

# JOSHUA 23



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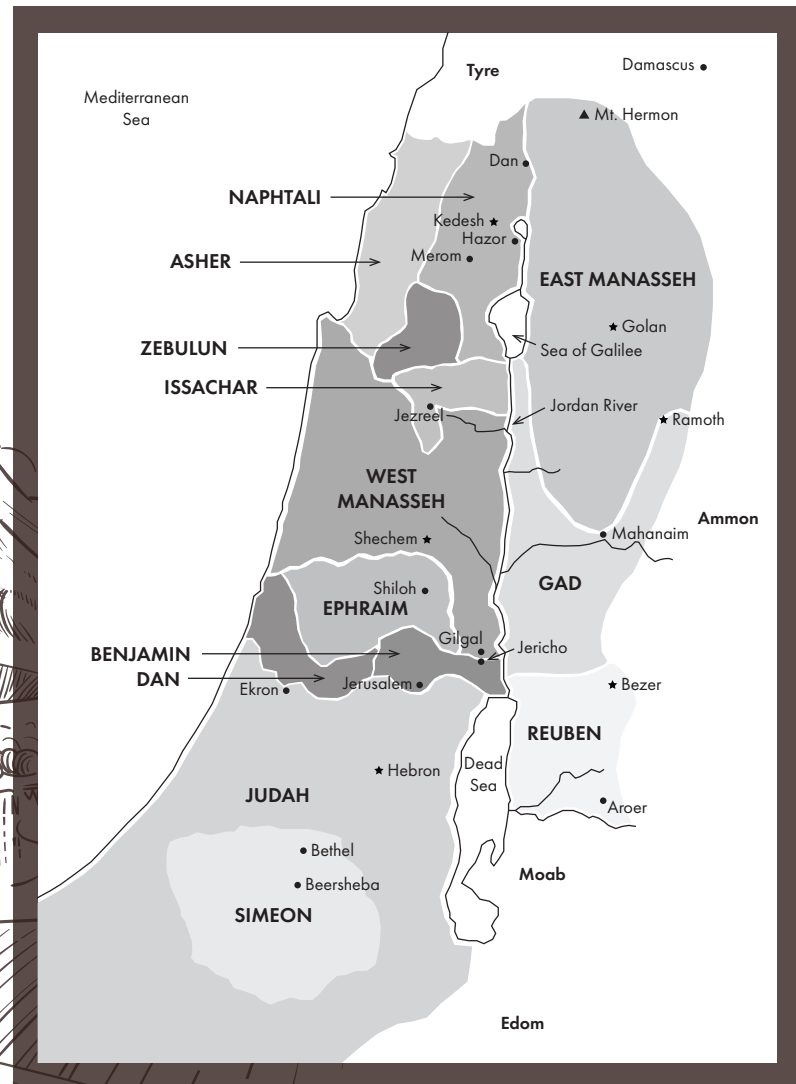
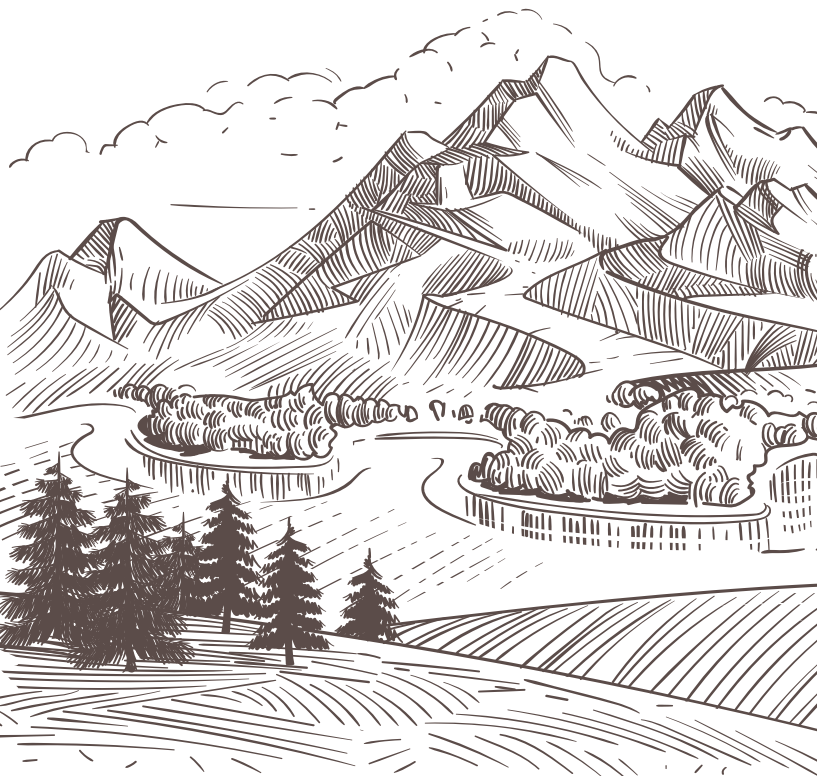
- Israel's conquest of the Promised Land began around 1450 B.C. and lasted approximately 5-7 years.
- The events of Joshua 23 took place "a long time" after the conquest of Canaan, when Joshua was "well advanced in years."

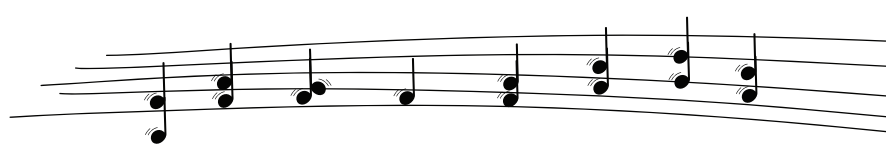
## CHARACTERS

- **Joshua** - The leader of the Israelites.
- **Israelites** - The descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They were slaves in Egypt for 100s of years, but God used Moses to free them and lead them to the Promised Land.

## WHERE

- Joshua 23 doesn't tell us the location where the words recorded in this chapter were spoken.





## TO CANAAN'S LAND I'M ON MY WAY...

### OUTLINE

- JOSHUA ADDRESSES THE PEOPLE IN HIS OLD AGE (23:1-16):
  - + A "long time" after the events of Joshua 22, when Joshua had grown old, he called all Israel to himself to talk to them a few final times.
  - + Joshua 23 and 24 contain Joshua's two farewell addresses.
  - + In chapter 23, Joshua began by reminding the Israelites of all the Lord had done for them.
  - + God had driven out their enemies and given them the Promised Land.
  - + God promised to continue to fight for them until all the foreign inhabitants were driven out.
  - + Joshua reminded the people not to get involved in the idolatry that once permeated the land.
  - + The Israelites were forbidden from intermingling with the pagans.
  - + If the Israelites disobeyed God's instructions, God would withdraw His aid from Israel.
  - + God's promises were conditional on the Israelites' obedience.
  - + God had always been faithful to Israel, now Israel needed to remain faithful to God.

### APPLICATION

- God's promise to continually bless the Israelites was conditional on their obedience.
- Some of God's promises that apply to us are also conditional, and we need to pay very close attention to the conditions.
- **Example 1** – Acts 2:37-38
  - + Promise: Receive the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
  - + Condition: Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus.
- **Example 2** – 2 Timothy 2:11-12
  - + Promise: We will live and reign with Christ.
  - + Condition: We must die with Christ and endure the difficulties of life.
- It is 100% true that we are saved by the grace of God, but that doesn't mean nothing is required of us.
- The New Testament is full of similar conditional promises.

