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## As For Me And My House

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"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE....."

INT: Lesson: 4 questions. 4 answers.

WHO was Joshua? WHO WAS ISRAEL?

WHAT was Israel's PROBLEM? WHAT was Joshua's SOLUTION?

*Our problem the same as theirs*  
 I. WHO was Joshua? *our solution the same as Joshua's.*

1. Son of Nun. Ex. 33:11. Of tribe of Ephraim. Ephraim was son of Jacob. Jacob, was son of Isaac. Isaac, was son of Abraham.  
 Joshua was the ~~great~~ <sup>great</sup>-grand-son of ABRAHAM!!!
2. Humble man. Born into Egyptian slavery about 1571, the year Moses fled to Midian.
3. Fought the Amalekites at Rephidim. Ex. 17:11.
4. At Sinai when Moses got 10 Comm. Ex. 24:13..
5. One of 12 spies. 1 of 2 who encouraged the conquest---as God had promised. Out-voted.
6. One of 3 adults who survived the 40 year death-march in the wilderness, for BOUPT.
7. Succeeded Moses as Israel's Gov. & General.
8. Led Israel successfully in defeating 6 major enemies and 31 lesser kings in Canaan.
9. Helped Israel settle in her promised land. God fulfilled all: Josh. 21:43-45.
10. Left a Wonderful Challenge to Israel:  
 No! Josh. 24:14-18.

II. WHO WAS ISRAEL? (How <sup>you</sup> answer, if asked this??)

1. ADAM & EVE bore many children. God's children
2. NOAH & FAMILY survived the flood. 2348BC. → "
3. ABRAHAM faithful among the unfaithful. 1918  
Specially chosen? \* Gen. 12:1-3.
4. ISAAC, his son, begat JACOB & ESAU. Both God's
5. JACOB begat 12 sons. Re-named: Israel. *children*  
 Became Israel or Jewish race. Hebrews!!!  
 (Esau a bad man. Edomite nation. Out.)
6. Jacob's children (70) went into Egypt in the famine of 1706 BC. *Chosen!*
7. In 300+ yrs. these grew into 3,500,000. 1400 <sup>E</sup>C
8. Land promise to Abraham fulfilled through Joshua. Seed-promise to be fulfilled thru another Joshua (Jesus Christ). Deliverer.

*Chosen!*

### III. WHAT WAS ISRAEL'S PROBLEM?

1. Human. Carnal. Fleshly. Materialistic. Self-centered. Selfish. Sinful.
2. Weak & ignorant: Murmured & complained when should have prayed and rejoiced. 10 times.
3. FORGETFUL: Ignored God, the source of all her blessings, when PROSPEROUS!!  
Jer. 2:32. (629 BC). Ps. 106:21.

### IV. WHAT WAS JOSHUA'S SOLUTION? (In Joshua 24:)<sup>14</sup> ~~18~~

1. FEAR !!! V. 14. Loving awe & respect!
2. SERVE !! V. 15. Get in easy Spr - ruts. Form sincere and wholesome habit-patterns.
3. PUT AWAY OTHER GODS !! What God's?? Friends, at any price! Popularity-peers? Pleasures. More money. Wealth. Fame. *etc.*
4. MAKE A PROPER CHOICE: V. 15. Use reason. Use logic. Read the scriptures. Think!!!
5. Follow ME and MY household! V. 15. No skeletons in the closet. No secret-sins in the heart: *Good example!* Simple & sincere lovers of God!

RESULTS: a. Israel remembered the SOURCE of their blessings and prospered. V. 17  
18  
b. Israel blessed and prospered 800 yrs. (BC 1477 - 599.)  
(FOR US: 1980 + 800 = A.D. 2,780)

INV: WE HAVE THE SAME CHALLENGE ISRAEL DID THEN:  
Hold to God's unchanging hand...or  
Have our own way and wonder why not happy....

ILL. Pray all learn this lesson early enough to get the eternal benefits---like Scottish lad.  
1. Given new overcoat. Going for walk. Very cold  
2. Father suggested he LET his father hold his hand. Kept hands in pocket. DOWN!!  
3. Then, he held on to father's hand. DOWN hard!  
4. Finally, -"YOU can take MY hand!" SAFE....

ONLY WAY IT WILL WORK!!!! Mk. 16:15-16.

Take your Father's hand again: Lk. 13:3.

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