

Joshua 24:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Joshua's book closes with Eleazar's death. Aaron's son, Israel's high priest throughout the conquest, dies and is buried in property **given him**—likely given to Phinehas (Eleazar's son) as a Levitical possession. The priestly line continues: Phinehas succeeds Eleazar.

The book ends with three burials: Joshua (faithful leader), Joseph (patriarch), Eleazar (priest). Each represents a completed era. Leadership transitions, but God's covenant endures. The closing emphasizes continuity: new leaders, same God. This anticipates Christianity: apostles died, but the faith perseveres (Jude 3).

Historical Context

Eleazar succeeded Aaron as high priest (Numbers 20:25-28) and served alongside Moses and Joshua. His death roughly coincided with Joshua's, ending the conquest generation's leadership. Phinehas, his son (Joshua 22:31), continued the high priestly line until Eli's time. Mount Ephraim's location for his burial suggests Levitical allotment.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How do you ensure faith continuity when spiritual leaders pass away?
2. What does the succession from Aaron to Eleazar to Phinehas teach about faithful generational transitions?

Interlinear Text

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| And Eleazar | his son | of Aaron | died | and they buried | H853 | him in a hill |
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| that pertained to Phinehas | his son | H834 | which was given | H0 | him in mount | |
| H6372 | H1121 | | H5414 | | H2022 | |
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 6:25 (Parallel theme): And Eleazar Aaron's son took him one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas: these are the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

Joshua 22:13 (Parallel theme): And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

