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**Course:** A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

**Lesson:** 11 (Part 4)

**Passage:** Joshua - Survey

## Joshua “Rose Early” (Joshua 3:1)

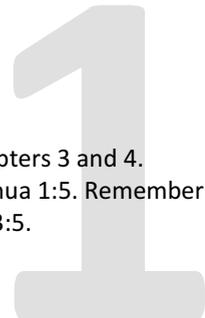
- Those who rise early or stay up late believe is what they are doing.
- Joshua believed God and doing His will was Joshua’s “food”.
  - John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; Psalm 40:8; Hebrews 10:7-9; John 17:4
- “they set out” - 40 years after leaving Egypt.
- Was the 40 years in the wilderness a waste of time? **NO**, God has purpose for **everything**.
  - ① It was a reminder that God was **serious** about His Word and His commands. The **new** generation had to learn this and pass it unto their children.
  - ② It prepared the **new** generation to **trust** God. See Deuteronomy 29:5.
    - It showed this **new** generation that God was faithful to His word – after all HE fed them and protected them every day of those 40 years!
  - ③ It should have taught them that God’s promises were for the faithful and obedient. See Hebrews 6:11-12.

## Three Days (Joshua 3:2)

- Why wait three days?
- Consider 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 and Isaiah 30:18

## When You See the Ark (Joshua 3:3-5)

- The ARK is mentioned or alluded to 21 times in Chapters 3 and 4.
- God was with them! Remember His promise in Joshua 1:5. Remember Matthew 1:23; 28:20; John 14:18-23; Hebrews 13:5.



- “the way you must go” – for 40 years it was the cloud and now it was the ark.
- “Sanctify yourselves” - “Prepare to meet your God.” (Amos 4:12)
  - 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 John 3:3
  - ★ Do NOT come just as you are!!!!!!

### The Priest - The Example (Joshua 3:6-8)

- The priests were to set the example of trusting and believing God.
  - ALL Christians are priests. (1 Peter 2:5, 9)

### Joshua Assures the People (Joshua 3:9-13)

- MEDITATE on these verses.

### The Jordan Stopped (Joshua 3:14-17)

- Meditate on verse 15.
- This was NO natural event!!!!
  - ① The event came to pass as predicted.
  - ② The timing was exact.
  - ③ The event took place while the river was at flood stage. God did not wait for the summer when the Jordan was the lowest but the spring when the snow of Mount Lebanon was melting.
  - ④ The wall of water was held in place for many hours – probably for at least a day.
  - ⑤ The soft, wet river bottom became dry at once.
  - ⑥ The water returned immediately as soon as the people had crossed over and the priests came up out of the river!

### Two Memorials (Joshua 4:1-24)

- The First (Joshua 4:1-5, 20) - note the timing - “when all the people had completely crossed over”
- Out of the Jordan to Gilgal - 13km’s away! - NOT 9 ½!
- “What do these stones mean?” (Joshua 4:6-8, 21-23)
  - (Joshua 4: 6) This memorial was to be a sign to your children.
    - ★ To an unbeliever these stones would only be a pile of stones.
    - ★ BUT to the believer they signified at least five things:
      - ① It would remind them how they crossed the River – not by their own power but by the power of God!
      - ② It would be a memorial of leaving the old behind and the start of something new.

- ③ It was also a testimony of what God had done **and** an earnest of what He would do! It was a testimony of God's faithfulness.
- ④ It would be a reminder to the people of God that they were to testify to the world of God's greatness.
- ⑤ It was a reminder that God's people are to **fear** (take serious) God.
- The Second (Joshua 4:9) - See John 1:28 - "*Bethabara*" (*house of passage*).
- (Joshua 4:10-11, 15-17) Only when everything was **finished** did God give the command! It reminds us of Christ on the Cross – see John 19:28-30.
- ★★★ **GOD ALWAYS FINISHES WHAT HE BEGINS!** (Philippians 1:6; Psalm 138:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

### **The 10<sup>th</sup> Day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Month** (Joshua 4:19)

- This is the day that **preparations** were to begin for the **celebration** of the Passover which was a reminder of God delivering them out of Egypt.
- On the **14<sup>th</sup>** day the Passover lamb was to be killed and Passover **celebrated**.