

# JOSHUA 24 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 entrance the land occupied by 7 different pagan cultures. Leading the people, was Joshua, whose name means: The Lord is salvation.

The last days of Joshua,

**<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and their judges, and their officers; and they presented themselves before God.**

**<sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, Your fathers lived on the other side of the river in ancient times, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and they served other gods.**

**<sup>3</sup> And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the river, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants, and gave him Isaac.**

**<sup>4</sup> And to Isaac, I gave him Jacob and Esau: and I gave to Esau Mount Seir to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.**

**<sup>5</sup> Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to what I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.**

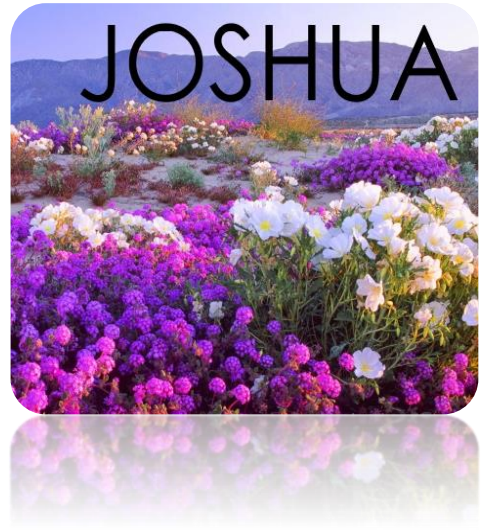
**<sup>6</sup> And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea / Yom suf.**

**<sup>7</sup> And when they cried to the LORD, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea on them, and covered them; and your own eyes saw what I did in Egypt: and you lived in the wilderness a long time.**

**<sup>8</sup> And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; and they fought with you: and 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 and warred against Israel, and he sent and summoned Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:**

**<sup>10</sup> but I did not listen to Balaam; so he had to bless you: and I delivered you from his hand.**



<sup>11</sup> And you went over Jordan, and came to 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.

<sup>12</sup> Then I sent the hornet before you, and it drove out the two kings of the Amorites; but not with your sword or your bow.

<sup>13</sup> And I gave you the land on which you had not labored, and cities that you did not build, and you dwell in them; and vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant, yet you eat.

<sup>14</sup> So now, fear the LORD, and serve Him sincerely and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the river, and in Egypt; and you serve the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> And if it seem wrong to you to serve the LORD,

**Choose this day whom you will serve;** whether the gods that your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: **as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

<sup>16</sup> And the people answered and said, May we not forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

<sup>17</sup> for the LORD our God, He brought us up and our fathers from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way where we went, and among all the people whom we passed:

<sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites who lived in the land: therefore we will also serve the LORD; for He is our God.

<sup>19</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, You are not able to serve the LORD: for He is a holy God; He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your rebellion or your sins:

<sup>20</sup> if you abandon the LORD, and serve foreign gods,

then He will turn and do you harm, and destroy you, even after He has done good to you.

<sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, No; but we will serve the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> And Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen for yourself the LORD, to serve Him. And they said, We are witnesses.

<sup>23</sup> So now, put away the foreign gods which are among you, and stretch your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, The LORD our God we will serve; His voice will we obey.

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<sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

<sup>26</sup> And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a large stone, and set it up under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone will be for a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the LORD which He spoke to us: and so it will be a witness against you, lest you deny your God.

<sup>28</sup> Then Joshua dismissed the people, every man to his inheritance.

The death of Joshua,

<sup>29</sup> And it happened after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being 120 years old.

<sup>30</sup> And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance at Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of Mount Gaash.

<sup>31</sup> And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, and had known all the works of the LORD, what He had done for Israel.

<sup>32</sup> Now they buried the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up from Egypt, at Shechem, in the piece of ground Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for 100 pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

<sup>33</sup> And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him at Gibeah of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

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