

A Warning-Filled Farewell **Joshua 23**

Some 15-20 years after his speech to the departing transjordan tribes, an aged Joshua gives the first of two farewell speeches. The first is focused more on what God will do and is given to the nation's leaders; whereas the second focuses more on what God has done (long summary) and is aimed at all the people.

Reflections on God's faithfulness (He gave them the land)

- 3** God has been fighting for Israel (Dt. 3:22, 7:24).
4,5 God has cut off nations so Israel may inherit their lands.
9-10 God has driven out stronger nations /enabled Israelites to win.
14 God has fulfilled all His promises to provide victory (cf. 22:45).

**What victory God has won for us? Col. 2:114,15*

Warnings about their unfaithfulness (They could lose the land)

- 12,13** God will stop driving out nations if Israel unites w/nations;
instead the nations will be allowed to afflict the Israelites.
15-16 God will bring about the threats listed in Dt. 28:15ff.
God will destroy Israel for breaking covenant and idolatry.

**What might we lose out on? I Cor. 3:12-15, II Jn.8, Rev. 3:11*

Commands to ensure their faithfulness (How to keep the land)

**What must we do to protect ourselves from losing out?*

- 6** Keep God's Law firmly, Josh. 1:7, Js. 1:22ff.
7 Don't associate (see vs. 12 too) with the nations, especially their
gods, II Cor. 6:14ff., I Cor. 15:33.
8 Cling to the Lord as you have done, Dt. 11:22, I Jn. 3:17
11 Love the Lord your God, Dt. 6:5, Js. 1:12