

## Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

February 13, 2022

### Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Joshua 4:1-11 *McKenna South*

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: Virginia Grosskurth

Message: *40,000 Armed & Dangerous Jews*  
(Joshua 4:12-24)

*Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

### Announcements

**Oscar Ochoa Jr. and Rhonda Courtright** were married yesterday. “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together” (Psalm 34:3). And a happy Valentine’s Day to them, and to all!

**Genny Harris’ son Hilary** went to be with the Lord recently. Please remember her in prayer, and drop her a line to offer a word of comfort and love.

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

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

### **Joshua 4:1-14** *The Twelve Memorial Stones*

In Chapter 3, God parted the Jordan River so the Jews could cross it to enter the Promised Land. God instructed that Is-rael’s priests lead them across, carrying the ark of the covenant, the presence of God in the Old Testament. They stopped in the middle of the river, holding back the wrath of that raging overflowing river (Josh.3:15), a type of how Christ held back God’s wrath *on our sins* when He died for them.

But now that they have crossed over, God tells Joshua to have 12 men go back to the middle of the river and pick up 12 stones to leave on the shore where they were camped (4:1-3) as a “memorial” (v.7) of their deliverance. Those 12 men were types of *the 12 apostles*, making their memorial a type of the Lord’s Supper, which was done “in remembrance” of the Lord’s death, burial and resurrection (Luke 22:14-19).

There’s something we can learn about the Lord’s Supper from this type. It wasn’t *the stones* that held back the river’s wrath, they were just memorials of *God* who held it back. And the bread and cup don’t save us from our sins, they are just memorials of *Christ* who saves us from our sins.

Joshua 4:6,7 shows God didn’t just want *the Jews* to remember what He did for them that day. He wanted *their children’s children* to remember it as well, even though they hadn’t *seen* the deliverance. That’s a type of how the Lord’s Supper memorial will help Tribulation Jews remember the Lord who delivered them, “whom having not seen,” they will love (I Peter 1:6-8). The way that Tribulation Jews will get through their trials and temptations will be by remembering the Lord. It helps *us*

get through *our* trials and temptations as well. Any difficulty you have in life can *melt away* if you put it in perspective by remembering *you're sure you are going to heaven* because Christ delivered you from God's wrath. And one of the things that helps us remember Him and what He did for us is the Lord's Supper. Next, *Joshua* took 12 stones from the middle of the river and made a memorial *there*, where the priests' feet stood. They were types of Christ (Heb.3:1). Israel's priests offered *animal* sacrifices, but Christ offered *Himself* as a sacrifice (Heb.10:11,12). Priests *could never sit down* because people kept sinning, and bringing them animals to sacrifice to *pay* for their sins. But after Christ ascended into heaven, He sat down at God's right hand to prove His work was *finished*. Joshua 4:10 says Joshua parked those memorial stones where the priests stood "until everything was *finished* that the Lord commanded Joshua." The work of the priests that day was a type of *the finished work of Christ* (cf. John 19: 30). He finished all the work needed to pay for our sins.

When Israel's *high priest* offered sacrifices, he wore an ephod that had "stones of memorial" on it, bearing the names of Israel's 12 tribes (Ex.28:1-12). That symbolized how—as far as anyone knew—Christ was only supposed to die *for Jews* (Isa.53:5,8; Mt.1:21; 20:28). The apostle Paul revealed the mystery that He would die for Gentiles too (ITim.2:5,6).

The Jews "hasted" to cross the river (Josh.4:10) because a raging river is a *fearsome* thing. But drowning wasn't the only thing they feared, as we see when 40,000 armed Jews led the crossing (Josh.4:12,13). They were anticipating the *battle* they'd encounter from the demonic giants who dwelt in Canaan, who did not want them to inherit their land. As we saw in our study of Chapter 1, those two and a half tribes were types of Old Testament saints who will rise from the dead to lead the charge against Antichrist and his

armies at Armageddon, so saved Jews can enter the kingdom.

Did you ever wonder why God didn't tell *Moses* to put a stone memorial in the midst of the Red Sea after they crossed it? It's because God's enemies "sank into the bottom *as a stone*" (Ex.15:4,5; Neh.9:11). They always sink *to rise no more* (Jer.51:63,64; Rev.18:21), so there was no stone memorial on the shore to commemorate their resurrection either!

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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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