

# *The Book of Joshua*

## *The Division of the Land*

### *The Covenant Renewed*

Text: Joshua 23 - 24

- I. The Farewell of Joshua (Joshua 23)
- A. Joshua was about 80 when he began leading the people of Israel - anywhere from 65 - 90 years old.
    - 1. When the battles for Canaan ended, after about 7 years, Joshua was said to be “old and stricken in years” (Josh. 13:1).
    - 2. He would have been close to 100 at that time.
  - B. Now, he is 110 and in the final year of his life; thus, he gives two farewell addresses to the people of Israel (cf. 24:29).
  - C. 23:3-4 - The faithfulness of God
  - D. 23:5 - The promise of God
  - E. 23:6-11 - The need for obedience
  - F. 23:12-16 - The warning of God
- II. The Renewal of the Covenant (Joshua 24:1-28)
- A. 24:1 - The assembly at Shechem
    - 1. Genesis 12:6-7 - Where Abraham first built an altar in Canaan
    - 2. Genesis 33:18-20 - Where Jacob settled in Canaan (cf. 35:2-4)
    - 3. Joshua 8:30-35 - Where the Law was first read in Canaan (Deut. 27:11ff)
    - 4. Joshua 20:7 - Chosen as a city of refuge in Ephraim (21:21)
    - 5. Joshua 24:26 - Here, a memorial would be established
    - 6. Joshua 24:32 - Here, the bones of Joseph would be buried
  - B. 24:2-13 - The history of Israel
  - C. 24:14-21 - The choice of the people
  - D. 24:22-25 - The covenant renewed
  - E. 24:26-28 - The memorial of the covenant
- III. The Death of Joshua (Joshua 24:29-31)
- A. Joshua was 110 years old when he died.
  - B. He was buried in the land which he had inherited in Canaan - due to the faithfulness of God.
  - C. His leadership encouraged the faithfulness of the nation of Israel.
  - D. His influence continued after his death, helping the next generation to remain faithful.
- IV. The Bones of Joseph (Joshua 24:32)
- A. Joseph’s bones had been brought from Egypt (Gen. 50:24-25; Exo. 13:19).
  - B. Now, they are buried in land that had been purchased by his father.
- V. The Death of Eleazar (Joshua 24:33)
- A. Eleazar, the second High Priest of Israel, also died and was buried in Ephraim.
  - B. His son, Phinehas, would become the next High Priest (cf. Jud. 20:28).
  - C. Ezra was a descendant of Phinehas (Num. 25:11-13; Ezra 7:5).