

# Season 1 Study 9: Joshua's Last Words

# THE BIG YEAR

*A Journey through God's Word*

***Did you discover anything interesting or unusual in what you read this week, or in any of the Breakfast Bites, or the Sunday message?***

1. How do you feel about the military conquests of the Israelites in the book of Joshua? What about the many men, women and children who were slaughtered at their hands? Why did God command this?

## **READ JOSHUA 23:1-16**

2. In conquering the Promised Land, the Israelites under Joshua's leadership defeated over 30 kings and kingdoms and drove the inhabitants out if they didn't destroy them completely. Why was it so important that the entire land be inhabited by Israelites only?
3. How does God promise to deal with the few remaining nations? (see vs 5)
4. This is Joshua's final speech before his death. He has been a remarkable successful leader! Who does he attribute the success of Israel to? (vs 9) What warning does he add for the benefit of the next generation?
5. Joshua implores Israel to be very strong. In what way do they need to show their strength? (see vs 6-11)
6. What does Joshua warn will happen if the Israelites interact with the survivors of the nations they have driven out? (see vs 12-16)

## **READ JOSHUA 24:14-28**

7. Why does Joshua give the people of God an option to serve God or to do their own thing? (see vs 15)
8. Joshua tells the people that they are unable to serve God! What reasons does he give? Do you agree with his reasoning? (see vs 19-20)
9. What did Joshua do to confirm the renewed covenant between God and His people? (vs 26) Why did he do it this way? (vs 27)

## **READ JOSHUA 24:29-31**

10. Joshua and the leaders of his generation faithfully kept the nation in service to the Lord. Could the same be said of the spiritual leaders of our nation today? In what ways have the leaders of South Africa been faithful to God? In what way have they broken faith?

***"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)***