

GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED

A Study in the Books of Joshua and Ruth

Joshua Exhorts the Israelites Joshua 23*"But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have until now."* Joshua 23:8**Read Joshua 23:1–16.**

1. Where and why is Joshua addressing all of Israel in these verses? (vv. 1-2, 14)

2. List some of the things that Joshua exhorts the people to do.

3. There has been a great emphasis throughout Joshua on obedience to the Law and God's instructions for the conquest. What aspect of obedience is emphasized now, near the end of the book? (v. 11)
 - a. What does Jesus say is the heart of the Law? (Matt. 22:37–40)

 - b. Pray that God will increase your love for him and for others.

Read Joshua 23:1–11.**The History**

4. Joshua reminds the Israelites of "everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations" (v. 3). Review the following passages from Joshua, noting the remarkable things that the Israelites have seen:
 - a. 2:10, 11
 - b. 6:8–11, 15, 16, 20, 21
 - c. 8:1, 2, 18–22
 - d. 10:5, 7–14
 - e. 10:29–39, 42
 - f. 11:1–8
5. How does Joshua summarize these events in question 4? (vv. 9-10)

Why did the Lord do all these things? (vv. 3, 10)

Read Joshua 23:1–16.

The Nations

6. What view of “the nations” is presented in this chapter? (vv. 1, 7, 13)

7. What *other* view does the Old Testament give of Israel’s relationship to the nations? (Gen. 18:18; 26:4)

8. How do these two views fit together? (Eph. 2:11–14; Rev. 7:9, 10)

9. How are we to relate to “the nations” around us? (1 Cor. 9:19–22; 1 Pet. 2:11, 12)

The Promises

10. What are God’s instructions to the Israelites in this chapter concerning the inhabitants of Canaan?
(📖 Deut. 12:2, 3; 20:16–18)

11. What does God promise if they don’t obey these instructions? (vv. 15-16)

12. We know that succeeding generations of Israelites failed to keep the covenant and paid heavily for their failure. Why are we able to have hope despite our wayward hearts? (Heb. 4:15, 16; Rom. 7:21-25; 8:1-2, 26–34)

13. The Lord has brought the Israelites into the land he promised their forefather Abraham hundreds of years before, and he has given them amazing victories over their enemies: “Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed” (v. 14). What are some promises that God has made to us as believers?