

## Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

January 9, 2022

### Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Joshua 2:1-11 *McKenna South*

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: Virginia Grosskurth

Message: *The Spies Who Came In From the Wilderness*  
(Joshua 2:1-11)

### Announcements

**Ed Ostrowski** is in Ingalls Hospital in Harvey with Covid pneumoia. Please keep him and Sue in prayer.

**Engaged!** Oscar Ochoa, Jr., has asked Rhonda Courtright to marry him, *and she said yes!* Be sure to congratulate them on their upcoming February 12 nuptials.

**Faith Bible Bowling:** We've made a deposit at *Stardust Bowl* in Dyer to bowl on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 till 4. The price is \$16 per person. Pizza and pop will be provided, or you can buy sandwiches, etc. See Tracey with any questions.

**Our offering box** is located just left of the kitchen door.

**Pick up** today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone.

**Joshua 1:10-18** *Joshua Begins To Follow God's Orders*

Moses appointed those "officers" (v.10 cf. Deut.1:3,15) but they recognized Joshua was their new commander. "Victuals" (v.11) are *food* (cf.Mt.14:15,16). They couldn't prepare *manna* for a trip (Ex.16:19,20), but the manna ceased when they reached the border of Canaan (Ex.16:35), a land inhabited because there was food that *would* keep for a trip.

Just as God later parted the Jordan so the Jews could enter Canaan, He'll part it again so *saved* Jews can enter the kingdom in Israel (Isa.11:15,16). They crossed the Jordan to "possess" the land (Josh.1:11) that was *already* possessed by *giants*. That's a type of how Israel will dispossess giants in the future Tribulation to enter the kingdom in the land.

Joshua will lead Israel into battle against those giants, just as Christ will lead the "saints" in *future* Israel against the future giants (Ps.149:2,5-7,9)—including *angelic* saints (Jude 1:14, 15cf. Deut.33:2) and Old Testament saints raised from the "beds" (Ps.149:5) *of their graves* (cf.Ezek.32:25). This will happen "after two days" (Hosea 6:2) of a thousand years each (cf.IIPet.3:8). We see that pictured here when the officers told the people they'd cross Jordan to enter Canaan "within three days" (Josh.1:11). And since it happens before they engage the Canaanites, that suggests Israel's resurrection will take place before she engages Antichrist's giants.

In exhorting Israel to prepare for the trip, Joshua singled out 2 ½ of her tribes (v.12) because they would have been tempt-ed to *not* prepare to cross Jordan. They were cattlemen, and the land on *that* side of Jordan was conducive to raising cattle, so they'd asked Moses if they didn't have to cross Jor-dan (Num.32:1,2,4,5). Moses told

them that Israel needed them to defeat the giants (Num.32:6,7), so they agreed to lead the charge, then return home (32:16,17). Moses agreed (32:33), and now that it's time to defeat them, Joshua reminds those 2 ½ tribes of their promise (Josh.1:13-15).

The “rest” that the 2½ tribes already had (v.13), and the others had to get (v.15cf.Deut.3:16-20), was rest *from their enemies* (Deut.12:10) when they conquered them (Josh.14:15). But the Bible *also* speaks of the rest of *death* (Job.3:11, 13,17), rest you get in grave “beds” (Is.57:1,2). In that sense, all 12 tribes already *have* their rest, even though they haven't yet risen from the dead to get their rest in the kingdom.

But they've got some *brethren* who'll be alive in the Tribulation, and all 12 tribes will rise someday to help *them* conquer the Beast and his giants so *their brethren* can get *their* rest in the kingdom—just as we'll see in Joshua when all 12 tribes cross the Jordan *on the third day* to help *their* brethren get their rest in Canaan. They couldn't “enjoy” their rest (Josh.1:15) till the 9 ½ tribes got theirs, and Old Testament saints can't enjoy *their* rest till Tribulation Jews get theirs.

The 2 ½ tribes typify the Old Testament saints who will lead the charge against Antichrist. Who better than men who've died *and can't die again?* And when the 2 ½ tribe *minority* in Israel helped the 9 ½ tribe *majority* get their rest, that typifies how the Old Testament saints will be the *minority* (cf.Isa.1:9) compared to the vast numbers saved in the Tribulation under the kingdom program (Rev.7:9,14).

The 2 ½ tribes kept their promise (Josh.1:16,17). That's a type of how New Testament Jews *should* have said to the Lord, “We followed Moses, now we'll follow You.” But they stuck with Moses instead (John 9:28). The 2½ tribes quoted Moses' warning of what would happen if they

didn't follow Joshua (Josh.1:18), a type of what happened to those Jews who didn't follow the Lord (Deut.18:18,19).

What are you doing with the rest God has given *you* in Christ? God gave David rest (II Sam.7:1), but he refused to *enjoy* it till God had a temple in which to rest (Ps.132:1-5), a house that would glorify Him. He wants you to build Him a *life* that will glorify Him—*your* life. Don't rest till you do.

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January 9, 2022

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

*Thornton Harrison, Assistant Pastor Paul Balbach*

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Ricky Kurth*

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

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