

“Historical Books Of The Bible”

Joshua 3:1-17

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Joshua 3:14-17

Joshua 3-5 Are Chapters of Crossing. Israel crosses the Jordan River, Israel Sets up a Memorial, and Israel has a Renewal of the Covenant.

A Test to bring out Israel’s Worth, or a Temptation to bring out Israel’s Worst!

1. Verses 1-5 – God’s People Sanctified

2. Verses 6-8 – God’s Leader Magnified

3. Verses 9-13 – God Be Glorified

4. Verses 14-17 – God’s Word Verified

1. Verses 1-5 – God’s People Sanctified:

Joshua 3:1

Joshua 2:23-24

Joshua is recorded as getting up early 4X in this book. (3:1, 6:12, 7:16, 8:10)

The Red Sea – represents our past life.

The Jordan – represents entrance by faith (surrender) into spiritual inheritance in Jesus.

Joshua 3:2-3

The key word of this chapter is the word “Ark” that is used 10X. The ark represented the very presence of God.

Joshua 3:4

We need to fix our eyes upon Jesus, Heb 12:2

Matt 14:28-31

Joshua 3:5

“Consecrate” – means – “to set apart as sacred,” “dedicate,” “to observe as holy,” “keep sacred.”

Is. 59: 1-2

Consecrate is the same today – examine our own hearts, purge known sins, resolve to forsake them, and present ourselves to God for service.

2. Verses 6-8 – God’s Leader Magnified:

Joshua 3: 6-7

“Exalt” – “to grow, become great or important, promote, make powerful, praise, do great things.”

2 Chr. 1:1

1 Chr. 29:25

Josh. 4:14

Acts 5:12-13

Joshua 3:8

That we are to focus on the ark (Jesus); We are to sanctify ourselves; “We must take our first step!”

3. Verses 9-13 – God Be Glorified:

Joshua 3:9-11

“of the Lord of all the earth” – This is the true and living God, that is master of all.

Joshua 3:12-13

4. Verses 14-17 – God’s Word Verified:

Joshua 3:14-15

“(for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest),” – This tells us that it was March or April; it was when the snow was melting off Mt. Hermon in the north, and the banks were beyond the normal range, from 100 feet to a mile.

Joshua 3:16

Sometimes the people of God need to get their feet wet by faith before the Lord will go to work!

“So the people crossed opposite Jericho.” – This was the fulfillment of what God first spoke to Joshua when he was taking command. (Joshua 1:1-2)

They are now officially committed. (Victorious Christian, a series of new beginnings!)

Joshua 3:17

What a picture of Jesus Christ this is:

1. Jesus goes before us to open the way – (Great tour guide)
2. Jesus stands with us until we cross over – (With us)
3. Jesus follows behind to protect us – (From behind)

Application:

1. God Said In Joshua 3:3 – Sometimes we can't move until God moves, sometimes we need to move then God will move.
2. Israel Was Told To "Consecrate Yourselves"; Consecrate – examine our own hearts, purge known sins, resolve to forsake them, and present ourselves to God for service.
3. Joshua Said In Joshua 3:9 – There Would Be No Victory Apart From Obedience To God's Word.