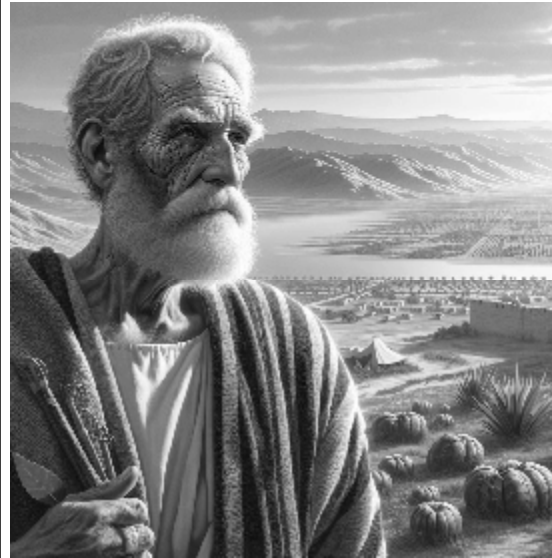


## What We're Studying Next Year

- Fall 2025 (9/9–11/18)
  - Zechariah (10 lessons)
    - Beginning 9/9 (Coffee)
    - Ending 11/18 (if we have no hurricane delays)
- Spring 2026 (1/13–4/28)
  - Music (3 lessons)
  - Ephesians (8 lessons)
  - Philippians (4 lessons)



## Joshua 22-24

### Joshua's Final Messages

## Chs. 22-24—Joshua's Final Messages

Ch. 22—to the 2½ tribes East of Jordan

Ch. 23—to the 9½ tribes West of Jordan

Ch. 24—to All the People of Israel

## How Long Was the Conquest?

- Numbers 10:11—the Israelites' departure from Mt. Sinai 2 years after their exodus from Egypt
- Joshua 14:7—Caleb was 40 years old at the time he spied (Num. 10).
- Deut. 26:5—The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for a total of 40 years.
- Age 40 + 38 remaining desert years = age 78
- Age 85 (Josh. 14:10) – age 78 = 7 years of conquest

## Joshua 22

Shiloh, location of the Tabernacle for 300+ years, until destroyed by the Philistines when Samuel was a boy



## Tabernacle / Temple at Shiloh (1 Sam. 3:3, 15)



Possible Remains of Tabernacle at Shiloh

## Joshua Blesses the 2½ Eastern Tribes

East Manasseh

Gad

Reuben



### Joshua's Charge to the 2½ Eastern Tribes (22:5)

1. To love the Lord
2. To walk in all His ways
3. To keep His commands
4. To be loyal to Him (cling to Him)
5. To serve Him with all their hearts and souls

### Why were the western tribes so alarmed?

1. They thought the 2½ tribes were rebelling against God & the rest of Israel (22:16-19).
2. They feared that God would punish all of Israel as He had after the sin of Peor and the sin of Achan (22:17, 20).

### Why had the eastern tribes built the altar?

1. As a Witness for future generations of the unity of all of the tribes (22:24-27).
2. The style of the altar showed that they were dedicated to Yahweh, the God of Israel. They called on God to judge them if they were doing wrong (22:22-23, 28).
3. They followed the example of the memorials set up by Joshua at God's command (at Jordan, Shechem).

### What we learn from the way they acted

1. Don't ignore potential apostasy. Be prepared to act.
2. Don't let such a situation fester. Act quickly.
3. Have several witnesses so that the story doesn't get distorted (Proverbs 18:17).
4. Investigate and find out the truth. Don't jump to conclusions (Deut. 13:14).
5. Act out of loyalty to God (22:31, 34).

### Joshua 23—Similar Admonitions to the 9½ Tribes

1. Take possession of the land (23:5).
2. Be strong & continue to obey the Law of Moses (23:6).
3. Cling to the Lord, not the gods of the pagan nations around you (23:7-8).
4. Love the LORD your God (23:11).

### Joshua 23—Similar Admonitions to the 9½ Tribes

5. Beware of mingling with the Canaanites (23:12-13).
6. Know that God has kept every good promise (23:14).
7. Disobey God & perish (23:15-16).

### Joshua 24—Why Was Review Important?

- Important to know their beginnings—that God chose Abraham from among pagans, etc.
- Important to review what God had done for them—His goodness, blessings, faithfulness
- Important turning point—Joshua was about to die. They must be faithful & obedient to God on their own.

### Why Is Review Important to Us?

- To encourage us & strengthen our faith
- To increase our praise to God; our sense of gratitude & thanksgiving
- To assess our spiritual growth
- To challenge us to be faithful & guard against past failures

- Genesis 12:6-7—Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.
- Genesis 35:2, 4—So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods which are among you, and purify yourselves and change your garments.” . . . So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which they had and the rings which were in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the oak which was near Shechem.

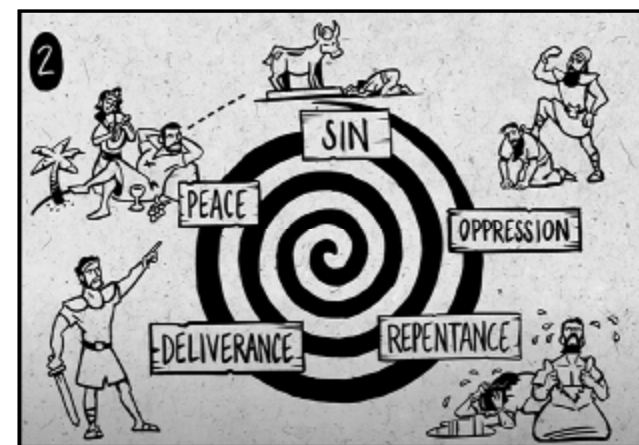
Like the Israelites, we have a choice:

- Mt. 12:30 says, “He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.”
- John 3:16 presents God’s sacrifice of His Son to give us everlasting life.
- Jn. 3:36 says that believing in the Son gives eternal life, but rejecting the Son brings God’s wrath.
- In Rom. 10:9 we’re told to confess Christ as Lord & be saved.

Like the Israelites, we have a choice:

- We must be saved God’s way or not at all. We can choose eternal life or eternal death.
- Moses said, “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live” (Deut. 30:19, NKJV).

Cycle Repeated in Judges



## Joshua's Great Charge

*"Choose for yourselves  
this day whom you will  
serve . . . But as for me  
and my house, we will  
serve the LORD."*

*Joshua 24:15*



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