

Joshua 23

King James Version (KJV)

23 And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

²And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age:

³And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you. (God gave them the Promised Land. They didn't win it)

⁴Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.

⁵And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you. (God's promise to Abraham in Genesis) Also see Isaiah-43:26

⁶Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left;

⁷That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them. (Don't let idolatry creep into the worship of Yahoveh)

(Today, the church has changed Passover into Easter <Ishtar worship to the "queen of heaven">. This is idolatry – in every Christian church, and an insult to God)

⁸But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day. (They didn't. They continually worshipped the idols of the surrounding heathen tribes of the Canaanites and others. That's why God ordered them to completely destroy the Canaanites. They disobeyed God and the idolatry eventually took hold on younger generations)

(Look in the US today. They threw God out of public schools 50 years ago. Now young people have no spiritual guidance. Atheist teachers crept in to spew their doctrines onto young minds. Violence and atheism is rising in all the younger generations in every school)

⁹For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day. (Because God protected them; not because they were great)

¹⁰One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

¹¹Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. (Excellent advice for them and for us today)

¹²Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: (Here is the condition that they keep falling into; then they wonder why God doesn't help them)

¹³Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. (And they did become snares unto Israel, because they were allowed to creep into their country and mix with the people. This caused Israel to eventually lose their country)

¹⁴And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof. (Not one of God's promises has ever failed)

¹⁵Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. (If they fight Him; and they did with their idolatry)

¹⁶When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and

bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you. (They were warned, and yet, they ignored God's warning)