



JOSHUA: FINAL ADDRESS AND COVENANT

BIBLE READING PLAN
WEEK 09

DAY 1: JOSHUA 22:10-34

The tribes that chose to settle on the east side of the Jordan River, known as the Transjordanic tribes, decided to build an altar as a witness. Their intention was to remind future generations on both sides of the river that they were all Israelites. However, the tribes on the west side of the Jordan were upset by this decision and began preparing for civil war.

One key lesson we can draw from this interaction is the importance of seeking understanding before acting in haste. To resolve the conflict, a delegation was sent to investigate the purpose of the large altar. Another valuable lesson is the importance of perspective-taking. Both sides were willing to listen to the other's reasoning, which allowed them to reach a peaceful resolution rather than escalating into war.

There are also some important questions to consider: *Did God specifically call these tribes to settle east of the river? What happens when we choose to separate ourselves from the place God has called us to?*

To explore what became of the two and a half tribes, read 1 Chronicles 5:25-26

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 22:10-34

Read with a heart ready to hear from God. Feel free to *star*, underline, and *mark up* your Bible.

EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

What ideas caught your attention? What does this passage reveal about The Father, Jesus, & the Holy Spirit? Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate this passage to you and make notes below.

APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How should you respond to this passage? How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to solidify the meaning of this passage, to change your life and your heart based on the learning you've had from spending this time in God's Word.



DAY 2: JOSHUA 23:1-16

Joshua has fought the good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith. Aware that his time to “go the way of all the earth” is near, he calls a meeting with the leaders of Israel. In his final moments, Joshua takes the opportunity to remind the people of all that God has done for them, what He has said to them, and what He will do in the future. He urges them to “cling to the Lord,” to “be very careful to love the Lord,” and warns them of the consequences if they “transgress.” These same reminders apply to us today.

God desires our whole heart, our full devotion, and our complete trust. He calls us to put “no other gods before Him.”

Take a moment to reflect: *Is God truly first in my life, or does He receive only the leftovers of my time, energy, talents, and resources?*

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Write a prayer asking God to shape your life and your heart.

DAY 3: JOSHUA 24:1-15

It is only fitting that Joshua’s final message takes place at Shechem, a location of great significance for the Israelites. It was here that God promised Abraham that his descendants would inherit the land, here that Jacob built an altar, and here, between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim, that the people of Israel reaffirmed their commitment to the Lord. In this passage, the Lord reminds them of their nation’s history and faithfulness. The section concludes with the famous “Choose today” verses. These verses are often seen on placards, coffee mugs, and picture frames, but have you ever really stopped to consider what they are saying?

Throughout Scripture, the Lord makes it clear that there is no room for neutrality or half-hearted faith. You can’t have one foot in worshiping the Lord and the other in idol worship. The message is clear: “Choose today whom you will serve.”

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DAY 4: JOSHUA 24:16-28

Choosing the Lord is not something to be taken lightly. Joshua repeatedly confirms and affirms Israel's commitment, even making a covenant with them and using a stone as the second witness. Israel expressed their desire to enter into a covenant with the Lord, and then Joshua immediately called them to act on that promise. Joshua understood that while it's easy to make promises of obedience, it's much harder to actually live them out.

Take a moment to reflect on your own relationship with the Lord. Is your faith mostly words of promise and commitment, or are you actively living out that obedience? If someone were to look at your life, would they know beyond a doubt where your allegiance lies? God doesn't just want our promises—He wants our hearts. He desires our entire lives to be a living sacrifice to Him. And He is worthy of it all.

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DAY 5: JOSHUA 24:29-33

The book of Joshua concludes with the deaths and burials of Joshua, Eleazar (Aaron's son), and the bones of Joseph. Interestingly, while God instructed Moses to appoint Joshua as his successor, there is no mention of a God-ordained successor after Joshua's death.

Spoiler alert—the Israelites once again fail to uphold their covenant. They break their promise to serve the Lord alone, neglect to teach future generations to fear and serve Him, and fall into idolatry. Though they fail in their promise, God remains faithful to His promise. He had promised them that if they divided their allegiance and worshiped false gods, He would bring punishment—and He does.

However, God does not leave them in their failure. He is a God of redemption, and He promises to one day regather the Israelites and reestablish them in their land.

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RESOURCES

ENDURING WORD BIBLE COMMENTARY

The Enduring Word is a free commentary that takes you verse-by-verse through the bible and provides insights, explanations, and helpful quotes from theologians and teachers in every passage of scripture.

enduringword.com/bible-commentary/joshua-1/

ESV STUDY BIBLE

A good study bible is filled with helpful explanations or references on nearly every page for most major verses of scripture. Some great study bibles include the ESV Study Bible, NIV Study Bible, or the She Reads Truth Study Bible. You can find an ESV Study Bible in our Rise Bookstore.

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The Bible Project has built an app centered around a reading journey that equips you with the skills to see the larger story of the Bible every time you read. It's packed with helpful videos, teaches you to develop bible reading skills, and even has classes. This is great for visual learners.

bibleproject.com/explore/video/joshua/

AUDIO BIBLES

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