

Joshua 24:1-24
"Whom Will You Serve?"

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1. Introduction

a. Context - vs. 2-13 summary of history

b. Joshua speaking to Israel near end of his life (24:1)
- spoke to them at ancient Shechem
- now in area of West Bank near Nablus Israel

c. Israel did not choose God, but God chose Israel
- God blessed Abraham
- God rescued Israel from Egypt
- God protected Israel in the Promised Land
- And God gave them a land, cities, & agricultural lands, they did not build (vs. 13)

2. God chose Abraham

a. God brought Abraham to Canaan

* God gave Abraham his son Isaac

* God multiplied his descendants (seed) in the land

b. God gave Isaac, Jacob & Esau

- God gave Esau Mt Seir
- God sent Jacob down into Egypt

3. When Israel obeyed the Lord, God gave victory

- God sent Moses & Aaron

- God plagued Egypt

a. God brought Israel out of Egypt

b. After 40 years, God brought Israel into Canaan

c. God sent fear into other nations of Canaan

d. God delivered those nations into hands of Israel

4. When Israel disobeyed God, they saw defeat
- Israel lived in the wilderness a long time - 40 years
 - Num 14:6-10 Joshua & Caleb beg Israel (first generation) to go into Canaan
 - do not rebel against God
 - their protective defense is gone
 - Lord is with Israel
 - Num 14:22 First group saw God's glory & tempted God 10 times - original spies
 - Num 14:27-35
 - God heard Israel's adults (more than 20 years old) murmur & complain against God
 - God will send Israel wandering in the wilderness for 40 years until all adults die
 - Instead their children inherited the land

5. Joshua decides his future
- Joshua already chose to serve the Lord as one of the original 12 spies - Num 14:7-8
 - Make your decision
 - based on everything God has already done
 - my family has already decided
 - Old habits of serving other gods
 - ancestors of Abraham, Terah, served other gods
 - your ancestors served gods in Egypt
- down Get rid of those old gods in your homes
- only serve the Lord your God