

Joshua 23

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(This chapter is Joshua's warning to future generations of the 12 tribes of Israel. Stay true to God. Don't let the heathen infiltrate into your country. They will see how God blesses those who love Him. They will want to come into your nation in order to take advantage of your blessings; although they want nothing to do with your God)

23 And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

²And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age:

³And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you. (God gave them the Promised Land. They didn't win it. Joshua is telling them - remember that, in order to keep your ego in check)

⁴Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward. (There were still nations to be taken - the Philistines, for example)

⁵And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you. (That was God's promise to Abraham in Genesis. He always keeps His promises) Isaiah-43:26

(So, did the Israelites finish the job after Joshua died? No. They didn't. The Philistines went on to harass and plague Israel for centuries because Israel didn't obey these last words of Joshua)

⁶Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; (Stay true to God and He will never leave you) (This is also the best advice for people today)

⁷That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them.

(Don't let the idol worship of the heathen people creep into the worship of Yahoveh)

NOTES: (Today, the church has changed Passover into Easter <Ishtar worship to the pagan "queen of heaven">. This is idolatry – in every Christian church. It is an insult to God)

(This is exactly what Joshua warned the people against doing. If Christians bothered to read the Bible, they would know that Easter is an insult to almighty God)

⁸ But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day. (They didn't. They continually worshipped the idols of the surrounding heathen tribes of the Canaanites. That's why God had ordered them to completely destroy the Canaanites. Instead, they disobeyed God; and the Canaanite idolatry eventually took hold on younger generations of Israel)

NOTE: (Look in the US today. They threw God out of public schools during the 1960's. Now young people have no spiritual guidance. Atheist teachers crept into the school system to spew their doctrines onto young minds. The result is that violence and atheism are rising in all the younger generations in every school)

⁹ For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day. (They prevailed because God protected them; not because they were so great)

NOTE: (That would be a good lesson to remember for the US today. We used to be a Christian nation. That is why we prospered)

¹⁰ One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you. (Today, God still defeats our enemies. We don't. HE still does that for us because there are still many Christian people living in the US – although our numbers are diminishing)

(God ended communism in the USSR. We didn't. He did it to free the Russian Christians from their atheist government)

¹¹ Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. (Excellent advice for them and for us today)

¹² Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: (Here is the condition that they keep failing to do; then they wonder why God doesn't help them)

¹³ Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. (And they did become snares unto Israel, because they were allowed to creep into their country and mix with the people. This caused Israel to eventually lose their country)

See Daniel-8:13-14 (Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake - How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me - Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed)

NOTES: (That's where we are today. Christian nations are welcoming Muslim "immigrants". They want to come in because God <Yahoveh, not Allah> blesses Christian nations)

(Once they have sufficient numbers to outvote the Christians, they ban Christianity. They force the people to join their evil cult of Islam. They murder the people who refuse. And yet, one after another, we continue to allow those heathen people into our nations)

¹⁴ And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof. (Not one of God's promises has ever failed; and yet people still doubt His Word)

¹⁵ Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. (This is a condition - If the people rebel against God, as they did with their continual idolatry, they will lose their blessings. If God takes His

protection away from you, Satan will see to it that the world will devour you and your country)

¹⁶ When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you. (They were warned; and yet, they ignored God's warning. It eventually cost them their country and their freedom)

NOTE: (When the US abandoned God after WW2, we became a predatory empire. Our corrupt leaders abandoned God for "secularism" and "multi-culturalism". The left threw God out of our schools and made fun of Christians. The result is that we are now the biggest debtor nation and can't even control our own borders. The land is polluted with mosques in every city. Communist China is on the rise and we are waning)