

# Joshua: Inheritance

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- I. Entering the land (inheritance) 1:1-5:12
  - a. Instructions for the campaign in Caanan 1:1-18
    - i. God spoke to Joshua 1:1-9
      1. Enter the land (“... get ready to cross ... into the land ...”) 1:1-2a
      2. Take the land (“I will give you every place ...”)1:2b-5
      3. Distribute (“... you will lead these people to inherit ...”) 1:6-7
      4. Remain successfully in the land (obedience, echoed in Joshua’s farewell speeches) 1:8-9
    - ii. Joshua spoke to the officers 1:10-15
      1. Joshua ordered the officers to have supplies prepared to cross Jordan in three days 1:10-11
      2. The fighting men from east of Jordan were to help 1:12-15
        - a. Leaving families and livestock in the east 1:12-14a
        - b. In the western campaign 1:14b-15
    - iii. The tribes of Rueben, Gad and half of Manasseh responded to Joshua 1:16-18
      1. The Eastern tribes committed to obey 1:16-17a
      2. They hoped the Lord would be with Joshua 1:17b
      3. Death to the disobedient 1:18a
      4. They exhorted Joshua to take courage 1:18b
  - b. The two spies visited Jericho 2:1-24
    - i. Joshua sent two spies to Jericho 2:1
    - ii. The King of Jericho sent a message to Rahab 2:2-3
    - iii. Rahab hid the spies and replied to the King that the men left the city 2:4-7
    - iv. Rahab conversed with the spies 2:8-21
      1. Rahab’s testimony concerning the Lord and Israel 2:8-11
      2. Rahab asked for mercy and a sign 2:12-13
      3. Rahab and the spies came to an agreement 2:14-21
        - a. The spies’ lives for her life 2:14
        - b. Rahab lowered the spies by a rope from her window 2:15-16
        - c. Rahab was to tie a red cord in her window and have all her family there 2:17-21
    - v. The spies returned to Joshua after waiting 3 days in the hills 2:22-24
  - c. Israel crossed the Jordan 3:1-17
    - i. The officers told Israel to follow the Levites carrying the ark keeping a distance of 1000 yards 3:1-4
    - ii. Joshua told the people to consecrate themselves 3:5
    - iii. Joshua told the priests to go ahead of the people with the ark 3:6
    - iv. The Lord told Joshua he would exalt him 3:7

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- v. The Lord told Joshua to instruct the priests to stand in the river 3:8
- vi. Joshua told the people that they would know God was among them and would drive out their enemies when the priests stood in the Jordan and the waters were be cut off 3:9-14
- vii. The priests entered and stood in the river and, during flood season, the waters backed up to Adam and the whole nation crossed over 3:14-17
- d. The monument of twelve stones erected 4:1-5:1
  - i. Joshua instructed twelve men to pick up twelve stones from the Jordan as a sign 4:1-7
  - ii. The people crossed over including the 40,000 warriors of the Eastern tribes 4:10-13
  - iii. The Lord exalted Joshua and the people revered him 4:14
  - iv. Joshua commanded the priests to leave the river and the waters returned 4:15-18
  - v. The stones were set up at Gilgal to remind all the peoples of God's power, that they might fear him 4:19-24
  - vi. When the Canaanite kings heard of the Jordan drying up they melt in fear 5:1
- e. Circumcision and Passover observed 5:2-12
  - i. Those born in the desert were not circumcised 5:2-9
    - 1. The Lord instructed Joshua to circumcise the Israelites 5:2-3
    - 2. Why the Lord told them to be circumcised 5:4-9
      - a. The men who left Egypt were circumcised but did not obey so died in the desert 5:4-6
      - b. Their sons had not been circumcised on the way 5:7-8
      - c. The reproach of Egypt was rolled away 5:9
  - ii. They celebrated the Passover, ate the food of the land and the manna ceased 5:10-12
- II. Receiving the Land (inheritance) 5:13-12:24
  - a. Phase 1, maintaining the alliance with the Lord 5:13-35
    - i. The Lord's Commander met Joshua in front of Jericho 5:13-15
      - 1. A man with a drawn sword: Are you for or against us? 5:13
      - 2. He was neither, but the Commander of the Lord's army 5:14a
      - 3. Joshua fell down before him and asked for instructions 5:14b
      - 4. Joshua told to take off his sandals on that holy ground 5:15
    - ii. The taking of Jericho 6:1-27
      - 1. Jericho was tightly shut up 6:1
      - 2. The Lord told Israel to march around Jericho 7 days, shout on the seventh and the wall of Jericho would fall 6:2-5

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3. Joshua instructed the priests and people to march around Jericho 6:6-11
4. Israel marched around Jericho for six days 6:12-14
5. On the seventh day the walls fell, Rahab and family were spared but everyone and everything else devoted to the Lord and destroyed 6:15-19
6. The wall collapsed and Israel entered and destroyed it 6:20-21
7. Rahab and family were saved 6:22-23
8. Israel burned the city, placed the metals in God's house and saved Rahab 6:24-25
9. Joshua's put a curse on the rebuilder of Jericho 6:26-27
- iii. Achan's trouble 7:1-26
  1. Achan stole devoted items from Jericho 7:1
  2. Joshua sent spies to Ai, and they advised sending 2-3000 7:2
  3. Israel's 3000 were routed at Ai 7:3-5
  4. Joshua and the elders tore their clothes and cried out to the Lord 7:6-9
  5. God responded to Joshua 7:10-15
    - a. Israel had taken the devoted things 7:10-11
    - b. That is why Israel ran from its enemies 7:12a
    - c. The devoted must be destroyed 7:12b
    - d. The people were to concentrate themselves 7:13
    - e. They would be taken tribe by tribe and man by man 7:14
    - f. Whoever had the devoted thing was to be destroyed by fire 7:15
  6. Judah, Zerahites, Zimri, Carmi were taken until Achan was taken 7:16-18
  7. Joshua told Achan to give glory to God and confess what he had taken 7:19
  8. Achan confessed to taking a garment, silver coins and a bar of gold 7:20-21
  9. Achan was taken with the stolen goods plus, family, cattle and tent, and stoned and burnt 7:22-25
  10. Over Achan was piled stones; the Lord turned from his anger and it was called the Valley of Achor (Trouble) 7:26
- iv. Taking Ai 8:1-29
  1. The Lord instructed Joshua about taking Ai 8:1-2
    - a. The Lord encouraged Joshua 8:1a
    - b. Joshua was to take the whole army 8:1b
    - c. The Lord would deliver Ai to Joshua 8:1c
    - d. Joshua was to do to Ai/king as done to Jericho/king 8:2a
    - e. They would be allowed to take plunder and cattle 8:2b

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- f. They were to set an ambush behind Ai 8:2c
- 2. Joshua instructed his army regarding Ai 8:3-8
  - a. Joshua chose and sent 30,000 of the best men out at night 8:3-4
  - b. Joshua would advance on the city with army and run luring the men of Ai away from Ai 8:5-6
  - c. When Ai's men chased them others were to take the city from the ambush 8:7a
  - d. The Lord would give it to them 8:7b
  - e. The ambush was to take the city and set it on fire 8:8
- 3. Joshua sent the ambush to their place; he stayed with the people 8:9
- 4. Joshua marched on Ai the next morning early 8:10-13
- 5. All the men in Ai and Bethel pursued retreating Israel leaving their city open 8:14-17
- 6. The Lord told Joshua to hold out his javelin and the ambush rose capturing Ai and burning it 8:18-19
- 7. The men of Ai were caught between the ambush and the fleeing Israelites, so they were cut down; none survived 8:20-23
- 8. All the army of Ai and inhabitants of Ai were destroyed but Israel carried off the cattle and plunder 8:24-27
- 9. Joshua burned Ai, hung its king, then buried him under a pile of stones 8:28-29
- v. The covenant renewed at Mounts Ebal and Gerizim 8:30-35
  - 1. Joshua built an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, of uncut stones on Ebal 8:30-31a
  - 2. They offered burnt and fellowship offerings on the altar 8:31b
  - 3. Joshua copied on stones the law of Moses 8:32
  - 4. All Israel, aliens and citizens, plus leaders, stood either side of the ark, facing the priests, half on Ebal and half on Gerizim 8:33
  - 5. Joshua read both blessings and curses, as written in the law 8:34
  - 6. Joshua read the law 8:35
    - a. Joshua read every word of the law 8:35a
    - b. Joshua read it to the whole assembly of Israel 8:35b
    - c. This included the women, children, and the aliens 8:35c
- b. Phase 2, destroying the enemy alliances
  - i. The Gibeonite deception 9:1-27
    - 1. The kings of Canaan gather to war against Joshua and Israel 9:1-2
    - 2. Gibeon resorted to a ruse 9:3-6

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- a. They came with old wine, worn sandals and moldy bread in their hands 9:4-5
  - b. They said they came from far and wanted to make a treaty 9:6
3. Israel said to the Hivites, You might live near so how can we make a treaty with you? 9:7
4. We are your servants, they said to Joshua 9:8a
5. Joshua questioned them 9:9-13
  - a. Who and where are you from? 9:8b
  - b. They answered:
    - i. From a distant country 9:9a
    - ii. We heard about the Lord's victories in Egypt and east of Jordan 9:9b-10
    - iii. Our people sent us to make a treaty 9:11
    - iv. Our sandals have worn out and bread become moldy with the long journey 9:12-13
6. Joshua and the men of Israel make a decision 9:14-15
  - a. They sampled their provisions 9:14<sup>a</sup>
  - b. They did not inquire of the Lord 9:14b
  - c. Joshua made a treaty of peace 9:15a
  - d. The leaders ratified it by oath 9:15b
7. The Gibeonites (Gibeon, Kehpirah, Beeroth and Kiriath Jearim) were discovered 9:16-21
  - a. Three days later Israel heard they were neighbors 9:16
  - b. Israel did not attack them because of the oath 9:18a
  - c. Israel grumbled against the leaders 9:18b
  - d. Israel's leaders stuck to their oath but made the Hivites wood cutters and water carriers 9:19-21
8. Joshua reprimanded the Gibeonites 9:22-27
  - a. Why, he asked, did you say you lived far away? You are cursed to be water carriers and wood cutters 9:22-23
  - b. They answered that they feared for their lives and were now in their hands to do with them as they thought good and right 9:24-25
  - c. So Joshua saved them from the Israelites 9:26
  - d. The Gibeonites became wood cutters and water carriers to this day 9:27
- ii. The battle with Adoni-Zedek, king of Jerusalem, his coalition and southern campaign 10:1-28
  1. The five kings having heard of events attack Gibeon 10:1-5
  2. The Gibeonites appealed to Joshua for help 10:6
  3. Joshua went up with all the best fighting men 10:7
  4. The Lord told Joshua not to be afraid because he had given them over to Joshua 10:8

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5. Joshua marched all night surprising them 10:9
  6. The Lord threw them into confusion and destroyed them before Israel 10:10
  7. The Lord hurled stones down on them from the sky and more were killed by the stones than by the sword 10:11
  8. Joshua called on the sun to stand still and the Lord answered; the sun did not go down for about a full day 10:12-15
  9. The five kings hid in a cave at Makkedah 10:16-18
  10. Israel pursued the enemy so they should not reach their cities 10:19
  11. A few of the enemy escaped to their cities 10:20-21
  12. Joshua hung the five kings hiding in the cave at Makkedah 10:22-26
  13. At evening they threw the bodies of the kings into the cave and piled stones in front of it 10:27
  14. Joshua took Makkedah 10:28
  15. Israel took Libnah, Lachish, the king of Gezer, Eglon, Hebron, Debir 10:29-39
  16. In one campaign Joshua subdued from Kadesh Barnea to Gaza and from Goshen to Gibeon because the Lord fought for Israel 10:40-43
- iii. Northern kings defeated 11:1-23
1. Jabin, King of Hazor, formed a northern coalition with a vast army including horses and chariots 11:1-5
  2. The Lord told Joshua not to fear, that he would deliver them up; he was to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots 11:6
  3. Joshua came on them suddenly at the waters of Merom, destroying them completely, hamstringing their horses and burning their chariots 11:7-9
  4. Joshua captured and burned Hazor, also taking the royal cities, destroying all the people in them and keeping the plunder and livestock, just as Moses commanded 11:10-15
  5. Joshua waged war a long time taking the entire land 11:16-18
  6. Joshua took all in battle except the Hivites in Gibeon 11:19
  7. The Lord hardened their hearts to destroy them as he commanded Moses 11:20
  8. Joshua destroyed the Anakites (giants), only a few survived in Gaza, Gath and Ashdod 11:21-23
  9. The land then rested from war 11:24
- iv. List defeated kings 12:1-24
1. Kings taken by Moses 12:1
    - a. Sihon, king of the Amorites 12:2-3

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- b. Og, king of Bashan, one of the last of the Rephaites (giants) 12:4-5
    - 2. The cities of kings taken by Joshua, 31 in Caanan 12:7-24
      - a. Jericho
      - b. Ai
      - c. Jerusalem
      - d. Hebron
      - e. Jarmuth
      - f. Lachish
      - g. Eglon
      - h. Gezer
      - i. Debir
      - j. Geder
      - k. Hormah
      - l. Arad
      - m. Libnah
      - n. Adullam
      - o. Makkedah
      - p. Bethel
      - q. Tappuah
      - r. Hopher
      - s. Aphek
      - t. Lasharon
      - u. Madon
      - v. Hazor
      - w. Shimron Meron
      - x. Acshaph
      - y. Taanach
      - z. Meggido
      - aa. Kedesh
      - bb. Jokneam in Carmel
      - cc. Dor in Naphoth Dor
      - dd. Goyim in Gilgal
      - ee. Tirzah
- III. Distributing the land (inheritance) 13:1-21:45
  - a. Phase 1, a review of land taken and to be taken 13:1-14:5
    - i. Land to be taken 13:1-7
      - 1. Joshua is old but much land remained to be taken 13:1
      - 2. The land to be taken 13:2-5
        - a. Philistines'
        - b. Geshurites'
        - c. Avvites'
        - d. Caanaites'
        - e. Sidonians'
        - f. Amorites'
        - g. Gebalites'

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- h. Lebanon
  - 3. All the Sidonians' land in the mountain regions 13:6-7
- ii. Division of the land east of the Jordan by Moses 13:8-33
  - 1. The lands of Sihon and Og given to half of Manasseh, Rueben and Gad 13:8-13
  - 2. The Levites received no inheritance, the offerings to God were theirs 13:14
  - 3. Area and cities given to Rueben 13:15-23
  - 4. Area and cities given to Gad 13:24-28
  - 5. Area and cities given to half of Manasseh 13:29-32
  - 6. The Levites received no inheritance as God was their inheritance 13:33
- iii. Division of the land west of the Jordan 14:1-5
  - 1. The nine and a half tribes given land by lot in Caanan 14:1-2
  - 2. The Levites received none 14:3
  - 3. Josph became two tribes – Manasseh and Ephraim 14:4a
  - 4. The Levites received towns and pasture lands 14:4b
  - 5. The Israelites divide the land as the Lord had commanded 14:5
- b. Phase 2, the allotments tribe by tribe 14:6-19:51
  - i. Judah 14:6-15:63
    - 1. Caleb given Hebron 14:6-15
    - 2. Judah's area 15:1-12
    - 3. Caleb given Hebron; Othniel given Acsa and Debir 15:13-19
    - 4. Judah's cities 15:20-63
      - a. The Negev 15:21-32
      - b. The western foothills 15:33-47
      - c. The hill country 15:48-60
      - d. The desert 15:61-63
  - ii. The sons of Joseph 16:1-17:18
    - 1. Ephraim 16:5-10
    - 2. Manasseh 17:1-13
    - 3. The people of Josph asked for more and Joshua encouraged them to conquer the enemies and clear the forests 17:14-18
      - a. The request for more land 17:14
      - b. Joshua told them to clear Perizzite and Rephaite land 17:15
      - c. They fear the people of the plains with iron chariots 17:16
      - d. Joshua encouraged them to overcome these enemies 17:17-18
  - iii. The rest of the tribes 18:1-19:51
    - 1. Seven tribes rebuked by Joshua for not taking possession of their land 18:1-1-3



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2. Joshua told them to send three from each to survey the land 18:4-10
  - a. When they returned Joshua cast lots for them 18:4-7
  - b. The Levites received none because theirs was the priestly service 18:7a
  - c. Gad, Rueben and half Manasseh had already received land 18:7b
  - d. Joshua cast lots at Shiloh and distributed the land 18:8-9
3. Benjamin 18:10-28
  - a. Benjamin's boundaries 18:10-20
  - b. Benjamin's cities 18:21-28
4. Simeon 19:1-9
  - a. Simeon's boundaries within Judah 19:1, 9
  - b. Simeon's cities 19:2-8
5. Zebulon 19:10-16
  - a. Zebulon's boundaries 19:10-14
  - b. Zebulon's cities 19:15-16
6. Issachar's boundaries and towns 19:17-23
7. Asher's boundaries and towns 19:24-31
8. Naphtali 19:32-39
  - a. Naphtali's boundaries 19:32-34
  - b. Naphtali's cities 19:35-39
9. Dan 19:40-48
  - a. Dan's cities 19:40-46
  - b. Dan faced difficulty taking their land so took Leshem (called Dan) in the north 19:47-48
10. Joshua's allotment, Timnath Sera 19:49-50
11. Division of the land was completed by Eleazer, Joshua and heads of tribes before the Lord at Shiloh 19:51
- c. Phase 3, the special cities and the Lord's generosity 20:1-21:45
  - i. Cities of refuge 20:1-9
    1. The rules regarding an accidental killing 20:1-6
    2. The cities in Caanan 20:7
      - a. Kedesh in Naphtali
      - b. Shechem in Ephraim
      - c. Hebron in Judah
    3. The cities on the east of the Jordan 20:8
      - a. Bezer in Rueben
      - b. Ramoth in Gad
      - c. Golan in Manasseh
    4. Resume of rules covering accidental killing 20:9
  - ii. Towns for the Levites 21:1-42
    1. The Levites asked for towns 21:1-3
    2. The cities given by families 21:4-7

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- a. The family of Aaron (Kohathites) received 13 towns in Judah, Simeon and Benjamin 21:4
  - b. The rest of the Kohathites received 10 towns in Ephraim, Dan and half Manasseh 21:5
  - c. Gershon received 13 towns in Issachar, Asher, Naphtali and half Manasseh 21:6
  - d. Merari received 12 towns in Reuben, Gad and Zebulun 21:7
3. Cities from Judah and Simeon to Aaron (Kohathites) 21:19
  4. Cities from Ephraim, Dan and half Manasseh to the Kohathites 21:20-26
  5. Cities from half Manasseh, Issachar, Asher and Naphtali to Gershon 21:27-33
  6. Cities from Zebulun, Reuben and Gad for Merari 21:34-40
  7. Towns with pastures for the Levites totalled forty-eight 21:41-42
- iii. The Lord gave Israel all the land he had promised 21:43-45
    1. Israel took possession of the land and settled there 21:43
    2. The Lord gave them rest and handed over their enemies 21:44
    3. All the Lord's promises were fulfilled 21:45
- IV. Remaining in the land (inheritance) successfully 22:1-24:33
- a. The eastern tribes returned home 22:1-34
    - i. Joshua blessed and sent the fighting men of Reuben, Gad and half Manasseh home 22:1-8
    - ii. These men erected a large altar on the west of the Jordan 22:9-10
    - iii. Israel sent Phineas and 10 leaders to question the men from the east 22:11-20
    - iv. Reuben, Gad and half Manasseh gave their reason for the altar 22:21-29
    - v. Israel pleased with response of the two and a half tribes 22:30-33
    - vi. The altar named a "Witness Between Us that the Lord is God" 22:34
  - b. Joshua's farewell to the leaders 23:1-16
    - i. Joshua's review of events 23:1-5
      1. A long time had passed 23:1a
      2. Joshua grew old 23:1b-2
      3. They had seen all the Lord had done fighting for them 23:3
      4. Joshua had allotted them the land of the nations conquered 23:4a
      5. The Lord would push out the remaining nations as promised 23:4b-5
    - ii. Joshua's commands to them 23:6-11
      1. Be very strong 23:6a
      2. Be careful to obey the law of Moses 23:6b

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3. Do not associate with remaining nations or bow to their gods 23:7
4. Hold fast to the Lord 23:8
5. The Lord has driven out the nations and fought for you so be very careful to love the Lord your God 23:9-11
- iii. Joshua outlines the dangers of disobedience 23:12-13
  1. If they turn away 23:12a
  2. If they associate with and intermarry with these nations remaining 23:12b
  3. The Lord will not drive them out 23:13a
  4. These nations will become snares, traps, whips on their backs and thorns in their eyes 23:13b
  5. Until they perish from the land given by God 23:13c
- iv. Joshua reiterated the dangers 23:14-16
  1. He was about to die 23:14a
  2. They knew in their hearts and souls God has fulfilled all his promises 23:14b
  3. Just as every good promise came true so God would send evil 23:15a
  4. If they broke his covenant, bowing to and serving other gods 23:15b
  5. They would perish from the land 23:15c
- c. The covenant renewed at Shechem 24:1-27
  - i. Joshua assembled all Israel before God at Shechem and spoke to them 24:1-2a
  - ii. Joshua reviewed the history of Israel 24:2b-13
    1. Abraham 24:2b-4
      - a. Terah and Nahor worshipped other gods beyond the river 24:2b
      - b. God took Abraham from there and throughout Caanan 24:3a
      - c. He gave Abraham many descendants starting with Isaac 24:3b
      - d. He gave Isaac Jacob and Esau 24:4a
      - e. He assigned Seir to Esau 24:4b
      - f. Jacob went to Egypt 24:4c
    2. Moses and Aaron 24:5-7
      - a. The Lord afflicted the Egyptians 24:5
      - b. He destroyed the Egyptians at the Red Sea 24:6-7a
      - c. Israel lived a long time in the desert 24:7b
    3. East of Jordan 24:8-10
      - a. The Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel 24:8
      - b. The Lord made Balaam bless Israel, not curse them 24:9-10
    4. Caanan 24:11-13

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- a. The Lord gave over Jericho and nations to Israel 24:11
  - b. He sent the hornet ahead of them 24:12a
  - c. Israel did not conquer with their sword or bow 24:12b
  - d. The Lord gave them land, cities, vineyards and olive groves (all ready made) 24:13
- iii. Joshua's exhortation 24:14-15
    1. Fear the Lord and serve him faithfully 24:14a
    2. Throw away the gods from beyond the River and from Egypt 24:14b
    3. If not the Lord, they were to choose the gods from beyond the River or of the Amorites 24:15a
    4. He and his house would serve the Lord 24:15b
  - iv. Israel's response 24:16-18
    1. Far be it from them to forsake the Lord and serve other gods 24:16
    2. The Lord brought them out of Egypt and protected them 24:17
    3. The Lord drove out the nations 24:18a
    4. They too would serve the Lord their God 24:18b
  - v. Joshua's response 24:19-20
    1. They were not able to serve the Lord 24:19a
    2. The Lord was holy and jealous, not forgiving rebellion and sin 24:19b
    3. If they forsook him for other gods he would finish with them 24:20
  - vi. Israel said they would serve the Lord 24:21
  - vii. Joshua said they were witnesses against themselves 24:22a
  - viii. Israel responded, "Yes, we are ...." 24:22b
  - ix. Joshua exhorted them to throw away foreign gods and and yield their hearts to the Lord 24:23
  - x. Israel declared they would serve and obey the Lord 24:24
  - xi. Joshua made a covenant for the people and drew up laws 24:25-26a
  - xii. Joshua set up a stone as a witness against themselves if they were untrue 24:26b-27
  - xiii. Joshua sent each away to own inheritance 24:28
- d. Leaders buried in their inheritance 24:28-33
    - i. Joshua died at one hundred and ten 24:29
    - ii. Joshua buried in his inheritance at Timnath Sera 24:30
    - iii. Israel served the Lord 24:31
      1. Throughout the life of Joshua 24:31a
      2. Throughout the lives of elders who outlived him 24:31b
      3. Those who experienced all God did for Israel 24:31c
    - iv. Joseph's bones were buried at Shechem in his inheritance 24:32

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- v. Eleazar was buried at Gibeah, allotted to Phineas (inheritance) in Ephraim 24:33