Joshua’s Final Words
Lesson 8
Joshua 23-24

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Outline of Joshua

1. The Conquest of the Land – Joshua 1-12
2. The Division of the Land – Joshua 13-21
History in Joshua

- History – factual
- God’s plan for creation
- Personal salvation
- Salvation of all of creation
- God’s ways
Joshua’s Final Words

- Joshua’s first words – Joshua 1:8
- Joshua’s work – conquest and occupation
- Joshua’s final words
- Outline
  – Joshua 22 – The people speak
  – Joshua 23 – Joshua speaks
  – Joshua 24 – Joshua calls to service
2½ tribes return home – Joshua 22

- Initial appearance – (1:12-18)
- Crossing the Jordan – (4:12-13)
- Trans-Jordan conquest – (12:6)
- Trans-Jordan division of the land – (13:8-33)
- Final return to trans-Jordan – (22)
Territory of Israel

Genesis 15:18-21
Numbers 34:1-12
Ezekiel 47:13-20
Greater Israel Map

Genesis 15:18-21

Unlocated on map:
- Kenizzites
- Rephaites
- Girgashites

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Selection of land by 2½ tribes

- Numbers 32
- Selected by “sight”
- According to the Word of the LORD (22:9)
The congregation of Israel prepares for war

- A Great Altar is built by the Jordan
- MA’AL – מָעַל – 35 times in Old Testament
- transgress, commit trespass, act unfaithfully
- Victim: God
- Numbers 5:11-27 – adulterous woman
Israel’s History of MA’AL

- Peor (Numbers 25) – fornication and idolatry
- Achan (Joshua 7) – stealing the accursed thing from God
- Israel suspects MA’AL
Civil war prevented

- The explanation in Joshua 22:21-29
- Recognition of the greatness of God
- Recognition of their duty toward Him
- A replica of the altar
- Sincerity applauded by the other tribes
The Stone Witness

- Noble intent
- Human inventions are without power
- Future of Trans-Jordan: 2 Kings 10:32-33
- Joshua’s witness
Joshua Speaks – Joshua 23

› Remember the LORD (3-5)
› Keep the Law of Moses (6-7)
› Hold fast to the LORD your God (8-10)
› Take heed to yourself (11-13)
› Joshua’s death (14-16)
Joshua calls to serve the LORD
Joshua 24

- A lesson from history (24:2-13)
  Terah and Abraham (24:2-3)
  Isaac (24:4)
  Children of Israel in Egypt (24:5-7)
  Current generation (24:8-13)
History understood . . .
or misunderstood

▶ Fear the LORD and serve Him (14-15)
▶ We will serve the LORD our God (16-18)
▶ You cannot serve the LORD (19-20)
  He is a holy and jealous God
  He will not forgive your transgressions
▶ No, but we will serve the LORD (21-25)
The witness

- Their profession
- Their conduct – put away idolatry
- Their heart – incline your heart to the LORD
- The covenant – renewed
Another stone witness

- The Words of the Book of the Law
- A stone monument to the words of the LORD
- Lest you deny your God
- Joshua 1:8
Final Events

- Death of Joshua
- Burial of Joseph
- Death of Eleazar
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- The symmetry of Joshua
- The hope of Joshua