

Questions in Joshua

Seeing the questions will help us understand the author, the addressees and the purpose of writing more clearly. The following points are taken into account:

1. Identify who asks the question (God, author or addressee).
2. The question is answered or is a rhetorical question.
3. The question affirms or defines the author's purpose.

	Joshua (NASB)	Who asks?	Answer or Rhetoric	Purpose
1	4: 6 Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?'			
2	4:21 He said to the sons of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?'			
3	5:13 Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?"			
4	5:14 He said, "No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the Lord." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?"			
5	7: 7 Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord God, why did You ever bring this people over the Jordan, <i>only</i> to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? If only we had been willing to dwell beyond the Jordan!			
6	7: 8 O Lord, what can I say since Israel has turned <i>their</i> back before their enemies?			
7	7: 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and they will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will You do for Your great name?"			
8	7:10 So the Lord said to Joshua, "Rise up! Why is it that you have fallen on your face?"			

9	7:25 Joshua said, “ Why have you troubled us? The Lord will trouble you this day.” And all Israel stoned them with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.			
10	9: 7 The men of Israel said to the Hivites, “ Perhaps you are living within our land; how then shall we make a covenant with you? ”			
11	9: 8 But they said to Joshua, “We are your servants.” Then Joshua said to them, “ Who are you and where do you come from? ”			
12	9:22 Then Joshua called for them and spoke to them, saying, “Why have you deceived us, saying, ‘ We are very far from you, ’ when you are living within our land?”			
13	10:13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, Until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky and did not hasten to go <i>down</i> for about a whole day.			
14	15:18 It came about that when she came <i>to him</i> , she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So she alighted from the donkey, and Caleb said to her, “ What do you want? ”			
15	17:14 Then the sons of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, “ Why have you given me only one lot and one portion for an inheritance, since I am a numerous people whom the Lord has thus far blessed? ”			
16	18: 3 So Joshua said to the sons of Israel, “ How long will you put off entering to take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you? ”			
17	22:16 “Thus says the whole congregation of the Lord, ‘ What is this unfaithful act which you have committed against the God of Israel, turning away from following the Lord this day, by building yourselves an altar, to rebel against the Lord this day? ’			
18	22:17, 18 Is not the iniquity of Peor enough for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves to this			

	day, although a plague came on the congregation of the Lord, ¹⁸ that you must turn away this day from following the Lord? If you rebel against the Lord today, He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel tomorrow.			
19	22:20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah act unfaithfully in the things under the ban, and wrath fall on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.”			
20	22:24 But truly we have done this out of concern, for a reason, saying, ‘In time to come your sons may say to our sons, “What have you to do with the Lord, the God of Israel?			