

JOSHUA 2-3 – Rahab Hides the Spies; Israel Crosses the Jordan

OBSERVATION

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INTERPRETATION

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OUTLINE OF JOSHUA

INTRODUCTION:

I. The Conquest of Canaan –

Chapter One

A. Preparation for taking the promised land (1:1 to 5:15)

1. The land was a gift from God (Gen 15:18; Deut. 26:9)
2. Joshua commissioned to lead the people (1:1-18)
 - a. God appointed Joshua as leader of the people (1:1-9)
 - b. Joshua commanded the people to enter the land (1:10-11)
 - c. Instructions to the Gadites, Reubenites, and Manasseh (1:12-15)
 - d. The people accept Joshua as their leader (1:16-18)

3. Preparing to take the land God had given them (2:1 to 5:1)

Two spies sent to Jericho (2:1-7)

- a. Agreement with Rahab (2:8-22) Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25
- b. Report of the two spies (2:23-24)
- c. Miraculous crossing of the Jordan on dry land (3:1-17) God always gives the way Jeremiah 10:23, Proverbs 14:12, and Ephesians 3:3-5

Nothing But the Blood – Robert Lowry – Gospel Choir

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

THIS WEEK:

Chapter Two, the SALVATION OF RAHAB

Chapter Three we have the CROSSING OF THE JORDON!

Joshua needs introduction maybe more than all of the OT testament.

Desire – will walk away understanding the meaning of the passage, so that passage will be a friend to us as we turn to it all through life

More than just a history

Entering into a whole new division – Torah/Pentateuch – Historical books (Joshua-Esther) – Books of Poetry/wisdom – Prophets (Isaiah-Malachi)

Typical history – an actual record, but it's a picture or type of the physical things they went through, Bible teaches us something spiritual – coming out of Egypt crossing the Red Sea – produces something spiritual in our life – a typology/a picture
Jesus said you search the scriptures ... but these are they which testify of Me!

Bring to highest height, we must bring that package to Jesus
Volume of the Book testifies of Him; these things were done as examples written for our admonition

To speak something spiritual to us

Law – furnishing in the tabernacle – they all speak of Jesus; the sacrifices speak of Jesus, His consecration! Of our need to give our lives to the Father! Romans 12:1-2; not just technical chart - it all speaks to us of Christ

Egypt is a picture of the world -a place of bondage- were all in bondage to sin!

Gods redemption of saving Israel – His salvation of us savings us out of sin

Pharaoh is a type of the Devil, fighting to keep us out

Crossing the Red Sea – picture of water baptism

Wandering the wilderness for 40 years – Christians who are water baptized, but they never enter the promised land – never walked by faith in the promises in the Bible; unbelief or carnality, Luke warmness, happy to just be on their way to heaven, but not being conformed every day to the image of Christ. I don't claim the promises, I don't step out – just wander around in the wilderness – all of a picture!

RAHAB AND HER SALVATION!

Jos. 2:1 Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.

Jos. 2:3 So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country."

Jos. 6:17 Now the city shall be doomed by the LORD to destruction, it and all who are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

Jos. 6:23 And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel.

Jos. 6:25 And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

RAHAB - MOTHER OF BOAZ AND GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF KING DAVID-IN THE MESSIANIC LINE!

Mat. 1:5 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,

Heb. 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

Jas. 2:25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

The Salvation of Rahab!

God loves one harlot! One of lowest standing, of a different culture - a Canaanite, not even a Jew!

This should serve as an example and encouragement of any who is lost – in God's eyes no one is beyond His reach and His love!

Anyone with faith! One only needs to spy out who He is!
We need to be delivered by a scarlet thread!

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JOSHUA 2 – Rahab Hides the Spies

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Jos 2:2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country."

Jos 2:3 So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country."

Jos 2:4 Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from."

Jos 2:5 And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them."

Jos 2:6 (But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.)

Jos 2:7 Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate.

Jos 2:8 Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

Jos 2:9 and said to the men: "I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you."

Jos 2:10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed

v. 1 Notice that two spies are sent in. Earlier they had sent the spies to see if they could take the land. Now they are being sent, not to see if they can take the land, but to find the best way to enter the land. The purpose is entirely different. Rahab opens her home to the spies..

vs 2-7 She told her king an outright lie to protect these men and actually jeopardized her own life. Now why would she put her life on the line like this? She didn't have to. She is in a business, by the way, where anything goes. Why did she lie to her own people and protect the enemy? Is it possible to condone Rahab's action? Scripture is very clear on the fact that we, as children of God, are to obey authority and those that have the rule over us. Rahab certainly did not do that. .

A believer should certainly obey the authorities and those who have rule over us. A Christian should be the most law-abiding citizen in the land. But when the laws of a state conflict with God's revealed will, then the Christian has no choice but to obey the command of God. This was the experience of Peter and John when the authorities attempted to silence them in their witness for Christ, "... Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Act_4:19-20). The believer is to obey the Word of God today rather than the word of man. That should be our attitude as children of God.

vs. 8-9 Now before they lay down,.... Under the stalks of the flax; or rather, since they are said to be hid in them, before they fell asleep. she came up to them on the roof; to acquaint them how things were, and to talk with them. She gives an insight into the thinking of the Canaanites at that time. The word is out that a great company of people is coming into that land. They believe they are going to take the land. The population is stirred up, and they are afraid. This is the report that Rahab gives the spies. I guess she was in a position to get all the gossip, and she could see that all of her people were terrified because of Israel's advance.

v. 10 How long ago was this? That happened forty years before they arrived at the Jordan River! During those forty years God had been giving the people of Canaan an opportunity to turn to Him. God had said to Abraham that His seed would be strangers in a foreign land for 400 years; then in the fourth generation they would come again because "... the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full" (Gen_15:16). That was 420 years before this. In other words, God was going to give the people of Canaan 420 years to decide whether or not they would turn to Him.

v. 1 When in the will of God, under what kinds of circumstances would you send out spies? Do you see a reason why the Bible does not hide the fact that Rahab was a prostitute? Do you believe that God knew Rahab and her household were ready to be saved – although she might have been voted to be the most unlikely to come to the Lord!

vs. 2-5 Considering Rahab's actions in verses 2-5, which do you condone and which would you not condone? She gave an opposite reaction when the king demanded that she tell him about them. She saw them not as a liability but as salvation! She lied about where they were? Is this an endorsement to lie? Does an unbeliever act as a believer? Problem with having a house of prostitution –no this is just a record.

Rahab expresses her faith that God is going to give them the land. She backs up her faith with actions – hiding the spies – What does the Bible say about this? **Heb. 11:31; James 2:25**

v. 6 What is involved in having the flax “laid in order” on Rahab's roof? Gathering flax was a laborious job. Dirty Having to take them all the way to the roof. Soaked them for two to three weeks. Just think of carrying water up to the roof! Then the flax stalks would be laid in order and the sun would dry them. When dry, the flax stalks would split open and they would gather the fiber and weave clothing from the strands of fiber. They would die the fiber/cloth. She must have had some of this dye, which was very expensive. They would put the dye in stones in water and boil it down until it was concentrated. Then to store the dye they would take a rope, but it in the concentrated dye and boil it all the way down and the rope would be heavily dyed. You would only need 6-8” of that dyed rope to dye a garment – putting the rope in water with the garment to dye it. The fact that she has a rope, maybe 30’ long, may tell us that she is running quite a business. *Pro 31:13 She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. - God describing a virtuous woman* Seems like Rahab is demonstrating the she has faith in gathering the flax, making dye, is not the work of a harlot – a difficult task. God must have already touched her heart.

vs. 9-10 What level of faith is involved in Rahab's use of the phrase, *"I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. Jos 2:10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites*

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Jos 2:11 And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

Jos 2:12 Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token,

Jos 2:13 and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."

Jos 2:14 So the men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you."

Jos 2:15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall.

Jos 2:16 And she said to them, "Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way."

Jos 2:17 So the men said to her: "We will be blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear,

Jos 2:18 unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home.

Jos 2:19 So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him.

Jos 2:20 And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear."

INTERPRETATION

v. 11 Not only did they hear this, but they knew it was true. Even so, they did not turn to God. Many people today who know as a historical fact that Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose again, but they are not saved. What saves you? Trusting Him as your personal Savior. It is to have a personal relationship with Him. She not only believed, but she is acting on that belief. This is her reason for putting her life in jeopardy to protect enemy spies. She heard; she believed; then she acted upon her belief.

vs. 12-14 This is salvation! When you hear the gospel, the good news of what Christ has done for you, you must not only believe it as a historical fact, you must trust Christ yourself. This woman trusted the fact that God was going to give them that land. She turned to the living and true God. *"By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace."* (Heb 11:31). The spies promise to spare all of her family that is with her in the house when Jericho is attacked.

v. 15 This was the signal to the army of Israel that the people in this home were to be spared. Despite Rahab's desire, despite her faith, despite the promises of these spies, she would have perished unless she put her trust in a blood red cord cast down from her window. Without the scarlet cord, she could not have been saved.

v. 16 They were to travel by night, and hide themselves in the day-time; otherwise they might have been discovered by the pursuers who were in search of them.

v. 17 *blameless of this oath...* They would most faithfully and punctually keep it, it should be sacred to them, and she should have no occasion to lay any blame upon them in the least.

v. 18 If the king of the city of Jericho had turned to God, he would have been saved. In fact, the whole city could have been spared if they had believed in God. Bring all your family home!

v. 19 Whoever goes outside – his blood shall be on his own head. Whoever stays inside, their blood will be on our head.

v. 20 *if you tell this business,....* So that others would either hang out scarlet threads or get into her house for shelter, then we will be *free from your oath which you made us swear*; be under no obligation to make it good, by saving her and her father's house.

APPLICATION

v. 11 They would see a pillar of fire by night as they would look across the river and see the Israelite camp of 2-3 million people! What terror that must have struck in their hearts! Who is ultimately responsible for the terror of the Canaanites and especially those in Jericho? (*Dt. 2:25; 11:25*)

vs. 12-15 What is Rahab's faith at this point? You're going to take this land. What does she do? I have a request from you! Save me and my family, an oath and a token What's good about two walls separated by 15 feet? It was a great place to have a house, safe, but with access outside the city walls. What does the presence of this long rope possibly suggest as to Rahab's flax/dyeing business?

v. 16 What is valuable about Rahab's advice? Can you see how the Lord can use knowledge that He has given you?

vs. 17-18 Were the terms of the agreement between Rahab and the spies reasonable? - The spies said we will be guiltless If you let a scarlet chord down from your house. All your family shall be in your house. They sealed the deal.

vs. 19-20 This house of salvation – the only safe place in the city of Jericho, is marked by a scarlet chord!!!! A picture of the NT of Jesus. His blood flowing down saves us now. Saved Israelites at the Passover! Taking the blood of the lamb and applying it to the doorpost! She put out the chord. Today is the day of salvation! How much more is related to the salvation of Jesus! Truly the Lord has delivered—all are fainthearted because of us! Yes God is working both ends of the situation. Joshua realizes yes this is going to work out. God is increasing the faith of Joshua and the children of Israel! So gentle, so kind how He encourages us.

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Jos 2:21 *Then she said, "According to your words, so be it." And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.*

Jos 2:22 *They departed and went to the mountain, and stayed there three days until the pursuers returned. The pursuers sought them all along the way, but did not find them.*

Jos 2:23 *So the two men returned, descended from the mountain, and crossed over; and they came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them.*

Jos 2:24 *And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us."*

JOSHUA 3 – Israel Crosses the Jordan

Jos 3:1 *Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over.*

Jos 3:2 *So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp;*

Jos 3:3 *and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.*

Jos 3:4 *Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."*

Jos 3:5 *And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."*

Jos 3:6 *Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.*

INTERPRETATION

vs. 21-24 She then took care to secure her new friends, and sent them out another way, *Jam 2:25*. Having fully understood the bargain they made with her, and consented to it, she then let them down by a cord over the city wall, which was permitted by the location of her house on the wall. She also directed them which way to go for their own safety, being well acquainted with the country. To leave the high road, and flee to the mountains until the pursuers returned, before that they could not safely venture back over the Jordan.. God will keep us, but then we must not willfully expose ourselves. Providence must be trusted, but not tempted. Possibly their charge to Rahab to keep this matter secret, and not to utter it, was intended for her safety, lest she, boasting of her security from the sword of Israel, should, before they came to protect her, fall into the hands of the king of Jericho and be put to death for treason.

v. 1 *early in the morning* - Not after the return of the spies, but after the three days,... *lodged there* - That night, that they might go over in the day time, that the miracle might be more evident and unquestionable, and strike the greater terror into their enemies.

v. 2 *after three days* - Either at the end of them, or upon the last of them. *Through the camp* - The second time to give them more particular directions, as they had given them a general notice, *Jos 1:10-11*.

v. 3 Joshua sent the priests who carried the ark of the covenant, which was the visible representation of God's presence with the people. Joshua knew this was a spiritual problem, not a feat of human engineering.

v. 4 *a space between* - about 1,000 yards behind the ark. For two reasons. First, to respect the holy nature of the ark of the covenant and to give everyone a clear view of the ark. That you *may know the way by which you must go* - The ark of the covenant led the way. Israel would accomplish this impossible task as they set their eyes upon God's presence, and followed only after His presence.

v. 5 *Sanctify yourselves*: This would be a spiritual battle requiring a spiritual preparation. Sanctify yourselves means they were to separate themselves from common things to focus in on the LORD, and to see that the LORD will do wonders among you.

v. 6 God must have told Joshua to do this, and that he wasn't working out of foolish presumption. We can assume that God spoke to Joshua about this as Joshua was in God's word, reading and remembering the crossing of the Red Sea.

APPLICATION

v. 24 She sent them away – they departed – she bound the scarlet cord in her window! It's just that simple – the gospel message! Same story we need to tell the lost – the simplicity of God's covenant!

We found a harlot, living on the wall. Just the word has transformed her life! The rest of the nation are in terror – much different kind of fruit this time compared to that 38 years earlier. Part of this is that God loves one harlot – Gen 15 iniquity of the Amorites has not yet come full - God waited 400 years.

Rahab is a testimony that God is gracious and will stoop, will reach down into any culture. Even to the harlot, to the drug addict, to the pusher on the street.

We have the story of Rahab. It takes away all our excuses. No one that we know is beyond God's grace. Anyone who is willing! This story demands faith from us - no one is too bad! We need to spy out what they spied out. That scarlet thread is the lesson that hangs in front of us. Not to live anyway we want, but His blood covers us all who believe

Rahab is going to marry Salmon. Her son's name is Boaz.

When others would turn their back on Ruth, the Moabite.

Son then Obed, then Jesse, then David. Look at *Matthew 1:5*. There she is in the genealogy of our Messiah!

She takes away all of our excuses! No one ever has an excuse to turn away from Jesus Christ. No one is free from making mistakes. **Rev. 5** John wept “no one was found worthy” No man, no woman has ever been found worthy. Behold, the Lamb was found worthy!!! Our Omnipotent, omniscience, Lamb He has paid the price for you. We all need to spy this one out!!!! Relative to your own merit!

v. 1 Is “*rising early in the morning*” of value? Why do you think that we're told that Joshua and Jesus rose early?

v. 2 What are some important reasons why God may have them wait three days?

vs. 3-6 The Ark represented the presence of God! The holiest of the furnishing. Priests and Levites are going to carry it.

A space 2000 cubit about 3000, a little more than ½ mile.

Practical reason. - get it out there about ½ mile and they can all see it and can see the miracle unfold as well. Spiritual reason – follow Me but don't push Me! Crowding God. Just follow Me! Sanctify yourself for tomorrow you'll see a miracle. Here what I want you to do – Just make sure your life is a holy life.

The greatest strength in our spiritual warfare for confidence in a battle- not to sit down and get a strategy – but to make sure Lord, am I right with you!

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Jos 3:7 And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

Jos 3:8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan.' "

Jos 3:9 So Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God."

Jos 3:10 And Joshua said, "By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites:

Jos 3:11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan.

Jos 3:12 Now therefore, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe.

Jos 3:13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap."

Jos 3:14 So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,

Jos 3:15 and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest),

Jos 3:16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

Jos 3:17 Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

v. 7 *This day...will begin to exalt you* ...by working the miracle afterwards related; dividing the waters, which was done on this day, and was but the beginning of wonders; for other great and marvelous things were done for him and by him, by which it appeared he was high in the favor of God, greatly esteemed and honored by him, *that they may know that, as I was with Moses;* ..so with you. By dividing the waters of Jordan for him, as He had divided the waters of the Red sea for Moses.

v. 8 *stand in the Jordan* - The priests proceeded first with the ark, and entered into the bed of the river the course of which was immediately arrested, the waters collecting above the place where the priests stood, while the stream fell off towards the Dead Sea; so that the whole channel below where the priests were standing became dry. The whole camp, therefore, passed over below where the priests were standing, keeping at the distance of two thousand cubits from the ark.

v. 9 *come here,....* probably to the door of the tabernacle: and *hear the words of the Lord your God*; God was about to deliver to them as from him, and in his name.

v. 10 *shall know that the living God is among you*; As opposed to the lifeless idols of the Gentiles and that though Moses was dead, the Lord lived, and lives for evermore; and by the miracle of dividing the waters of Jordan, it would be a plain case that the Lord was yet among them, to protect and defend them, deliver and save them and drive out all the seven nations.

vs. 11-13 *the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water*: The priests begin the procession, with the ark of the covenant some 1,000 yards in front of the people, and the priests came and walked right into a river. God was truly calling Israel to step out in faith. *For the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest*: Joshua reminds us that this was not a time when the Jordan was reduced to a trickle. Because of the spring rains, at this time of early harvest, the river was swollen and overflowing its banks.

v. 14-15 When the priests came to the edge of the Jordan River, the flow of water was restrained as if a dam had been put over it. The waters that were this side of it passed on down, and before long there was a dry passage. This is one of the greatest miracles recorded in Scripture.

vs. 16-17 Note that the priests moved to the center of the Jordan River and stood there holding the ark until all of the children of Israel had passed over. The Israelites crossed the river at Jericho, but the waters were dammed up way back to the city of Adam.

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Damian

Eyes set on entering the Promised Lands

2 (not 12) sent out to spy, especially Jericho. First city.

Joshua has not yet received the battle plan from God – the walls are going to fall down and they’ll just take the city.

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Facts under the law, required 2 witnesses.

Lodged w a harlot called Rahab.

What a way to get intelligence – to meet with a prostitute – find out outside and inside the city.

Won't easily be spotted as strangers going into a prostitutes house.

God knew Rahab and her household were ready to be saved – although she might have been voted to be the most unlikely to come to the Lord!

She gave an opposite reaction when the king demanded that she tell him about them

She saw them not as a liability but as salvation!

She lied about where they were?

Is this an endorsement to lie?

Does an unbeliever act as a believer? Problem with having a house of prostitution -no this is just a record.

At nighttime, she came to the men and said, I know that Yahweh, using the burning bush name has given you the land. The terror of you has fallen on us and all of us are faint hearted, because of you.

He is an active God, a living God!

She expresses her faith that God is going to give them the land.

She backs up her faith with actions – hiding the spies – Heb. 11:31; James 2:25

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she is quoted as a Gentile having faith in God

then the legal genealogy, Rahab is mentioned in the lineage of the Messiah of the whole world! *Mat 1:5 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,*

this is an example of it's not important where one begins before we knew God, but where one ends up after they come to God!!

Just looks around the room at His grace!

When the spies came back, the only thing they reported. This is going to be good, They are scared to death!

A very good report on the enemies morale – it was very low!

Why were they afraid of the Israelites? Their number? Their weapons.

No it was that the Lord had put fear into the enemy.

Deu 2:25 *This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the nations under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.'*

Deu 11:25 *No man shall be able to stand against you; the LORD your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you.*

Christians walking in obedience to the Lord, will produce a fear into the enemies of God! Satan can never really have a good day!!!

v. 10 the reason why they were fearful! Dried up the Red Sea – forty year old news! We've been afraid of you for 40 years, where have you been? Justifying the reports of Joshua and Caleb!

And what you did to King Sihon and Og, a short time before! They were two of the stronger kings in the world at that time!

We know you didn't do that on your own, it was your God.

When we heard that, our hearts melted with fear. No more courage.

Whats good about two walls separated by 15 feet?

You're going to take this land.

I have a request from you!

Save me and my family, an oath and a token

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Then she let them down.

This tells us she was doing a good business. Having a house on the wall.

Go hide for three days to the mountains, then go back to the children of Israel.

The spies said we will be guiltless

If you let a scarlet chord down from your house. All your family shall be in your house.

They sealed the deal.

This house of salvation – the only safe place in the city of Jericho, is marked by a scarlet chord!!!!

Apicture of the NT of Jesus. His blood flowing down saves us@ the Passover! Taking the blood of the lamb and applying it to the doorpost!

The vision of the Israelites crossing the Jordan will be visible from the city!

She put out the chord. Today is the day of salvation!

How much more is related to the salvation of Jesus!

Truly the Lord has delivered—all are fainthearted because of us!

Yes God is worknig both ends of the situation.

Joshua realizes yes this is gong to work out. He is increasing the faith of Joshua and the children of Israel! So gentle, so kind how He encourages us.

Chapter 3

An early riser

They move their camp toward the river. Acacia groves on the upper terraces of the lowlands probably 6-8 miles from the river itself.

Now they are to wait for three long days! Building their faith! Building one’s faith isn’t that much fun. When we look back later, we can see the reason.

They new go right to the river and it’s there right in front of them.

It’s the worst time of the year to cross the river.

Allows them 3 full days to stare down that formable obstacle.

He gives them a promise, then He camps us right in front of the impossible situation for three day just so that He ultimately does the miracle, that we ill then appreciate the miracle and we will never forget the miracle.

“I’llnever forget those three days”!

The Lord is always gong to be faithful, but He usually is doing a lot of things. I want to be true to Muy promise but I want our faith to grow! To know Him better.

Sitting there waiting for a miracle! God is going to do it, but in such a way that you won’t forget it!

After three days officers went through the camp and announced whene you see the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God being born by the priests, you shall set out from your place and go after it!

The Ark represented the presence of God! The holiest of the furnishing. Priests and Levites are gong to carry it.

A space 2000 cubit about 3000 feet a little more than ½ mile.

Practical reason - get it out there about ½ mile and they can all see it and can see the miracle unfold as well

Spiritual reason – follow Me but don’t push Me! Crowding God. Just follow Me!

Sanctify yourself for tomorrow you’ll see a miracle.

Here what I want you to do – Just make sure your life is a holy life.

The greatest strength in our spiritual warfare for confidence in a battle- not to sit down and get a strategy – but to make sure Lord, am I right with you! If my life is unholy, I handcuff God. The thing that gives us the greatest confidence – that I’m right with God!

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Remember John 7:37-38. You become like a drinking fountain for the whole world! Living a dry Christian life or a life in the Spirit. RA Torrey – the person and the work of the Holy Spirit. Martin Lloyd Jones did the same thing! One message – the importance of the gift of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

That's what all of this crossing of the Jordan represents!

Joe Focht

2 spies, not 12, careful this time. Sent them secretly (Israel or the enemy?) 9-10 acres; 2 walls about separated by 15 ft. encircled the city – a type of fortress.

First battle they would face; all Israel could see it.

Bible doesn't hide the fact that Rahab is a prostitute. (in NT)

God is guiding behind the scenes

Jericho king, well informed, sends to Rahab to bring forth the men

They would see a pillar of fire by night as they would look across the river and see the Israelite camp

But the “woman” -I got guys coming and going - seemed to be telling a reasonable story.

Hide them stalks of flax

Springtime – “laid in order on the roof” imagine the view the two men had!

What was happening before was bondage – now I'm aware of what's right and what's wrong. He sets the slaves free! Somehow Rahab heard and she believed!

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Vs. 6 stalks of flax – “which she had laid in order”

Gathering flax was a laborious job. Dirty

Having to take them all the way to the roof.

Soaked them for two to three weeks – think of carrying water up to the roof

Then they would lay them in order and the sun would dry them.

The flax stalks would split open and they would gather the fiber and weave clothing from the strands of fiber

They would die the fiber/cloth

She had some of this dye, which was very expensive

They would put the dye in stoves in water and boil it down until it was concentrated.

Then to store the dye they would take a rope, but in the concentrated dye and boil it all the way down and the rope would be heavily dyed.

You would only need 6-8” of that dyed rope to dye a garment – putting the rope in water with the garment to dye it.

The fact that she has a rope, maybe 30’ long, tells us that she is running quite a business.

Pro 31:13 She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. - God describing a virtuous woman

Seems like Rahab is demonstrating the she has faith in gathering the flax, making dye, is not the work of a harlot – a difficult task. God must have already touched her heart.

I want to know this God. I know what I’m doing is not right. How can I get things right?

She bumps into these two Israelites. By chance? No, seems like the Lord is really at work!

Report back to Joshua – she’s a daughter of Abraham. Their terrified!

This was not a trip to find out military info – but was for the salvation of one woman – Rahab!

v.12

Imagine what this is going to require from Rahab. She seems to be a solitary faith.

She’s going to have to tell them about the spies - that God of Israel. He’s giving me a token of kindness

If you come to my house we’re be spared. - We’re to hang down a scarlet thread down. All will be destroyed except those who have the scarlet thread. From Cain & Abel all the way to the cross

What a picture it is for us.

Having a difficult time with your family – the wall is going to crumble.

Like today for all believers. When our Joshua this day comes only those washed in the blood will be saved!

v. 15 Let them down on a rope and go west into the mountains. Up into the mountains. Hide yourself there 3 days.

Bring all your family home!

Whoever goes outside – his blood shall be on his own head

Whoever stays inside, their blood will be on our head.

When they got back, they told the story!

What about the future battle plan – the walls are going to fall down.

She sent them away – they departed – she bound the scarlet cord in her window!

It’s just that simple! Same story we need to tell the lost – the simplicity of God’s covenant!

We found a harlot, living on the wall. Just the word has transformed her life! The rest of the nation are in terror – much different kind of fruit this time compared to that 38 years earlier.

Part of this is that God loves one harlot – Gen 15 iniquity of the Amorites has not yet come full - God waited 400 years.

Rahab is a testimony that God is gracious and will stoop, will reach down into any culture. Even to the harlot, to the drug addict, to the pursuer on the street.

We have the story of Rahab- takes away all our excuses. No one that we know is beyond his grace. Anyone who is willing!

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This story demands faith from us - no one is too bad!
We need to spy out what they spied out.
That scarlet thread is the lesson that hangs in front of us.
Not to live anyway we want, but His blood covers us all who believe
Rahab is going to marry Salomn
Her son't name is Boaz.
When others would turn their back on Ruth, the Moabite.
Son then Obed, then Jesse, then David
Look at Matthew 1 – there she is in the genelology of our Messiah.
She takes away all of our excuses!
No one ever has an excuse to turn away from Jesus Christ
No one is free from making mistakes.
Rev. 5 John wept “no one was found worthy” No man, no woman has ever been found worthy.
Behold , the Lamb was found worthy!!! Omnipotent, onniciency, Lamb
He has paid the price for you.
We all need to spy this one out!!!! Relative to your own merit!

Chapter 3

The two spies have come back. The people on the other side of the Jordan are in terror.
Problem they are on the other side of the flooded Jordan, which over it's banks, maybe ¼ to ½ miles wide.
The Canaanites are watching too!
He's going to do it in such that the children of Israel will listen to Joshua as they did to Moses.
Rises early Joshua rose early - Jos_3:1; 6:12; 7:16; 8:10. Joshua rises early to seek the Lord.
Moves several miles to the edge of the river
Then to wait 3 days – impossible river to cross over. How will we ever get across the river.
An interesting experience -new generation looking across the Jordan! Seeing the Ark of the Covenant! Sitting on the edge of the Promised Land! With a command that they will be crossing over.
Ark of the covenant 10
Ark 3
Ark of God 3
Numbers - Kohathites – when it was moved - now is it covered? Are they for the first time the first time they've seen it?
Crossing over
1 was predicted
2 timing was given
3 Happened at flood stage
4 The heap that built up – would have taken all night? 12-16 hours? Hoover dam without the dam!
5 Crossed over dry land!
6 The flow of the river comes back on cue.
No problem in belief unless you're an unbeliever – the things of the natural man holds back the things of the spirit
God has given us His Spirit not withholding from us

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v. 17. stood firm on the dry (3X) ground
people of Jericho must have been watching this process.
The river dries up and the water stands up in a heap.
They see this box coming down, steps in the water and the river dries up!

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PASTOR CHUCK SMITH
JOSHUA CHAPTER 2

So Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia grove (the place that they were staying) to spy secretly, saying, Go and view the land, especially \. So they went, and came to the house of a harlot, named Rahab, and they lodged there.

I don't know why Joshua sent the spies. Moses had done the same thing forty years earlier with disastrous consequences. Maybe that's why he only sent two spies instead of twelve. But it would appear that even though God had been saying, “Be strong and be courageous,” he was still a little reluctant, and perhaps fearful.

The message that the spies received came from Rahab: how that the people feared, and were trembling because they had heard of the God of the Israelites. And so their report to Joshua was that of the fear of the people. In verse 24 they reported to Joshua, “Truly the LORD has delivered all of the land into our hands; for indeed all of the inhabitants of the country are faint hearted because of us.” It is interesting that they

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recognized that the fear, the faint heartedness of the people, were spelling their doom. When you begin to fear, when you’re fainthearted, you’re in a weakened position. The LORD is constantly saying to Joshua, “Be strong, Joshua. Don’t be afraid. Be very courageous. Be strong. I’ll be with you.” Now he hears, concerning the enemy, that they are fainthearted. And thus, he is encouraged.

So, he sent the two spies in. They came to the house of a harlot, named Rahab, and they lodged there. The city of Jericho was an exceedingly wicked city. God was using the nation of Israel as His tool of judgment. Within the city: a prostitute, a harlot, named Rahab, who received them in.

It was told the king of Jericho, Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country. So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house: for they have come to search out all the country. Then the woman took the two men, and hid them, and she said, Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out: where the men went I don’t know: but pursue them quickly; for you may overtake them.

So she lied to the king. It brings up the issue of situational ethics: is it right to lie in certain circumstances? Are there times when it would be better to lie than to tell the truth? It’s a hard issue to deal with because you can make up suppositional cases where it would seem that maybe a lie would serve a better purpose than the truth. And yet, the Scripture clearly commands us to “lie not one to another.” We read, where, “lying lips are an abomination unto the LORD.” Again, “Speak the truth one to another.” And if Jesus declared, “I am the way, the truth, and the life,” it seems incongruent that he would encourage us in a situation to lie.

I think that a lot of times it is wisdom to say nothing. I do not believe that you can ever really justify a lie. But I think that many times it is wise just not to say anything.

But I could never encourage a person to lie. Her lying was wrong. She probably felt that by lying she was saving their lives. That, perhaps, is true. However, it is a sign of a lack of faith of God being able to take care of these men. If she had sufficient faith in God, she should know that God would be able to protect them and take care of them. She thought she was helping by her lie.

Paul the apostle speaks of those who have come to a fallacy of logic in the declaring that, by their lying, God is glorified, and that people glorify God because of the lie that I tell. ‘Therefore, how can God judge me for lying when the lie brought people to praise the Lord and to glorify God?’ And Paul puts down that concept rather thoroughly, speaking very strongly against it. Saying that, (if the truth and the grace of God is magnified because of my lie, it’s alright to lie,) he said, “..whose damnation is just.” I mean, he’s really heavy on these kind of lies. Now, there are those today that have that philosophy. There are people today going around with exciting, thrilling, glorious testimonies of miraculous, marvelous things that God has done, which are all untrue. But they get people excited. ‘People get saved when I tell this big whopper, you know? Therefore, how can God judge me, because look how many people that have accepted the LORD when I told this monstrous lie?’ You can’t justify it. “Speak the truth one to another. Lie not one to another.” So she lied. There’s no justifying of it, she was wrong.

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For she had brought them up to the roof of her house, and had hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof (so they were under these stalks of flax). So the men pursued them by the road to Jordan to the fords: and as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate of the city. So before they laid down, (the men on the roof, before they went to sleep) she came up to them on the roof; And she said to the men, (and here are tremendous expressions of faith that are noted in the New Testament, in Hebrews 11; as she makes the ‘Hall of Faith’) I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all of the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. (This is the message that they needed to hear that they carried back to Joshua.)

She knows that Jehovah has given them the land. Now, how she knew the name of the God of Israel is not told, except that “His name and His fame had spread abroad.” She uses the name “Yahweh, or Jehovah” here.

For we have heard how Jehovah dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted, neither did there remain any more courage in anyone, because of you: for Jehovah your God, he is the God in heaven above, and in the earth beneath.

So, what a broad kind of a concept of God she had received, only through hearsay. They had heard about what God had done: they heard how God had parted the Red sea, they heard of how they had destroyed the Amorites on the other side of the river. And hearing of the work of God, the Spirit of God did a work within her heart, creating a faith and a knowledge, and an understanding of God that was really beyond the revelation.

It is much like the thief on the cross, who said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” How did he know he was a king? Probably the inscription that Pilate had put on the cross: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. But, how did he know that a man dying on the cross was coming into his kingdom? You see, even the disciples at this point figured the whole idea of the kingdom is over. Expressing their views on the way to Emmaus, they said, “We had hoped that in him was the salvation of Israel: we had hoped that he was the king, we had hoped that he would establish the kingdom. We had hoped that, but now they crucified him. And it’s been three days already.” With the crucifixion, came the death of the hope of the disciples. But somehow this man on the cross had the concept of the kingdom yet to come, though Jesus was dying. He had a faith that could only have come from God planting that faith in his heart. He had a knowledge, and an understanding that was beyond his capacity to have because of the work of God’s Spirit. And God’s Spirit works in our hearts, and in our lives in that same way, planting that faith. “Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” What an example of the sovereign grace of God in the salvation of the lost: the faith that God put in the heart of this man that was dying.

So with this woman: the sovereign grace of God manifested in her faith. And so, “by faith, Rahab, survived and did not perish with the other inhabitants of the city of Jericho.” It comes in Hebrews 11, the ‘Hall of Faith.’ It also comes in James, who speaks of the works as being the outgrowth of her faith: “faith without works being dead.” And of course, she also figures in the genealogy of Joseph, the husband of Mary. God was the father of Jesus, but the husband of Mary. And so she figures in his genealogy in Matthew chapter 1.

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Now she prays to them, I beg you, swear to me by Jehovah, since I have showed you kindness, that you will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token: Spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. So the men answered her, Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, we will deal kindly and truly with you. (So a covenant was made.) Then she let them down by a rope through the window: for her house was on the city wall, she dwelt on the wall. And she said to them, Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; hide there for three days, until the pursuers have returned: and afterward you may go your way. And the men said to her, Now we will be blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear. Unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down: and unless you bring your father, and your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household, to your own home. And so it shall be, that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood will be upon his own head, we will be guiltless: whoever is with you in the house, his blood will be on our head, if a hand is laid upon him. And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free of the oath which you made us swear. And she said, According to your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

The scarlet cord, of course, is symbolic of the blood. As is in Egypt: the children of Israel, the blood on the doorpost, the house was spared. So now, here in the city of Jericho, this woman who had received them, makes them swear that when they take the land, they'll spare her family. They said, 'Alright, we'll make a deal. You hang this scarlet cord, symbolic of the blood, out the window, and we guarantee the safety of everyone who is in the house. If anybody goes out of the house, then their life will be taken, they will be responsible for their own destiny. But if they remain in the house, they will be safe.'

God has provided a refuge for us and it is in Jesus Christ. He said, "Abide in me. Let my words abide in you. If any man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch; men gather them, and they are burned in the fire." That place of refuge, that place of safety is in Jesus Christ: covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. I am safe, I am secure, I am eternally secure. I thank God for that security that I have in Christ, that glorious realization, and sense of security in Him. Abiding in Christ, nothing can remove me out of His hand. Thank God for that assurance and that hope.

So they departed, and they went to the mountain, and they stayed there for three days, until the pursuers returned: and the pursuers sought them all along the way, but did not find them. So the two men returned, descending from the mountain, they crossed over, and they came to Joshua, and they told him all that had befallen them: And they said to Joshua, Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands; for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us.

Next week we'll take the 3rd chapter and we'll move along maybe a little faster, maybe a little slower. Who knows? But we don't have time to get into the 3rd chapter, we would have to just rush it too quickly to jump into it tonight. And so, as my wife said, "If you got to do anything, dismiss them earlier than later." So this special dispensation comes to you from Kay.

I'm looking forward to that work of God's Spirit that He is wanting to accomplish in our lives this week: and I pray that your heart would be open to the Spirit, that God would be able to work freely in your life: bringing you into those places of victory. That this week you will take

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territory that God has already promised, God has already given: that you will lay claim to the promises of God and begin to inherit the blessings of the walk in the Spirit. May you find God’s Spirit working in your life, destroying some of the enemies, some of the walls, some of the giants. And may you just learn what it is to know that victory that He gives to us in our places, in our areas of personal weakness. May God make this a special week in your life, and in my life, as we follow after Jesus Christ and as we seek to live for his glory. God be with you, and bless you, in Jesus’ name.

Joshua 3-5

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By Chuck Smith
CHAPTER 3

Let’s turn to Joshua, chapter 3. Chapter 1: God commissions Joshua to take over the job vacated by Moses’ death: “Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, and go over this Jordan. Be strong, be of good courage. I will be with you wherever you go. Every place that you put the sole of your foot, I have given to you: and as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. Keep the law.” So in chapter 2 he sent the two spies who went to the house of Rahab, and the covenant was made with Rahab concerning the protection and safety of her family if they would remain in the house from which the scarlet cord hung from the window. Now we come to chapter 3:

Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from the Acacia grove, and they came to the Jordan, he and all of the children of Israel, and they lodged there before they crossed over.

So they had broken camp, and now they are moving. They are now ready to cross the Jordan and begin the conquest of the land that God had promised to Abraham.

And so it was after three days, that the officers went through the camp; And they commanded the people, saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests and the Levites bearing it, then you shall set out from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, of about two thousand cubits: (or 3,000 yards, about three fifths of a mile) do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go: for you have not passed this way before.

New territory: they’re going to gain new ground. “You haven’t come this way before .” They are going to be led, now, by the ark of the covenant. Up to this point in their wilderness experiences, they had been led by the pillar of fire and by the cloud. And now there’s a change, they will not see the cloud or the pillar of fire any longer. They are to be led by the ark of the covenant. Within that ark, of course, are the tables of stone upon which the laws inscribed the covenant that God made with these people. “If you will keep the law and the statutes: then I will be a God unto you, and you shall be my people.” And they are now to begin their march into the promised land being led by the priests who bear the ark of the covenant.

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So Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and cross over before the people. So they took up the ark of the covenant, and they went before the people. And the LORD said to Joshua, This day I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

So, “Joshua, this is the day that I’m going to begin to demonstrate to Israel that you are an ordained, chosen, anointed leader. The people will realize and recognize your leadership authority. And they will know that, even as I was with Moses, so I’m going to be with you.”

You shall command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When you come to the edge of the water of Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan. So Joshua said to the children of Israel, Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God. Joshua said, By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. Behold, the ark of the covenant of the LORD of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan. Now therefore take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from upstream; and they shall stand as a heap.

So this is going to take a real exercise of faith. As far as the Red Sea was concerned, God said, “Stretch out your rod over the Red Sea,” and the Red Sea parted before they ever got to it. And so they went through the Red Sea as on dry ground. This is a little different, it’s going to take a little more of an exercise of faith because they’re going to have to stand in the water before the water stops. They’re going to have to step on in, and as they are standing there in the water, then God will cause the Jordan to cease flowing at this flood time.

Now, “the Jordan,” it says, “always overflows its banks at harvest time.” We know the crossing took place in April because, as soon as they crossed, one of the first things they did was to observe the Passover: which of course was on the 14th day of the first month, which is usually equivalent to our April. The harvest that is referred to is the barley harvest that comes some 60 days or so before the wheat harvest. The barley and the flax are harvested in April. And so, it is this time of the year that the waters of the Jordan river are usually at their highest, at the flood stage. As the snow on the mountains of Hermon are melting, and the waters of the Jordan rise, it usually crests in the month of April.

The fact that the flax was already harvested is evidenced by the fact that the woman, Rahab, hid the spies under the flax on the roof of her home. So the flax had already been harvested. And the flax and the barley were harvested at the same time of the year.

There are always critics who are looking to find some mistake in the Bible: and they read, ‘Well, it said the Jordan always overflows its bank at the time of the harvest, and we know that they celebrated Passover at this time, and therefore, there’s a mistake here in the Bible because it’s harvest time.’ Well, they had several crops that they harvested: and it so happens that flax and barley are harvested at the time of the Passover. Wheat, for sure, is harvested in June; and of course, the apricots, and the peaches, the other fruits, and so forth, are usually harvested through the summer and the early fall. But this was the time of the barley and flax harvest.

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God seeks to develop a depth of our relationship with Him. And God wants to bring us into a walk of faith. Now we rebel against that walk of faith, we don’t like it when we can’t understand what God is doing. I want to know why this happened to me, I want to know why God allowed this. And to say to me, “Well, you just have to trust the LORD. All things are working for good to those who love God,” doesn’t always satisfy me. I want to know, “what good is this?” I can’t see any good. And we don’t really like this position of faith: of just having to say, “Well, I know God is working. I know it’s going to be for the good.” And just that commitment and rest: I find that difficult. I want to understand.

And so often, in my prayer, the question “why” is being asked. “God, why? Explain to me, Lord, why You did this, or what You are doing, or what You are working out, Lord. If You will just explain it to me, I’ll be satisfied.” But He wants to bring you to a greater depth of relationship, that commitment to Him even though you don’t understand that. Just that complete commitment.

Now it is not until you come to this place of complete commitment that you really have real rest and peace in your heart. It’s the highest faith being manifested when you can accept as from God, the circumstances of your life, without having to have an understanding or an explanation. Just the fact that my life is committed to God, He is in control, He has said, “All things are working together for good for those who love God.” If I can just accept that, and just be committed to that, then I have peace, then I have rest. I can’t be disturbed. But if I always have to have the answer, then I’m going to find myself constantly searching, seeking, restless: as I am trying to rest in my intellect, in my understanding rather than in the word, and in the promise of God.

Now God is honored when I rest in His word, and rest in His declarations. It doesn’t mean anything for me to rest in intellect or understanding: “Oh, I see now. Oh, okay God. Forgive me all the things that I said about You, I see what You’re doing, now. That’s fine. That’s pretty sharp, LORD. But LORD, I didn’t realize what You were doing, and I’m sorry I said all those things.” And we always find ourselves in this place of complaining and charging God foolishly because I don’t know what He is doing until the thing begins to unfold. Well, God is pleased only when we, by faith, trust in Him: “Without faith, it is impossible to please God.”

There are people who are constantly insisting that God work, say, in the miraculous, or in healing. And if the healing doesn’t come, then they’re completely shattered: “How can I trust God? He doesn’t answer my prayers. I’ve been praying for six months, and nothing’s happened. God hasn’t answered.” I believe He has. I think He said, “No,” but you don’t want to hear it.

Commitment: that is a step, a level, that God wants to bring you to. And so God is teaching them now, the lessons of faith. “The waters won’t part before you get there. You’re going to have to stand there. Your feet are going to have to get wet. But as you step into the water, as you are standing there in the water, then I will stop the flow of the Jordan.”

And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan will be cut off from the waters that come down from upstream; and they shall stand as a heap. And so it was, when the people set out from their camp, to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; And as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in

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the edge of the water, (for Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest,) That the waters which came down from upstream stood still and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan: (now, we have no idea where this area is: Zaretan, Adam have not been located by the archaeologists. And so the place where the Jordan river was stopped is still a mystery)but the waters that went down into the sea of the Alaba, the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people crossed over opposite the city of Jericho. then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

So, what happened is that the priests went into the Jordan river. As they went in and started wading into the Jordan, the Jordan river ceased flowing. And they stood in the middle of the Jordan river, holding the ark of the covenant as all of the people passed by, until they all were over on the other side.

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Joshua Outlined

I. The Conquest of Canaan

A. Preparation for taking the promised land (1:1 to 5:15)

1. The land was a gift from God (Gen 15:18; Deut 26:9)

2. Joshua commissioned to lead the people (1:1-18)

- a. God appointed Joshua as leader of the people (1:1-9)
- b. Joshua commanded the people to enter the land (1:10-11)
- c. Instructions to the Gadites, Ruebenites, and Manasseh (1:12-15)
- d. The people accept Joshua as their leader (1:16-18)

3. Preparing to take the land God had given them (2:1 to 5:1)

- a. Two spies sent to Jericho (2:1-7)
- b. Agreement with Rahab (2:8-22) Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25
- c. Report of the two spies (2:23-24)
- d. Miraculous crossing of the Jordan on dry land (3:1-17) God always gives the way Jeremiah 10:23, Proverbs 14:12, and Ephesians 3:3-5
- e. Two memorials consisting of 12 stones each (4:1-24)
- f. Effect of crossing on the Kings of Canaan (5:1)
- g. Circumcision of the males in Israel (5:2-9)
- h. Passover observed (5:10-11)
- i. Manna ceased (5:12)
- j. Captain of the Lord's host appears to Joshua (5:13-15)

B. Conquest of Canaan (6:1 to 13:7)

1. Victory at the battle of Jericho (6:1-27) Hebrews 11:30

2. Defeat at the first battle of Ai (7:1-5)

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3. The sin and punishment of Achan (7:6-26) Notice Joshua 6:18-19 and Hebrews 10:31. When God gives us our blessings we should not want to hold on to treasures of this world Colossians 3:1-5.

4. Victory at the second battle of Ai (8:1-35)

5. Conquest of Southern Canaan (9:1 to 10:43)

- a. King in Southern Canaan join forces to fight Israel (9:1-2)
- b. Gibeonites deceive Israel into making a league with them (9:3-27)
- c. Five Kings of the Amorites threaten war with Gibeon (10:1-5)
- d. Gibeonites call for Israel to help them (10:6-7)
- e. Defeat of the five kings - the sun stood still (10:8-27)
- f. Finishing the task in Southern Canaan (10:28-43)

6. Conquest of Northern Canaan (11:1-15) 11:6; be not afraid. God delivers victory I John 5:4

7. Summary of the conquest of Canaan (11:16 to 12:24)

8. Undeclared parts of Canaan (13:1-6)

II. Division of the Land of Canaan (13:7 to 24:33)

A. Possession of the land East of Jordan (13:7-33)

1. Total territory East of Jordan (13:7-14)

2. Portion divided to Reuben (13:15-23)

3. Portion divided to Gad (13:24-28)

4. Portion divided to the half tribe of Manasseh (13:29-33)

B. Possession West of the Jordan (14:1 to 19:51)

1. Levites given no land, save cities to live in (14:1-5) See Joshua 18:7

2. Division to Judah and Caleb (14:6 to 15:63)

3. Inheritance of Joseph (Manasseh and Ephraim (16:1 to 17:18)

4. Israel moves to Shiloh and set up the tabernacle (18:1)

5. Twenty-one men, three from each tribe, describe the land (18:2-9)

6. Land divided by lot among the remaining seven tribes (18:10 to 19:48)

a. Inheritance of Benjamin (18:11-28)

b. Inheritance of Simeon within Judah (19:1-9)

c. Inheritance of Zebulun (19:10-16)

d. Inheritance of Issachar (19:17-23)

e. Inheritance of Asher (19:24-31)

f. Inheritance of Naphtali (19:32-39)

g. Inheritance of Dan (19:40-48)

7. Joshua given his inheritance (19:49-51)

C. Six cities of refuge (20:1-9)

D. Levitical cities (21:1-42)

E. Gad, Ruben, and Manasseh sent to their inheritance (22:1-9)

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F. Two and half tribes build an altar (22:10)

G. Explanation that the altar was not for sacrifices but for a memorial that those on the East of Jordan were brethren to those on the West of Jordan (22:11-34).

H. Joshua’s farewell speech to Israel, warning against idolatry (23:1-16) How does God feel about idols? Exodus 23:24

III. Joshua's Death

A. The covenant at Shechem (24:1-25) 24:3 tie to Acts 7:2-3

B. The law written in a book and a memorial stone set up (24:26-28)

C. Death of Joshua (24:29-31)

D. Bones of Joseph buried at Shechem (24:32)

E. Death of Eleazar, the high priest (24:33)