF JERICO MIGHTY MESSAGE

The story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho will teach children in Sunday school or youth ministry the importance of believing in God to be active and powerful. Joshua and his men were told to march around Jericho for days, and that God would bring the walls of the huge city down. God did exactly that! We should know God is willing to fight for us when we are on his side.

#### How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This kit includes a variety of activities that you can select from to customize your perfect lesson. We suggest beginning with the Scripture Reading & Lesson followed by the Discussion Questions. From there, feel free to mix & match the activities to build your lesson plan based on the time you have allotted and the age level/interests of your kids.



#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Game
- Coloring Page
- Connect the Dots
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Parent Handout
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



#### MATERIALS LIST:

- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Empty wrapping-paper roll (game: substitute: a long rolled-up piece of paper)
- Piece of colored construction paper (game)
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (electronic or hardcopy)



# JOSHUA AND THE WALLS OF JERICO

## SCRIPTURE & LESSON

### EXCERPTS OF JOSHUA 6:1-20: (NIV)

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:

#### JOSHUA 6: 1-20



<sup>1</sup> Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.

<sup>3</sup> March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.

<sup>4</sup> Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.

<sup>5</sup> When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

<sup>6</sup> So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it.”

<sup>7</sup> And he ordered the army, “Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord.”

<sup>8</sup> When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the Lord went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the Lord’s covenant followed them.

<sup>9</sup> The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding.

<sup>10</sup> But Joshua had commanded the army, “Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!”

<sup>11</sup> So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there.

<sup>12</sup> Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the Lord and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets kept sounding.

<sup>14</sup> So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

<sup>15</sup> On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times.

<sup>16</sup> The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!

<sup>17</sup> The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the Lord...”

<sup>20</sup> When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

## Questions for Children about Abraham and Isaac:

1. How many days did God tell Joshua to carry the Ark of the Covenant around the city, according to Joshua 6:3? **A: Six days. What did God say should happen on the seventh day? A: On the seventh day the army should march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. To the people of Jericho, this would have looked crazy and silly.** Should we look forward to a day where God might ask us to do something that might look crazy and silly, or should we fear it? Why?
2. God sometimes uses science more than we are aware. Some Bible experts say the walls of Jericho may have fallen due to the high pitch of the trumpets. Have you ever heard a high-pitched noise, like fingernails on a chalkboard, a scream, or a yowling dog? Tell of the situation and what it did to you.
3. God could have struck down the city of Jericho with a lightning bolt. But he wanted the army of Israel to fight for what was there. Has God ever asked you to stand up for yourselves or stand up for him? What was the situation? Describe it.



### TEACHER'S MIGHTY MESSAGE

Joshua had the gift of courage. He was the head of Israel's first army. God had performed many miracles for Israel. He led the whole way at first. But then, he asked the army to take their new land by might and courage. Joshua had to lead them!

Joshua had traveled with Moses through the wilderness for 40 years. When Moses died, Joshua became the new leader of Israel. His job was to lead the people into the Promised Land.

When it came time to take the first city, God gave Joshua unusual instructions. He told Joshua to have his people circle the walls of Jericho seven times and then shout. Would the people of Jericho sit up there and laugh at this weirdness? Joshua didn't care. He did what God said.

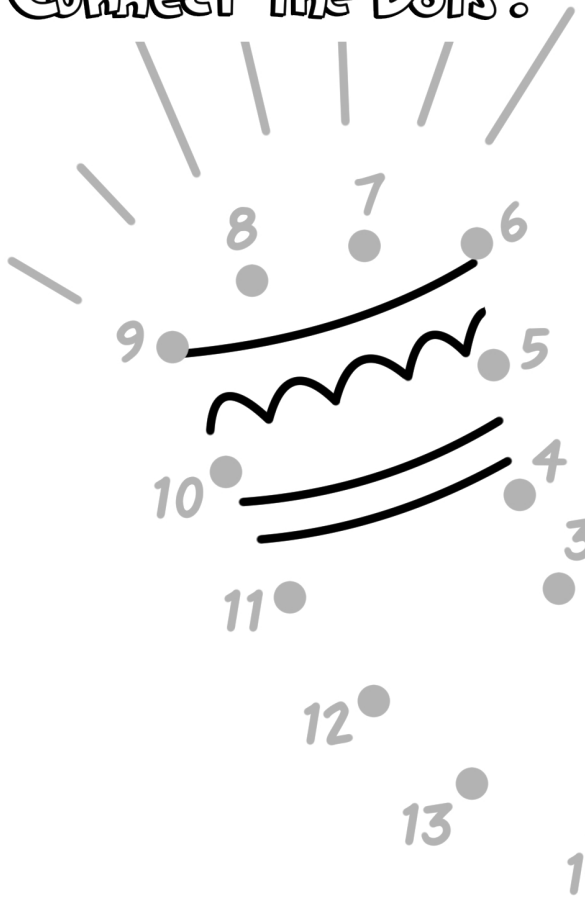
In the end, the walls came down and Joshua's army won the city. He was a courageous leader indeed!

Sometimes God's plan can look odd to us. But following courageously saves us a LOT of trouble! We need to do the things God tells us and believe that he knows better than we do. That takes courage sometimes!





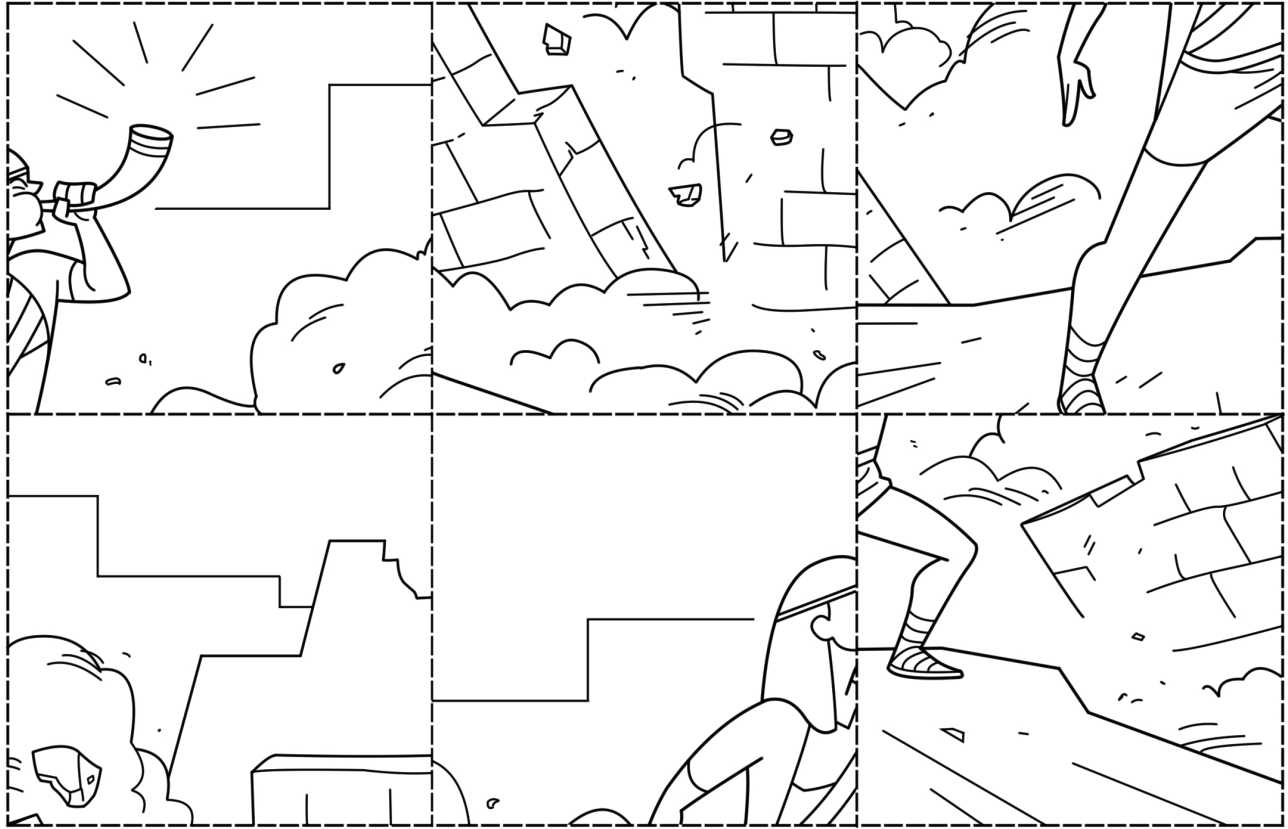
# Connect the Dots!



Joshua blew his horn to  
take down the walls of Jericho

# Cut-Paste-Color!

Cut along the dotted lines & arrange in order below.



Joshua blows his horn.

**Joshua 6**





### BLOW, JOSHUA, BLOW

This game is a little like musical chairs—without the chairs. It’s a little like tag without all the running. Use the wrapping-paper roll or a rolled-up sheet of construction paper, and when Joshua blows, everybody must react.



#### MATERIALS:

- Empty wrapping paper roll (substitute: a long rolled-up piece of paper)
- Piece of colored construction paper
- Scissors



#### PREPARATION:

*Trace around your hand on the colored construction paper and cut out a hand shape with the scissors. Lay it on the middle of the table.*

**Objective:** Be the last student remaining, never having had your hand on the top of the pile.

### INTRODUCTION

In this game, our hands are going to be the bricks in the walls of Jericho. Hold them up! That means the wall is standing! When you hear “Joshua” blow his horn, you come tumbling down into one giant pile of hands. It’s okay to come tumbling down. But you don’t want to be the hand that’s on the very top...meaning the very last to get there!

**Try to get your hands on this construction paper hand first - and don’t be last with either hand.**



#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Have all students sit around a table with their hands in the air, wiggling their fingers.
2. Have the assistant be Joshua, taking the wrapping paper roll and turning her back with her mouth to it.
3. Have the students keep saying, “These walls will keep standing! These walls will keep standing!”
4. When the assistant blows through the horn, students should bring both hands down to the table and make one giant pile of their hands on top of the construction-paper hand.
5. The student whose hand is on top is out.
6. Repeat until one student has won.

# JOSHUA



JOSHUA 6





# WORD SEARCH

Joshua is surely not the only Bible character whose name starts with J. It was by far the most popular letter to start a name! See if you can find the founders, judges, kings, prophets and even the Messiah in the word search. Three are very famous Old Testament prophets with books in their names. See if you can find them--and circle them.

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**Words to Find:**

JACOB  
JAEI  
JAIR  
JAMES  
JEDEDIAH

JEHOSHAPHAT  
JEPHATHA  
JEREMIAH  
JEROBOAM  
JESUS

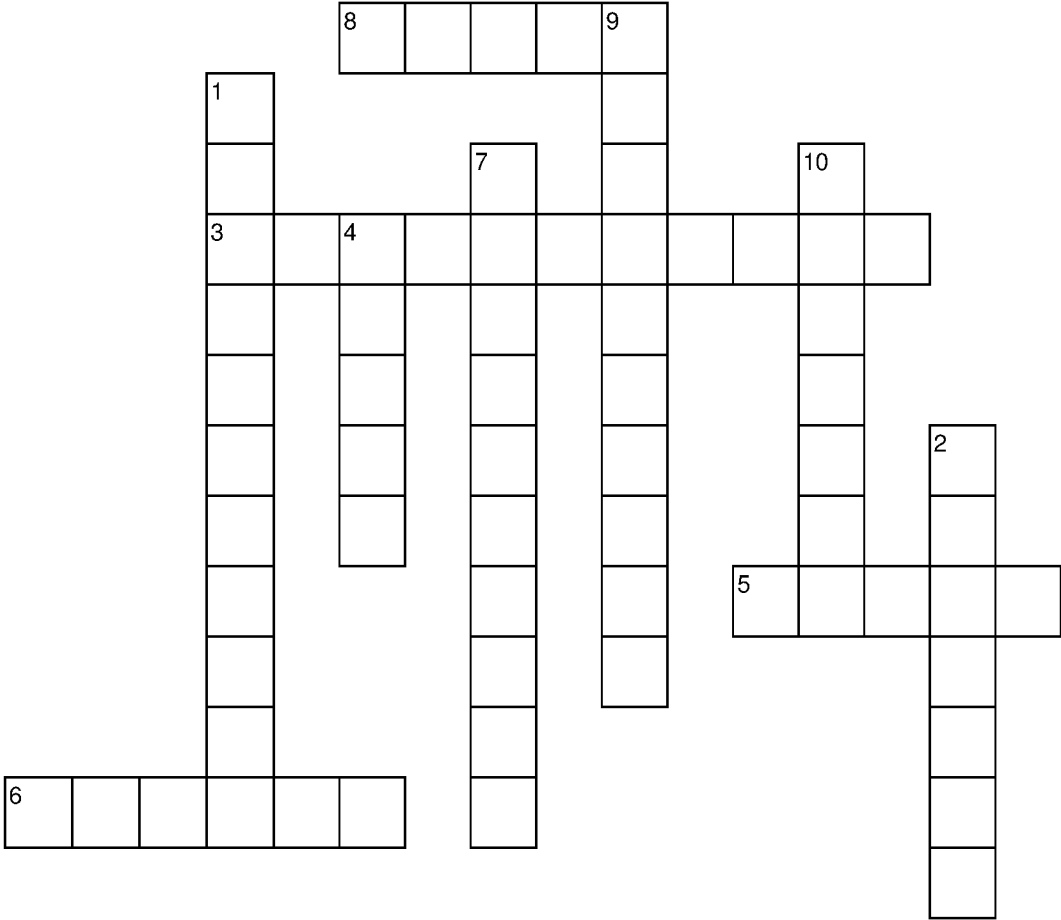
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JOEL  
JOHN  
JONAH  
JONATHAN

JOSEPH  
JOSHUA  
JOSIAH  
JOTHAM  
JUDAH



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use the Joshua At-a-Glance Reference Sheet to help you fill in the answers:



**Across**

- 3. Do not be afraid or this
- 5. Joshua led Israel after this man died
- 6. Joshua was old! He conquered Jericho at age 83 and 7 years later fought his toughest battles at this age!
- 8. Joshua's childhood was spent here

**Down**

- 1. If serving the Lord seems this...
- 2. Century BC in which Joshua died
- 4. Choose this day whom you will \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. God said to be strong and this
- 9. Century BC in which Joshua was born
- 10. Place where the walls tumbled down



**Scriptures to Read:** Joshua 6:2-5



### This Week We Learned About ...

When it became time for the Israelites to enter the Promised Land God gave Joshua special instructions to take the army, and circle the city of Jericho seven times. After the seventh time, the Israelites were to blow the trumpets and scream as loud as they could. God promised that if they did this the walls would come down and the city would be theirs. And it worked!

This story teaches us to be brave and to trust God's plan.



### ✓ Questions for Kids:

1. On the seventh day, how many times did the Israelites have to circle the walls before they came down? **Seven**
2. After circling the walls how did God tell them to bring the walls down? **By screaming and blowing horns.**
3. Who made the walls tumble down? **God**

### ✓ Dinner Table Discussion:

Yelling and blowing horns seems like a really odd way to take over a city. But sometimes God wants us to do things that don't make sense. Think of something we have to do because we are Christians that seems weird to you. Discuss it with your family.

Think of a story or time in your life when God came through in a way that didn't make sense at first. Perhaps it only made sense after the fact! Tell what happened.

### Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



*By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.*  
**Hebrews 11:30**



*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*  
**Joshua 1:9**



*But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*  
**Joshua 24:15**



# JOSHUA

## AT-A-GLANCE



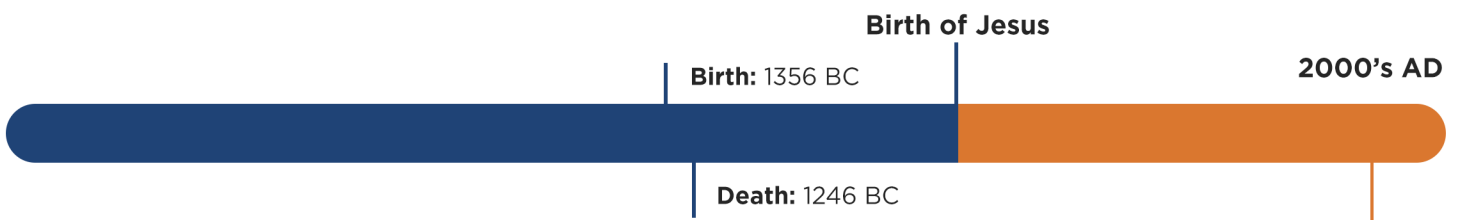
### CHILDHOOD:

- Joshua's childhood is not mentioned in the Bible



### MARRIED: UNKNOWN

The Bible has no record of whether Joshua married.



## CLAIMS TO FAME:

- 1 Joshua led Israel after the death of Moses.
- 2 Joshua led the first raids after the Exodus, including Jericho, where the walls of the great city tumbled down at the sound of trumpet blasts.
- 3 Joshua was an active participant in dividing all the conquered land between the 12 tribes.

## FAMOUS QUOTES:

"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..." *Joshua 24:15*

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**Bible Lookups:** Joshua 2 (whole chapter), Joshua 1:5, Joshua 6:1-20

**Lookup:** Joshua 1:1-9 and write down verse 9:

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**Lookup:** Joshua 24:11-15. Write down verse 15:

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These are two of the most famous verses in the Book of Joshua. First God pledges his love and protection on his people. In the end of Joshua, Joshua pledges his love to God. Read the first verse you wrote out like it was written to you. Now write a pledge like Joshua did in verse 15:

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Create a prayer below. Speak to God and write it. Tell God how much you want to love him and ask him to let you get to know him better. Use your own words.

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## QUIZ

The tumbling of the walls of Jericho is the most famous story of Joshua and his army. But there is lots more to know about him! Find out by completing the Bible lookups below in this quiz:

### CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER

**1. Joshua was an aide to which Bible hero (Numbers 11:28)**

- a. Noah
- b. Aaron
- c. Moses
- d. Jesus

**2. According to Numbers 13:16, Joshua's name was originally**

- a. Hoshea
- b. Nun
- c. Aristotle
- d. Joseph

**3. Joshua explored the Promised Land with this friend (Numbers 14:6)**

- a. Moses
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- d. Caleb

**4. What cool thing did Joshua get to do according to Deuteronomy 3:28?**

- a. Lead the people into the Promised Land
- b. Be swept up to heaven

**5. How many times on the 7th day did Joshua circle Jericho before the walls fell? (Joshua 6:16)**

- a. Once
- b. Twice
- c. 12 times
- d. Seven times

**6. Joshua saved this city resident who had helped them conquer Jericho (Joshua 6:25)**

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- b. Miriam
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- d. Jericha

**7. In Joshua 10:12, Joshua prayed for this miracle in battle and received it:**

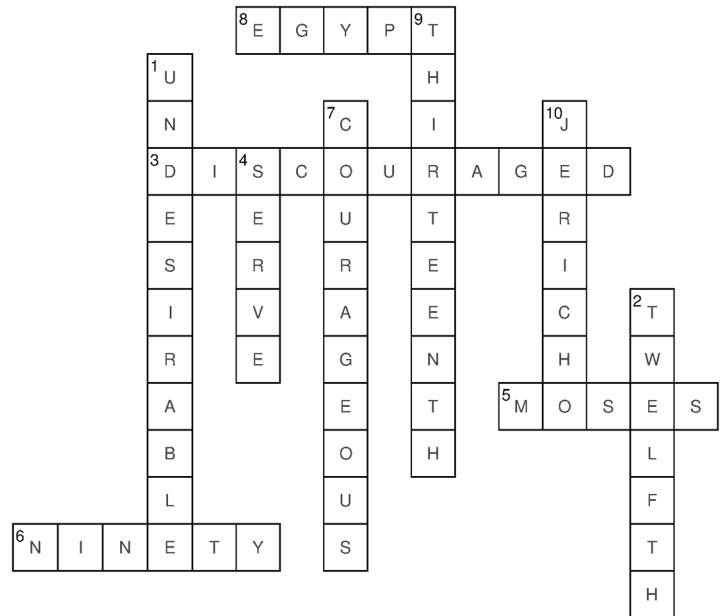
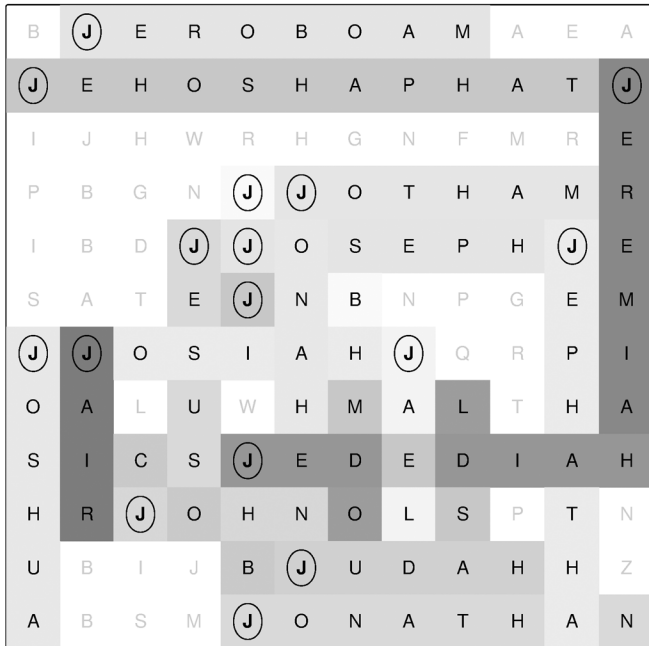
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- b. The sun to stand still
- c. A tornado

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- a. 60
- b. 90
- c. 110
- d. 120



### Old Testament Prophets: Jeremiah, Joel, Jonah



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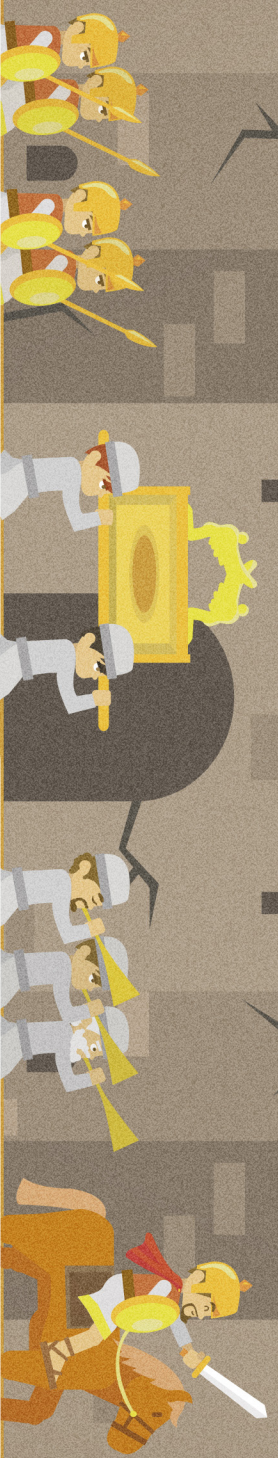
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