

2. Reaffirmation to the covenant (24)

- i. Joshua gathers all the people together at Shechem.
- ii. He reviews all the history of Israel with them from the time of Abraham until the present and when he reviews that he says this (24:14ff), "Now fear the Lord and serve him. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshipped. If serving the Lord is not desirable to you, then chose whom you will serve. Are you going to serve the gods your forefathers served in Ur of the Chaldees or are you going to serve the gods of the Amorites or the omne and only true God? As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
- iii. In 24:23ff, Joshua say, "Now then, throw away the foreign gods among you (they still had them!) and yield your hearts to the Lord God of Israel."
- iv. The people say, "We will serve the Lord our God and obey him."
- v. On that day, the covenant is renewed at Shechem between the Lord and his people.
- vi. And we are told in verse 26 that Joshua wrote that covenant on a document and he put it in a book of the law of God.
- vii. He set up a stone and said, "This stone has listened to the covenant you have made so that if you go and break that covenant by serving false gods, this stone will be a witness against you."
- viii. Then we are told that Joshua went to the property that was given him in Timnathserah and he died there.
- ix. We are told that finally Joseph's bones got buried.
 - a. Mr. Harding would suggest that right after Ephraim got the territory that was given to it (that was just before the Lord chose Shiloh to be the place where the tabernacle would be) that that was when those bones are buried.
- x. We are told that Eleazar died and his son became the high priest in his stead.