

Timeline of Truth – Joshua’s farewell Address (Joshua 23)

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| <p>Joshua 23:1 Now it came to pass, a long time after the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua was old, advanced in age. ² And Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers,</p> | <p>1. Joshua _____ the People Together</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This was many years later – long time after the Lord gave them rest. b. Joshua was old c. Joshua called for the leaders |
| <p>and said to them: "I am old, advanced in age. ³ "You have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the LORD your God <i>is</i> He who has fought for you. ⁴ "See, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea westward. ⁵ "And the LORD your God will expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So you shall possess their land, as the LORD your God promised you.</p> | <p>2. Joshua _____ What God Has Done</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. God has given them victory <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. God has driven out the nations ii. God has fought for Israel b. God has given them land c. God will continue to give them victory <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. God will expel the remaining nations ii. God will give them the land iii. God will keep His promise |
| <p>⁶ "Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left, ⁷ "and lest you go among these nations, these who remain among you. You shall not make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause <i>anyone</i> to swear <i>by them</i>; you shall not serve them nor bow down to them, ⁸ "but you shall hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day.</p> | <p>3. Joshua _____ the People to Do What Is Right</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The command: be very courageous <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. חָזַק – <i>chazaq</i> - be or grow firm, strong, strengthen ii. To keep - שָׁמַר - <i>shamar</i> - keep, watch, preserve iii. To do iv. All that is written in the law b. The alternative: to follow other gods <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. By going among the nations c. The method: separation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Do not make mention of them ii. Do not serve them iii. Do not bow down to them d. The decision: hold fast <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. דָּבַק – <i>dabaq</i> - cling, cleave, keep close ii. To the Lord your God iii. As they are doing now |
| <p>⁹ "For the LORD has driven out from before you great and strong nations; but <i>as for</i> you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day. ¹⁰ "One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God <i>is</i> He who fights for you, as He promised you.</p> | <p>4. Joshua Highlights Their _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. God has given tremendous victories <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. They have defeated great and strong nations ii. No one has stood against them iii. One man shall chase a thousand iv. All because God is fighting for them v. As He promised |
| <p>¹¹ "Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the LORD your God. ¹² "Or else, if indeed you do go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations -- these that remain among you -- and make marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you, ¹³ "know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the LORD your God has given you.</p> | <p>5. Joshua Warns Against _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joshua encourages once more <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Take careful heed (same as above) ii. To love the Lord b. The other option – to go back <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. By clinging to the other nations ii. Intermarry with them iii. Go into them and they to you c. The consequences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. God will not drive out the nations |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. The nations will be snares and traps iii. The nations will be harmful iv. The nations will cause them to perish |
| <p>¹⁴ " Behold, this day I <i>am</i> going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.</p> | <p>6. Joshua _____ Them About God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joshua is about to die. b. Joshua reminds them that God had done all he has promised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Not one thing has failed ii. Of all the good things iii. That God spoke concerning Israel |
| <p>¹⁵ "Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all the good things have come upon you which the LORD your God promised you, so the LORD will bring upon you all harmful things, until He has destroyed you from this good land which the LORD your God has given you. ¹⁶ "When you have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed down to them, then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from the good land which He has given you."</p> | <p>7. Joshua Promises _____ from God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Just as God kept His word concerning the good things He did b. God will keep His word <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. When they transgress ii. God's anger will burn against them iii. They shall perish from the land |

Takeaways:

1. We are not to take part in those things which _____ God

Ephesians 5:11-13 ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 ¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among *them*. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." ¹⁷ Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."

1 John 2:15-17 ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life -- is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

2. There are _____ when we turn away from God

Romans 6:20-21 ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death.

Galatians 6:7-8 ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.