

Joshua's Farewell Joshua 24

I. Addressed to the Nation - 24:1-2

1. Gathering the people – 1

As he challenged the leaders
He now gathers all the tribes together
Meet at Shechem where the Tabernacle is
He calls all the leaders to gather
Leaders present themselves to God

2. He has a message from God – 2 This message is for all the people

II. Review God's Blessings - 1-13

1. God's call to their father Abraham – 2-3
Called him out of pagan idolatry - 2, 3
Led him to promised land of Canaan - 3
Multiplied his seed in Isaac & Jacob – 3-4
Chose Jacob rather than Esau
2. Sent Moses & Aaron to deliver you – 5-8
From bondage in Egypt - 5
After sending 10 plagues on Egypt
Destroyed Egyptian army in Red Sea – 6-7
Sustained you in 40 years of wandering – 7
Defeated Amorites & gave you their land - 8
3. Foiled Balaam's attempts to curse – 9-10
Turned his words into a blessing
4. Brought you across the Jordan - 11
God delivered Jericho into their hand
5. Defeated all nations against you – 12-13
Gave you a land for which you did not work

III. Joshua's Charge – 14-15

1. Renew your commitment to God – 14
Fear the Lord – bow in awe before Him
Serve the Lord in sincerity & truth
Set your heart on doing His will
Put away all other gods
Even those your fathers served
Before God called Abraham
While they were in Egypt
2. You must make a choice -15
You can choose what god you will
But Joshua & family will serve the Lord

IV. Israel's Response – 16-24

1. People state their choice – 16
God forbid that we should forsake Jehovah
To serve other gods
2. Recognition of God's faithfulness – 17-18
Lord brought us out of Egyptian bondage
He sustained us in the wilderness
He gave us victory over our enemies
He gave us the Promised Land
3. Consider implications of this choice – 19-20
God is a holy and a jealous God

You can't play games with God
He will not tolerate duplicity
If you forsake the Lord He will judge you – 20
If you turn to serve strange gods
He will turn and do you hurt & consume you
After He has done you good

4. God will hold you accountable 21-24
People restate their commitment to God - 21
Joshua holds them accountable - 22
You are witnesses against yourselves
They accept this fact – they are witnesses
They must put away all other gods – 23
People reaffirm their commitment - 24

V. Renewing the Covenant – 25-28

1. Joshua makes decision firm – 25-26
Wrote words of covenant on a large stone
Law of God was written out on the stone
Set it up under an oak near the Tabernacle
A constant reminder before the Lord's presence
2. Told people this was a witness - 27-28
The stone heard God's words to His people
And it heard their words before God
Should they turn and deny their God
With this settled Joshua sent them home

VI. Concluding the Record - 24:29-33

- Record closes with burial of three leaders
1. Joshua is buried on Mt. Ephraim - 29-31
He was 110 years old when he died
Israel was faithful to the Lord under Joshua
And under the leaders that outlived him
 2. Joseph's bones buried in Shechem - 32
In a family plot bought by his father Jacob
 3. Eleazar, Chief Priest, died – 33
Buried on Mt. Ephraim
In a plot belonging to his son Phinehas