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The book of Joshua, written around 1453bc, describes the conquest of Israel over the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; now entering the land occupied by 7 different pagan cultures. Leading the people, was Joshua, whose name means: The Lord is salvation.

Remember the crossing,

1 And it happened, when all the people were clean crossing over Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 Take you twelve men from the people, from every tribe a man,

3 And instruct ye them, saying, Take up for yourselves twelve stones from the midst of Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests stood firm, and you will carry them over with you, and lay them in the lodging place, where you will lodge this night.

4 So Joshua called the twelve men, whom he appointed of the children of Israel, a man from each tribe:

5 and Joshua said to them, Cross again to the ark of the LORD your God in the midst of Jordan, and each of you take you up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

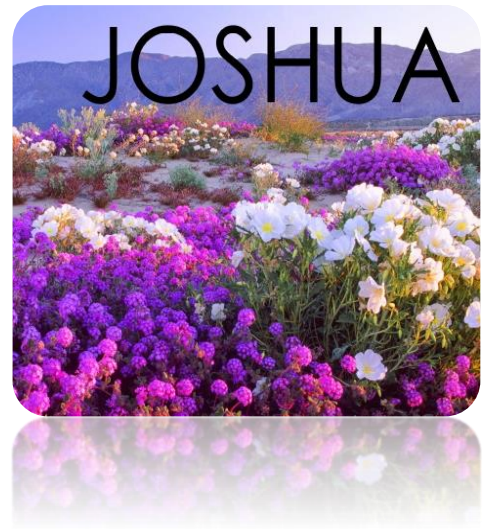
6 Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask their fathers later, saying, What do these stones mean to you?

7 Then you will answer them, Because the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: so these stones will become a memorial to the children of Israel forever.

8 And thus the children of Israel did as Joshua instructed, and took up twelve stones from the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there to this day.

10 For the priests who carried the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until everything was finished that the LORD instructed Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses instructed Joshua: and the people hurried and crossed over.



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11 And it happened, when all the people finished crossing over, that the ark of the LORD and the priests crossed in the presence of the people.

12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of **Manasseh**, crossed over armed for battle before the children of Israel, as Moses spoke to them:

13 About 40,000 prepared for war crossed for battle before the LORD, to the dessert land of Jericho.

14 On that day, the Lord enlarged Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying,

16 Instruct the priests who carry the ark of the testimony, that they come up from Jordan.

17 Joshua therefore instructed the priests, saying, Come up from Jordan.

18 And it happened, when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come up from the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up to the dry ground, that the waters of Jordan returned to their place, and flowed over all its banks, as before.

19 Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, on the eastern border of Jericho.

20 And those twelve stones, which they took from Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.

21 And he spoke to the children of Israel, saying, When your children will ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What are these stones?

22 Then you will inform your children, saying, Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you, until you had crossed, as the LORD your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up from before us, until we had crossed:

24 that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is mighty: so that you might fear the LORD your God forever.

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