

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

February 6, 2022

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Joshua 3:10-17 *Joe Albrecht*

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: Virginia Grosskurth

Message: *The Twelve Memorial Stones* (Joshua 4:1-13)

Announcements

Many thanks to Tracey South for organizing last Sunday's bowling outing! If you had a good time, say, "Oh, my aching back and arms and legs!"

Posthumous thanks to Ed Ostroski for preparing our church financial report before he went home. Pick up your copy today. "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men" (II Corinthians 8:21).

Joe Mossoczy and Camille Swanson will be married later today in a private ceremony. "Rejoice with them that do rejoice" (Romans 12:15)!

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

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

Joshua 3:9-17 *The Crossing of the Jordan River*

God was about to part the Jordan for the people of Israel, and "hereby" they could know He'd defeat the giants for them as well. Their fathers saw Him part the Red Sea, but the Jews were like us and needed constant reminders of God's love and care for them. We find those reminders in Romans 5:8!

But how could Joshua say God would "without fail" conquer the giants, when He *usually* said, "*If you obey, I'll conquer your enemies*"? It was because going into Canaan was a type of *going into the kingdom*, when God will "cause" His people to obey Him (Ezek.36:27), like He did at Pentecost (Acts 2:4) *when they couldn't sin* (IJo.3:9). That's how God will *without fail* give them the kingdom, by *making* them obey Him, so He could bless them with the kingdom. And that's how Joshua could say God wouldn't fail to give them the land despite the giants in this *type* of entering the kingdom.

Last week we saw that the ark was *a type of Christ*. So when it leads the Jews across Jordan into Canaan, that typifies how Christ will lead the Jews across it *again* into the kingdom (Isa.11:15,16). It doesn't *say* Christ will lead them, but we know He will by this type. Some things can only be known by the types. Only the type of Noah said Christ would rise from the dead "on the third day" (Mt.12:40cf.ICor.15:3,4).

Just as the parting of Jordan assured the Jews that God would conquer *the giants*, it will assure Tribulation Jews that God will conquer *Antichrist and his armies at Armageddon* (Isa. 50:2). But verse 2 is *the Father talking to His Son on the cross* (Isa.50:3 cf. Mt.27:35,45; Isa.50:6 cf. Mt.27:63,64). So Isaiah 50:2 is God assuring Christ

He'd deliver Him from the unseen demons that surrounded Him on the cross (Ps.22: 12,16) *by raising Him from the dead*. Since He did, that will encourage Tribulation Jews that He'll deliver *them* as well.

The ark represented the Lord, so the 12 men of Joshua 3:12 represented His apostles, who will rise from the dead to help Him lead Israel across the Jordan. The priests' *feet* were resting (3:13), but their arms were *working*, holding the ark. That symbolizes how salvation worked when it was by faith plus works like bringing a sacrifice, etc. If men did the *work* of baptism, they could *rest* in the assurance they were saved (Acts 2:38; Heb.10:22). In the Tribulation, if saints *work* to feed those who can't buy food without the mark, they can *rest* in the knowledge they're saved (IJo.3:17-19).

The Jews treasured the ark, but will forget it (Jer.3:16) when the One the ark typified sits on Jerusalem's throne (v.17). Christians today should forget the type of baptism now that we have the *cleansing* in Christ it typified, and the type of the sabbath now that we have the *rest* in Christ it typified.

The Jordan stood in in flood stage (Josh.3:15), a type of the Antichrist (Isa.59:19), who will also stand in Israel's way be-fore Christ returns (v.20). The "standard" God will raise against him will be the battle flag of the saints (Num.10:9,14, 18 cf. Ps.149,6,7,9), who won't fear the beast (Is.43:1,2).

The "harvest" (Josh.3:15) typifies the harvest of *unsaved men at Armageddon* (Joel3:9-13cf.Rev.14:14-20). That har-vesting of lost people into the fire of hell will be followed by the harvest of saved people into the "barn" of the kingdom (Mt.13:24-30). The Lord said the world was ripe for this 2,000 years ago (John 4:34,35) when He looked around and saw saved Jews ready to believe, and

even more unsaved Jews and Gentiles ready to be harvested into the fires of hell.

The priests carrying the ark stopped in the middle of Jordan (Josh.3:17), holding back the wrath of that raging overflowing river. That's a type of something Job could only wish for, a "daysman" who could stand between him and God and mediate their differences (Job 9:33). That makes the ark they carried a type of Christ, who stood between us and God, holding back His wrath on our sins by *dying* for our sins.

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Thornton Harrison, Assistant Pastor Paul Balbach

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

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Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

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