

Well done !

Joshua 24:29-33

The piece that Joshua couldn't have written himself.



After these things, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten. And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. Israel served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the LORD had done for Israel.

And Joseph`s bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph`s descendants.

And Eleazar son of Aaron died and was buried at Gibeah, which had been allotted to his son Phinehas in the hill country of Ephraim.

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After these things

- the whole story of the Book of Joshua



The servant of the LORD

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His greatest qualification

Quite an epitaph!



Joshua son of Nun - just another human !

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A Grand Old Age

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Psalm 90:10 The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Genesis 6:3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."

Genesis 5:32 After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.



Genesis 7:6 Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth.



A place to mourn

And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

His family inheritance

Earthly things left behind



Joshua's Tomb

Joshua's Legacy

Israel served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua

He was a good leader by example and faith

The people responded



Perhaps during his leadership the nation showed greater unity and godliness than in subsequent centuries

An Experience of God that lasts!

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Believing is more than seeing. Cf. the loaves and fish congregation

Empty Shells - Editorial note ?

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Here is a hint of a sad note that we see come to pass in the time of the later judges.

Without a real experience of God it leads eventually to even abandoning the outward forms of service.



A promise kept

And Joseph`s bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt,

Exodus 13:19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here.”



Joseph had died some 4 centuries before. In faith he wanted the land of Israel as his final resting place, believing that God would fulfil his promise about the land.

Shechem – a special place.

And Joseph`s bones... were buried at Shechem

In the place where the promise was given by God



Genesis 12:7 To your offspring I will give this land.

Family property

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Genesis 33:18-20 And Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, on his way from Paddan-aram, and he camped before the city. And from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, he bought for a hundred pieces of money the piece of land on which he had pitched his tent. There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.



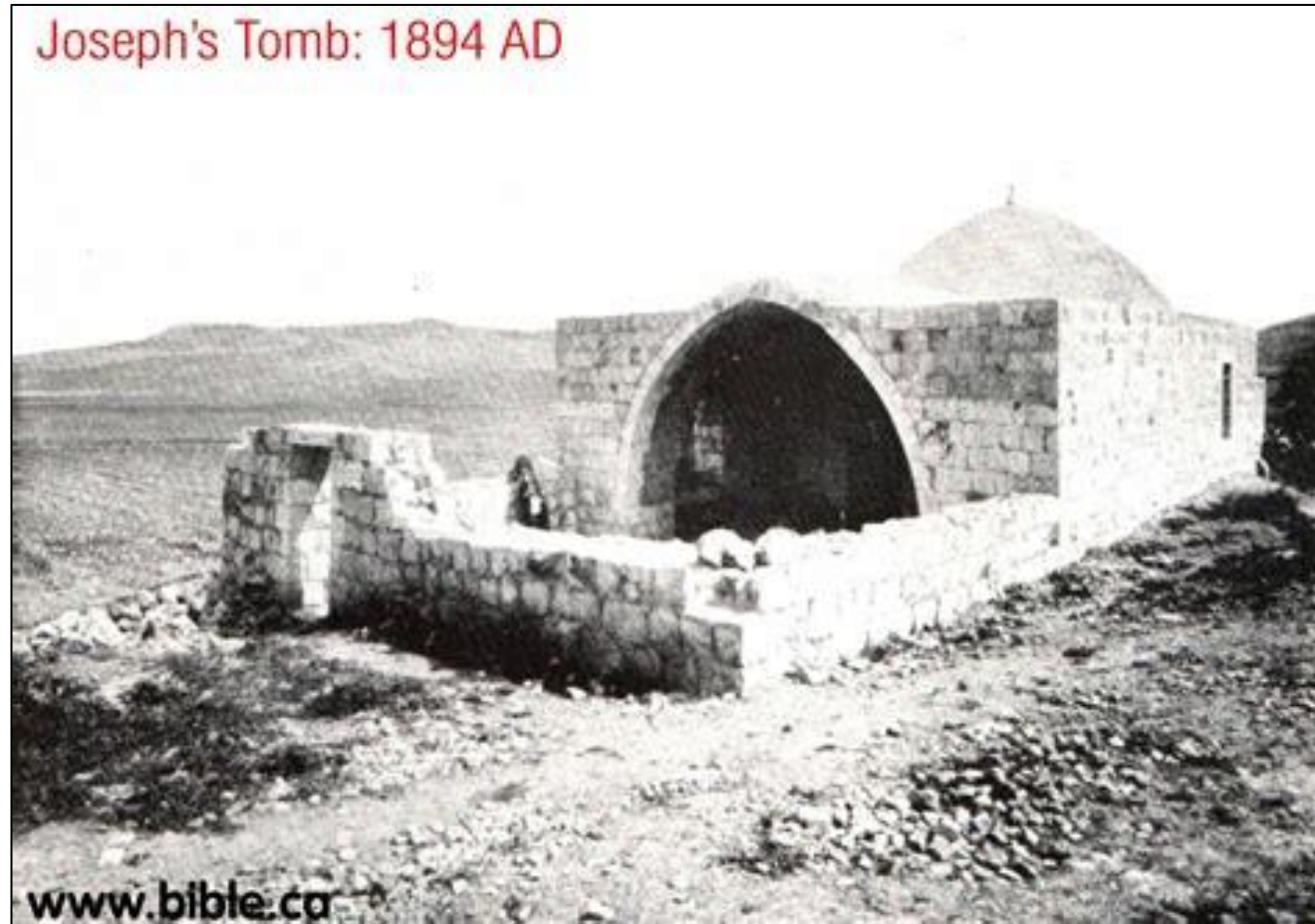
A blessing left behind

This became the inheritance of Joseph`s descendants.



Another good man laid to rest

And Joseph`s bones ... were buried at Shechem



Another funeral

And Eleazar son of Aaron died

The high priest died
- the second generation of priests have now gone.

His service completed and the link to the
generation that left Egypt.

“Time like an ever-rolling stream
bears all its sons away”



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Eleazar's Tomb

Phinehas became the next high priest.

He buried his father in his inherited property

Well done!!

Hebrews 11:39-40

These were all commended for their faith,



yet none of them received what had been promised.
God had planned something better for us
so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Another funeral - that makes the difference

Now there was a man named Joseph... of Arimathea ...
Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus` body. Then he took it down,
wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one
in which no one had yet been laid. Luke 23:50-53

What seemed to be the end



A New Beginning

On the first day of the week.., the women .. found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. .. suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ... the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you... `The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.`" Then they remembered his words. Luke 24:1-8



Jesus has the last word

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14



May we make our lives in this world to be a praise to our God just as Joseph, Joshua, and Eleazer served the Lord in their days, while we look forward in hope of the resurrection, because of our Lord Jesus who conquered death and gives us the victory.

