

# JOSHUA 23 vs 1

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The book of Joshua, written around 1453bc, describes the conquest of Israel over the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; now entering the land occupied by 7 different pagan cultures. Leading the people, was Joshua, whose name means: The Lord is salvation.

Joshua's Farewell Address,

**<sup>1</sup> Now it happened, a long time after the Lord had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua was old, advanced in age.**

**<sup>2</sup> And Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them: I am old, advanced in age.**

**<sup>3</sup> You have seen all that the Lord your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the Lord your God is He who has fought for you.**

**<sup>4</sup> See, I have allotted 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.**

**<sup>5</sup> And the Lord your God will expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So you will possess their land, as the Lord your God promised you.**

**<sup>6</sup> So have courage 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 or the left,**

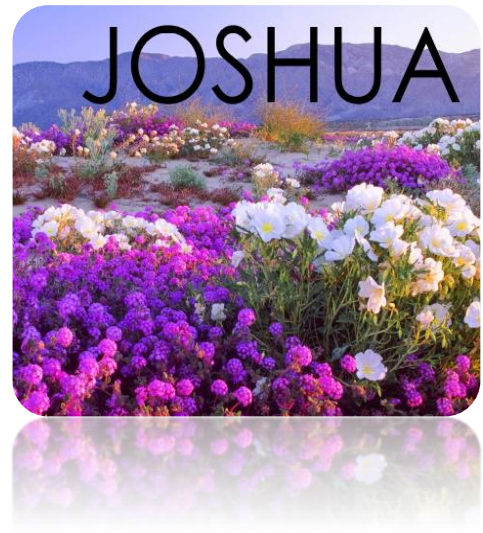
**<sup>7</sup> and lest you go among these nations, these who remain among you. You will not make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause anyone to swear by them; you will not serve them nor bow down to them,**

**<sup>8</sup> but you will hold firm to the Lord your God, as you have done to this day.**

**<sup>9</sup> For the Lord has driven out great and powerful nations before you; and no one is able to stand against you to this day.**

**<sup>10</sup> One man of you can rout a thousand, for the Lord your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you.**

**<sup>11</sup> So be careful and watch yourself, that you love the Lord your God.**



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<sup>12</sup> Or if indeed you turn away, and cling to the rest of these nations -- that remain among you -- and if you intermarry or associate with them, and they with you,

<sup>13</sup> know for certain that the Lord your God will not continue to drive out these nations from before you. But they will 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.

<sup>14</sup> Behold, this day I am 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.

<sup>15</sup> So it will 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 on you every harmful thing, until He has destroyed you from this good land which the Lord your God has given you.

<sup>16</sup> When you step over the line, / when you moved the goal post, and transgress the covenant of the Lord your God, that He instructed you, and go and serve other gods, and bowed down to them, / there are no other gods, but there are fallen angels which became the demons, Paul said the Gentile nations sacrifice to demons,

then the anger of the Lord will burn against you, and you will perish quickly from the good land which He has given you.

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