

Joshua 24

King James Version (KJV)

(This is a great recounting of Israel's relationship with God. From Abraham down to where they were home in the Promised Land)

24 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.
(Shechem = the shoulder or the back)

(Shechem was a special place to God. Abraham and Jacob both built altars to God there) see Genesis-12:7, 33:19-20

² And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. (Other side of the Euphrates River – where the word Hebrews comes from; Hebrews = those who crossed the river <Euphrates>)

³ And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. (God's covenant with Abraham was to multiply his progeny to become more numerous than the stars of heaven) see Genesis-22:17, 26:4

⁴ And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. (This was prophecy concerning Jacob and Esau. Jacob would be blessed, and Esau would live away from the fat of the land) see Genesis-27

⁵ I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out. (Those ten plagues will be repeated by the 2 witnesses against antichrist in the end days)

⁶ And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea. (God parted the Red Sea for Moses. The Israelites crossed on dry ground. Afterwards, when the Egyptians pursued, God released the sea down upon them) See Exodus-14

⁷ And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season. (They lived in the wilderness 40 years, because they refused to enter the Promised Land when God told them to. He judged that generation all to die off in the desert. The next generation would enter the Promised Land)

⁸ And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you. (The Amorites were judged to destruction for having mated with the fallen angels. Also for all their perversions; including sacrificing their own children in the fire)

⁹ Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you: (He paid the corrupt preacher Balaam to curse Israel. He was an Israelite priest)

¹⁰ But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. (Balaam was in it for the money; ready to betray his own people for a payment – a bribe. The Angel of the Lord met him in the way and considered killing him for his treason) see Numbers-22:5-31, Deuteronomy-23:5

NOTE: (That should be a lesson to the corrupt politicians who are now selling out our country to communist China in order to get rich)

¹¹ And you went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand. (God defeated all of their enemies; Israel didn't do it)

¹² And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; but not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. Exodus-23:28

¹³ And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat. (The cities were already built. The farms and vineyards were already planted. Israel moved

right in with literally no work needed. This was a great gift from God to Israel)

¹⁴ Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. (fear= revere – it's the same word in the Hebrew. If you're against God, fear Him; if you're with God, revere Him. Only a fool would try to deceive or to con Almighty God. HE knows everything)

NOTE: (That holds true for all Christians today. People have just stopped listening to God because of political correctness, government corruption and false religion. That includes the false Christian preachers who preach sermons instead of teaching God's Word, chapter by chapter, verse by verse. What God has to say is important. What some preacher has to say is irrelevant)

¹⁵ And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. (You can't serve more than one God. Make a conscious choice, and then do it. Serve God and be blessed; serve the ways of the world and you'll be on your own. We all choose our own fate)

NOTES: (This will be one of the ways to know that antichrist is not God, when he claims to be. Jesus said – "whosoever will follow Me." That is a free choice for each of us to make)

(Satan as antichrist will force people to follow him; or he will freeze their bank account and force those who resist him into poverty. That's not a free choice. That will give him away as a fake. The Elect will stand against him and he will persecute them for it)

¹⁶ And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; (And yet, it took less than one generation for these same people to start worshipping heathen idols. They also married into Canaanite families – all against the oath that they took in this verse)

NOTE: (Today, Christians roll Easter eggs <as in Ishtar worship> and have sunrise services on Easter; instead of celebrating Passover, as God instructed. Easter is an insult to God)

¹⁷ For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: (The Israelites were successful because of God's blessings; not because they are great)

(That lesson is lost on the people of the Christian nations today. They ignorantly think that they are great and invulnerable; while driving God out of their schools and their governments. They will be judged for that, eventually)

¹⁸ And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God. (Good advice for today as well)

¹⁹ And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. (God does not accept duplicitous followers if they also worship the false gods of the heathen peoples. There is only one God, and no other)

²⁰ If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. (If you worship other gods; Joshua is telling them to choose God or the idols of the heathen; and then live with the results. You can't serve both)

(They must have already been falling away into idolatry, for Joshua to have said this)

²¹ And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD. (Jesus said - Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation; for the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak) see Matthew-26:41

²² And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. (Joshua is telling them - Don't forget what you have committed to do just now. The people agreed to remember the vow to God that they just made)

²³ Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel. (Sure enough;

they were already falling away into idolatry and polytheism. Joshua is calling them out for it; and they are already lying to him)

1Corinthians-10:10 (These writings serve as an example to us today. Put away the traditions of men that you learn in organized religion. Study the Word of God, chapter by chapter, verse by verse and be blessed)

NOTE: (People will fall away in mass to worship the false messiah <Satan> when he arrives at the 6th Trump; because they were never taught the truth in Christian churches. That is called the Great Apostasy)

²⁴ And the people said unto Joshua, the LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. (Shechem = the back and the shoulder)

²⁶ And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. (This is about 8 miles south of Shiloh, where the tabernacle of God was located)

²⁷ And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God. (The stone is symbolic for a permanent covenant)

²⁸ So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance. (Their share of the Promised Land)

²⁹ And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

NOTE: (Joshua in the Hebrew is the same name as Jesus in the Greek. Joshua was a type for Jesus. God used Joshua to help Moses to save the people from bondage in Egypt. God, as Jesus, saves us all from the bondage of Satan and sin and spiritual death in hell)

³⁰ And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

³¹ And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel. (This was the generation that entered the Promised Land)

NOTE: (It's the next generations that you have to worry about. Over the years, they start to believe that history is just stories and eventually, myths. They then usually fall away from God and embrace the ways of the world)

³² And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. (At his death, Joseph asked that they not leave his bones in Egypt. His brothers agreed to honor that request) Genesis-50:25

NOTES: (The Septuagint translates this as – an hundred lambs. It also states that they buried the knives that were used for circumcision with Joshua)

(The name Joshua is the same name as Jesus. He was a type for Jesus because he brought Israel into the Promised Land. Jesus brings us into salvation and eternal life)

(The Septuagint was translated into Greek from an older set of manuscripts than the manuscripts that were used to translate the King James Bible into English in 1611)

(There are differences in the translations. There is also an Aramaic to English translation from ancient eastern texts by George M. Lamsa)

(As Bible students it is wise to understand that there are subtle differences between these translations. Languages don't always translate directly word for word. It is important to note that the meaning of the verses are not changed)

³³ And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

NOTE: (In the very next Book, Judges, the people had already fallen away from God to practice idolatry. The vow that they made to God in this chapter didn't even last for one generation)

