

Joshua 4

King James Version (KJV)

4 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,

²Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, (All 12 tribes are represented)

³And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night. (One stone for every tribe)

⁴Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:

⁵And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: (A heavy stone; not a pebble)

⁶That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? (Again – this will serve as a symbol; to remind future generations of what God did for Israel this day)

⁷Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever. (The stones will be a monument to remind people that God did this; not Israel. Heavy stones are not easily removed. Someone would have to deliberately move them in order to destroy this monument to God)

NOTE: (Today in America and Europe, the younger generations are turning away from God because we allowed the courts to remove God from our schools. They say that the Bible is just stories and myths. The atheists and Muslims are also right in there, trying to end Christianity. Evil can only win when good men do nothing)

⁸And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto

Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

⁹And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day. (He set up the monument to God with the 12 stones)

¹⁰For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until everything was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hastened and passed over.

¹¹And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people. (Symbolic for Alpha & Omega – The Ark was first in Jordan and last out. God is the first and the last as stated in Revelation-1:8)

¹²And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them: (They obeyed the commands of God and were successful. They were armed and marching by fives. They would serve as the shock troops to march ahead of the people. Their families were safe and settled on the east side of Jordan)

1Corinthians-10:10 (All these things happened as an example to us of what will happen in the end times; when antichrist is trying to rule the world. The Elect <with God's protection> will stand against Satan)

¹³About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho. (They are armed and ready for battle)

¹⁴On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life. (Fear and revere are the same word in Hebrew. They revered him and followed him. They realized that God was indeed with Joshua, just as He had been with Moses)

¹⁵And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,

¹⁶ Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

¹⁷ Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan.

¹⁸ And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before. (God had stopped the water during the time of flooding, not during a drought. Once God released the waters, the flood continued as it had been before they arrived)

NOTE: (This Passover of the Jordan happened in approx 1400 BC. Today, we still celebrate Passover to glorify God and to remember all the great works that He did for us)

¹⁹ And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. (These are the families, their livestock, and all of their possessions)

See Exodus-12:3 (This was the same date <10th day of the 1st month> that they were told by God to start preparing for the first Passover meal. Their day started at sundown and ended at the next sundown. They left Egypt on the 15th day right after they had celebrated Passover. They celebrated Passover every year since leaving Egypt, 40 years earlier)

²⁰ And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. (Gilgal = a turning wheel)

²¹ And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? (Those that would be born after the fact will need to be taught what has happened in earlier times)

²² Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. (God performed a miracle on the peoples' behalf)

²³ For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:

(Teach future generations what God did for Israel. We need to teach our children what God does for us today)

²⁴That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever. (Fear and revere are the same word in Hebrew. To revere the Lord is to love and obey Him)

NOTE: (Since the liberals have thrown God out of our schools, the Christian countries in America and Europe have seen invasion by Muslims. We have also seen the destruction of our economies. We cannot succeed without God in our lives and in our countries)