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**LESSON 1:** It's been a long journey for Israel. The journey began when God called Abram and Sarai to leave their country, their relatives, their family and travel to an unknown land. Eventually Abram did arrive in Canaan. There, God made an unconditional, everlasting covenant with Abram which included Abram becoming a great nation, God blessing Abram and making his name great and a blessing to others. God also promised to bless those who bless Abram, curse those who curse him and in him, all the families of the earth would be blessed. God also promised land to Abram and his descendants. The boundaries of this land is from the river of Egypt (the Wadi El Arish) to the river Euphrates. God also included in this covenant, Abraham's son Isaac, Isaac's son, Jacob, and all of Jacob's twelve sons which became known as the 12 tribes of Israel, then simply as Israel. It was God's plan for Israel to leave The Promised Land and to move to Goshen, Egypt for a season. That season lasted for hundreds of years. The Egyptians enslaved Israel for 430 of those years. God raised up Moses, to lead Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Moses led Israel from Egypt to freedom. They were originally a family of 70 but now they were Israel, a nation of 2.5 million strong. The journey from Egypt to Canaan was marred by poor attitudes among most of the people. They wined, complained and murmured against God and His servant, Moses. They rebelled again and again. Before entering Canaan, God gave His people an understanding of what holy living is all about. At the foot of Mt. Sinai all Israel heard God speak The Commandments. The entire law contained 613 commands. God also established the priesthood through Aaron and his sons and The Tabernacle of Meeting. Unfortunately, Moses was not permitted to accompany Israel into Canaan. He died on a mountain in Moab where God, Himself, buried Moses. Then it was Joshua's turn to lead. Joshua led Israel in destroying more than 31 Canaanite kings and their kingdoms. He also divided The Promised Land among The Tribes. Everything was decided upon by the drawing of lots. Joshua also established the cites of refuge and cities for the Levites, as The Law specified. Our lesson today begins in Joshua 23.

Genesis 11:26-32, 12:1-9, 15, 17, 28, 32:22-32, 35

Exodus 3, 14, 16, 17, 20, 25, 28

Deuteronomy 6:4-7, 7, 28, 34

Joshua 1, 10, 11, 12, 23, 24

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 10:37-39, 28:18-20

John 3:1-21,36 10:10, 14:15

Acts 7

Romans 12:1-2

1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 15:33

2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 5:1-9, 6:14-18

Galatians 2:20

Philippians 3:4-14, 4:6-8

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Hebrews 11:6

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