

**Timeline of Truth – Israel Reaffirms the Covenant (Joshua 24)**

<p><b>Joshua 24:1</b> Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.</p>	<p><b>1. Joshua Has the Leaders _____ Themselves Before God</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Leaders of the tribes</li> <li>b. Presented – to stand oneself</li> </ol>
<p><sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Your fathers, <i>including</i> Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods. <sup>3</sup> 'Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac. <sup>4</sup> 'To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.</p>	<p><b>2. Joshua Reviews Israel's _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. From the time of the _____             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Their Fathers dwelt elsewhere</li> <li>ii. Their fathers serve other gods</li> <li>iii. God took Abraham and led him</li> <li>iv. God provided heirs to Abraham</li> <li>v. Esau was given a land</li> <li>vi. Jacob went to Egypt</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><sup>5</sup> 'Also I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to what I did among them. Afterward I brought you out. <sup>6</sup> 'Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. <sup>7</sup> 'So they cried out to the LORD; and He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, brought the sea upon them, and covered them. And your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. Then you dwelt in the wilderness a long time.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. The _____ from Egypt             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. God sent Moses and Aaron</li> <li>ii. God plagues Egypt</li> <li>iii. God brought them out of Egypt</li> <li>iv. God defeated the Egyptians at the Red Sea</li> <li>v. Israel dwelt in the wilderness.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><sup>8</sup> 'And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt on the other side of the Jordan, and they fought with you. But I gave them into your hand, that you might possess their land, and I destroyed them from before you. <sup>9</sup> 'Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose to make war against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. <sup>10</sup> 'But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he continued to bless you. So I delivered you out of his hand.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. The _____ in the wilderness             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. They fought with the Ammorites</li> <li>ii. God gave them land east of the Jordan</li> <li>iii. Balaak and Balaam</li> <li>iv. God did not listen to Balaam – he blessed Israel</li> <li>v. God delivered Israel</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><sup>11</sup> 'Then you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you -- <i>also</i> the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. But I delivered them into your hand. <sup>12</sup> 'I sent the hornet before you which drove them out from before you, <i>also</i> the two kings of the Amorites, <i>but</i> not with your sword or with your bow. <sup>13</sup> 'I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.'</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. The _____ of the land.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The conquest of Jericho</li> <li>ii. The conquest of the nations</li> <li>iii. God miraculously fought for Israel</li> <li>iv. God gave them a land:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land – did not labor</li> <li>• Cities – did not build</li> <li>• Vineyards – did not plant</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><sup>14</sup> " Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! <sup>15</sup> "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that <i>were</i> on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."</p>	<p><b>3. Joshua Gives Israel a _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Choice 1 - Fear and serve the Lord             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. In sincerity – completely</li> <li>ii. Truth – faithfulness</li> <li>iii. Put away the gods which your fathers served</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Choice 2 - Serve something else             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. gods which their fathers served</li> <li>ii. gods of the people east of the Jordan</li> <li>iii. gods of the people in the land</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Joshua makes his choice             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. He and his house will serve the Lord</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<p><sup>16</sup> So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> "for the LORD our God <i>is</i> He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup> "And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He <i>is</i> our God."</p>	<p><b>4. The People _____ the Lord</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. They choose not to forsake God for other gods       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. God brought them out of Egypt</li> <li>ii. God did great signs</li> <li>iii. God preserved them</li> <li>iv. God conquered the land for them</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. They will serve the Lord – He is their God</li> </ol>
<p><sup>19</sup> But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for He <i>is</i> a holy God. He <i>is</i> a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. <sup>20</sup> "If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good." <sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD!"</p>	<p><b>5. Joshua _____ the People</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. They cannot serve God!       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. He is a holy God</li> <li>ii. He is a jealous God</li> <li>iii. He will not forgive their sins</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. If they choose to forsake God and serve other gods:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. God will turn</li> <li>ii. God will do them harm</li> <li>iii. God will consume them – after He has done them good</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. The people reiterate their commitment to serve God.</li> </ol>
<p><sup>22</sup> So Joshua said to the people, "You <i>are</i> witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him." And they said, "<i>We are</i> witnesses!" <sup>23</sup> "Now therefore," <i>he said</i>, "put away the foreign gods which <i>are</i> among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel." <sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!" <sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.</p>	<p><b>6. Joshua Calls the People to Be _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Joshua declares the people are witnesses against themselves</li> <li>b. Joshua encourages commitment       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Put away foreign gods</li> <li>ii. Incline your heart toward God Incline – to turn</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Joshua makes a covenant with the people</li> <li>d. Joshua makes a statute and ordinance with the people.</li> </ol>
<p><sup>26</sup> Then Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that <i>was</i> by the sanctuary of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God." <sup>28</sup> So Joshua let the people depart, each to his own inheritance.</p>	<p><b>7. Joshua Sets Up _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Joshua wrote the covenant in the Book of the Law</li> <li>b. Joshua set up a large stone       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Under the oak by the sanctuary</li> <li>ii. It was to be a witness – of the words spoken</li> <li>iii. To prevent them from denying God</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. The people departed</li> </ol>
<p><sup>29</sup> Now it came to pass after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, <i>being</i> one hundred and ten years old. <sup>30</sup> And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Serah, which <i>is</i> in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash. <sup>31</sup> Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had known all the works of the LORD which He had done for Israel. <sup>32</sup> The bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, they buried at Shechem, in the plot of ground which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred pieces of silver, and which had become an inheritance of the children of Joseph. <sup>33</sup> And Eleazar the son of Aaron died. They buried him in a hill</p>	<p><b>8. Joshua _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. He was 110 years old</li> <li>b. He was buried</li> <li>c. Israel served the Lord       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. All the days of Joshua</li> <li>ii. All the days of the elders who outlived Joshua</li> </ol> </li> <li>d. The bones of Joseph were buried <b>Genesis 50:24-26</b> <sup>24</sup> And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." <sup>25</sup> Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." <sup>26</sup> So Joseph</li> </ol>

*belonging to Phinehas his son, which was given to him in the mountains of Ephraim.*

died, *being* one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

**Exodus 13:19** <sup>19</sup> And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you."

e. Eleazar died

### Takeaways:

#### 1. We Have a \_\_\_\_\_ Who We will Serve

**Luke 16:13** <sup>13</sup> "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

**Romans 6:11-23** <sup>11</sup> Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. <sup>13</sup> And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. <sup>18</sup> And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading* to *more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves *of* righteousness for holiness. <sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. <sup>22</sup> But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.