



JOSHUA'S FAREWELL



Joshua 2-4; 6

Many years had passed since the Lord gave His people rest from war. Joshua was now an old man. He made a speech to the leaders of the people.

Joshua said, "You have seen for yourselves everything the Lord did for you. He fought for you and gave you the land He promised. Be very strong and continue obeying all of God's laws. Do not worship the gods of the other nations. Instead, be loyal to the Lord your God.

"If you turn away from the Lord and begin serving the gods of the other nations, know for certain that God will not fight for you. The good promises God has made to you have all come true. So, do not worship other gods or you will not remain in the land God has given you."

Then, **Joshua** called all the people of Israel together. He **reported God's words, saying, "Long ago, I called Abraham to leave his home and the gods he worshiped and to follow Me. Abraham had Isaac, and Isaac had Jacob and Esau. Jacob and his sons went to Egypt, where your ancestors were put into slavery.**

"Then I sent Moses and Aaron and defeated Egypt by sending the plagues, and My people were free. When it looked like the army of Egypt was about to capture my people again, I brought the Red Sea down on them to destroy them. After that, I led the people in the wilderness for a long time.

"Then I took you across the Jordan River. I fought for you and gave you victory in every battle. I gave you land you did not work for, cities you did not build, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant.

Joshua then said, "Therefore, fear the Lord and worship Him alone. You must choose for yourselves who will you worship: The Lord your God or false gods. As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord."

The people replied, "We will not abandon the Lord to worship other gods! He brought us up out of slavery in Egypt and performed great miracles to save us. He protected us and defeated armies for us. **We will worship the Lord, because He is our God."**

Joshua died at the age of 110 and was buried in the land God had promised to His people.



Christ Connection: *Joshua reminded the people that God saved them from Egypt and gave them the Promised Land. He told them to worship God alone. Jesus is worthy of all worship because He saves those who trust in Him from sin and gives them eternal life.*