

Joshua 3**Key Verse:** v.7**Key Word:** "dry ground"**X-Ref:** Exodus 14:16**Paraphrase:** Joshua prepares Israel to cross the Jordan.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What was the signal that it was time to cross the Jordan? *When you see the ark of the covenant being carried by the Levitical Priesthood – v.3*
- 2) What sign does Joshua say will be shown to Israel to prove that God was among them and would drive out the inhabitants of the land? *When the soles of the priest's feet touched the water, the water would stop and stand in a heap – vs.10-13.*
- 3) On what and where did Israel cross the Jordan? *On dry ground across from Jericho – vs.16-17.*

Joshua 4**Key Verse:** v.14**Key Word:** "exalted" – v.14**X-Ref:** Exodus 14:31; Psalm 89:13**Paraphrase:** The setting of 12 stones to remind Israel how God brought them through the Jordan on dry ground.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) A man from each tribe was commanded to take a stone from the Jordan river and stack them on the other side as a reminder. What about this command would lead us to conclude that these were sizable stones? *They were told to carry them on their shoulders – v.5.*
- 2) Which tribes passed over the Jordan first? *Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh – v.12.*
- 3) What was the purpose of the 12 stones? *To remind Israel and future generations about how God brought Israel through the Jordan on dry ground – vs.21-24.*

Joshua 5**Key Verse:** v.7, v.7, v.15**Key Word:** "Circumcision" – v.2.**X-Ref:** Genesis 17:3; Exodus 3:5; Exodus 16:35**Paraphrase:** God commands Joshua to circumcise all the males in the camp.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) Whose "hearts melted" when they heard that the Lord dried up the Jordan for Israel to cross on dry ground? *The kings of the Amorites and the kings of the Canaanites – v.1.*
- 2) Who did Joshua circumcise at Gibeath-haaraloth and why weren't they circumcised already? *These were the male descendants of the people who came out of Egypt. They were not circumcised along the way – vs.2-7.*
- 3) On what day of the month did God cease from giving Israel manna from heaven and why? *The 15th day – because now they would eat the produce of the land. – vs.10-12.*

Joshua 6**Key Verse:** v.20**Key Word:** "wall" – v.20.**X-Ref:** Hebrews 11:30-31; James 2:25; Joshua 7:1**Paraphrase:** Instructions for conquering Jericho.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) List God's instructions for taking Jericho. A) *Men of war once around the city 6 days.* B) *Seven priests each with a trumpet of ram's horn going before the ark.* C) *On the 7th day mark 7 times around and the priests blowing the horns while the people shout at the end of the 7 times around.*
- 2) What did Joshua tell the people they could not do until he told them to? *Shout or speak where they could be heard – vs.10.*
- 3) What did Joshua say would happen if someone kept for themselves those things devoted to destruction? *"Trouble upon Israel" – v.18.*

Joshua 7**Key Verse:** vs.10-12**Key Word:** "get up" – vs.10 & 13.**X-Ref:** Joshua 6:18

Paraphrase: *Israel loses the battle at Ai. God tells Joshua that Israel has sinned. Achan is put to death for his sin.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) Why did the hearts of the people of Israel “melt”? *Because they lost a battle with Ai and about 36 men died – vs.2-5.*
- 2) Who does Joshua sound like in verse 7? *Those who died in the wilderness often complained and wished they had never left Egypt.*
- 3) In Joshua 1:5, God promised that no one would be able to stand before Israel. Now in 7:12, He points out that Israel cannot stand before their enemies because they had transgressed the covenant. What command does God now give to Joshua? *“Get up!” And “consecrate yourselves” – vs.10-15.*

Joshua 8

Key Verse: *v.26; v.35*

Key Word: *“ambush” – v.2*

X-Ref: *John 4:20*

Paraphrase: *The second battle of Ai.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) What type of strategy did God command Joshua to use against Ai? *An ambush – v.2.*
- 2) What was the signal for the second group to enter the city? *When Joshua raised his javelin toward the city of Ai. – vs.18-18.*
- 3) How did the King of Ai die? *Joshua hung him on a tree – v.29.*
- 4) What did Joshua do after the battle? *He built an altar. Then he wrote the law on stones. Finally, He read all the law that Moses wrote to the people – vs.30-35.*

Joshua 9

Key Verse: *v.14*

Key Word: *“covenant” – v.15.*

X-Ref: *2Samuel 21:2*

Paraphrase: *Gibeon deceives Israel into making a covenant to spare their lives.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) While Most of the nations gathered to battle against Israel, what did the Gibeonites do? *They deceived Israel into feeling sorry for them. They made them believe that they were from a distant country and not inhabitants of the land. They begged them to make a covenant with them and let them be their servants – vs.3-15.*
- 2) How could they have avoided this mistake? *They should have spoken to God first – v.14.*
- 3) How did Joshua deal with the Gibeonites? *He kept them alive but made them cutters of wood and drawers of water – v.27.*