

Joshua 24:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old—Joshua's epitaph: **the servant of the LORD** (eved YHWH, עֶבֶד יְהוָה). This title, previously Moses' alone (Joshua 1:1), now crowns Joshua. He dies at 110, the same ideal lifespan as Joseph (Genesis 50:26), suggesting divine favor.

Servant of the LORD is the highest commendation. Not 'mighty warrior' or 'great conqueror'—his identity was servanthood. Jesus embodied this perfectly (Philippians 2:7), and believers aspire to it (Revelation 22:3). Faithful service, not spectacular achievement, defines kingdom greatness (Matthew 20:26-28).

Historical Context

Joshua served approximately 45 years: 40 under Moses' leadership and 5-7 leading the conquest and settlement. His 110-year lifespan paralleled Joseph's, connecting Israel's entry into Canaan with their exodus from Egypt. Both men served as deliverers bringing God's people to promised rest.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What legacy would you like your life to leave: achievements or faithful servanthood?
2. How does 'servant of the LORD' redefine success from a kingdom perspective?

Interlinear Text

וַיָּהִי י'	אֲחֵרֵי	הַדְּבָרִים	הָאֵלֶּה	וַיָּמָת	יְהוֹשֻׁעַ	
H1961	And it came to pass after	these things	H428	died	that Joshua	
	H310	H1697		H4191	H3091	
בֶּן	נֹחַ	עַבְדֵּי	יְהוָה	בֶּן	מֵאָה	שָׁנִים: וְעַשְׂרֹת
old	of Nun	the servant	of the LORD	old	being an hundred	and ten years
H1121	H5126	H5650	H3068	H1121	H3967	H6235 H8141

Additional Cross-References

Judges 2:8 (References Lord): And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.