

A. Joshua died and was buried at Timnath Serah.

****Joshua 24:29** “After these things, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten.”

Acts 13:36 “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.”

****Joshua 24:30** “And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.”

****Joshua 24:31** “Israel served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the Lord had done for Israel.”

B. Joseph’s bones were buried at Shechem.

Hebrews 11:22 “By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones.”

****Joshua 24:32** “And Joseph’s bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph’s descendants.”

C. Eleazar died and was buried at Gibeah.

****Joshua 24:33** “And Eleazar son of Aaron died and was buried at Gibeah, which had been allotted to his son Phinehas in the hill country of Ephraim.”

How can we apply this to our life?

A. Make a decision to love Jesus and follow Him!

****Joshua 24:15a** “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.”

Psalms 119:133 “Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.”

John 12:26 “Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”

B. Will you make the decision to trust Jesus to be your Savior?

Romans 3:10 “For ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

John 1:12 “Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”

Choose Wisely!

Joshua 24:1-33

Lesson #21

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I. Joshua reviewed God’s blessings with Israel.

A. Joshua met with the people at Shechem.

****Joshua 24:1** “Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.”

B. Joshua mentioned God’s blessings at Shechem.

1. God reached Abraham.

****Joshua 24:2** “Joshua said to all the people, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.’”

****Joshua 24:3** “But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac.”

Genesis 15:6 “Abraham believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness.”

****Joshua 24:4** “And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I assigned the hill country of Seir, but Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt.”

2. God released 10 plagues on the Egyptians.

****Joshua 24:5** “Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out.”

3. God rescued the Jewish people at the Red Sea.

****Joshua 24:6** “When I brought your fathers out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued them with chariots and horsemen as far as the Red Sea.”

****Joshua 24:7** “But they cried to the Lord for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. Then you lived in the wilderness for a long time.”

Exodus 14:16 “Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.”

Exodus 14:27 “... stretch out your hand over the Sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.”

4. God responded and destroyed the Amorites.

****Joshua 24:8** “I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I gave them into your hands. I destroyed them from before you, and you took possession of their land.”

5. God replaced Balaam’s curse with a blessing.

****Joshua 24:9** “When Balak son of Zippor, the king of Moab, prepared to fight against Israel, he sent for Balaam son of Beor to put a curse on you.”

****Joshua 24:10** “But I would not listen to Balaam, so he blessed you again and again, and I delivered you out of his hand.”

6. God wanted the inhabitants removed from the Land.

****Joshua 24:11** “Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands.”

****Joshua 24:12** “I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you—also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow.”

****Joshua 24:13** “So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.”

II. Joshua required the Israelites to choose the one they would serve.

A. Joshua challenged them to fear the Lord and serve Him.

****Joshua 24:14a** “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness”

B. Joshua called upon the people to make their decision.

****Joshua 24:14b** “... Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.”

****Joshua 24:15a** “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”

C. Joshua was committed to serving the Lord.

****Joshua 24:15b** “... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

D. The Jewish people chose to follow the Lord.

****Joshua 24:16** “Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods!”

****Joshua 24:17** “It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our forefathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those

great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.”

****Joshua 24:18** “And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

III. Joshua relayed a strong warning if they didn’t follow the Lord.

A. Joshua warned of judgment if they forsook the Lord.

****Joshua 24:19** “Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.”

****Joshua 24:20** “If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

B. Joshua mentioned their choice to follow the Lord.

****Joshua 24:21** “But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the Lord.”

****Joshua 24:22** “Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.”

****Joshua 24:23** “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”

****Joshua 24:24** “And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.”

1. Joshua recorded the decrees and laws in the Word of God.

****Joshua 24:25** “On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he drew up for them decrees and laws.”

****Joshua 24:26a** “And Joshua recorded these things in the Book of the Law of God.”

2. Joshua set up a stone as a reminder to the people.

****Joshua 24:26b** “... Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of the Lord.”

****Joshua 24:27** “See!” he said to all the people. “This stone will be a witness against us. It has heard all the words the Lord has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God.”

****Joshua 24:28** “Then Joshua sent the people away, each to their own inheritance.”

IV. Joshua finished his race!