

## Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

February 20, 2022

### Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Joshua 5:1-15 *Ray Seiler*

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *The Second Circumcision of Israel*  
(Joshua 5:1-15)

### Announcements

**Our church board of directors** welcomes Al Klepper as our newest member. Please pray for him as he learns to help us direct our ministry in the area of material things.

**Oscar Ochoa Jr.** will teach Adult Sunday School next Sunday, as Assistant Pastor Paul Balbach III speaks at *Grace Bible Church* of Bowler, Wisconsin.

**Sue Ostrowski** would like to share Ed's neckties and tie clips with the men of our church. Please look them over, help yourself, and then thank Sue for her kindness.

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

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

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

These two and a half tribes (v.12,13) raised cattle, so they asked Moses if they could live on the cattle-country side of the Jordan, instead of the side God wanted Israel to live on. Joshua reminded them that they promised to lead the charge across the river to attack Canaan's giants (Josh.1:12-15).

These tribes already had "rest" (1:12-15) from their enemies (cf.Deut.12:10), for the Jews killed all the giants east of Jor-dan. But they couldn't "enjoy" their rest (Josh.1:15) until they helped the other tribes get *their* rest from the giants west of the river. That makes those two and a half tribes *types* of the Old Testament saints who are resting *in death*, in "peace" from their enemies (Isa.57:1,2), but won't be allowed to *en-joy* that rest until they rise from the dead and lead Israel's charge against her enemies at Armageddon, as pictured here.

The Jews were freed of their enemies *in Egypt*, but they wouldn't be *completely* free of their enemies until they crossed Jordan and defeated *those* enemies. Kind of like how we were freed *from our sins* when we believed, but we won't be *completely* free of them until the Rapture. But Joshua 4 isn't a *type* of that. There are no types of the dispensation of grace, which was "hid *in God*" and not in the types (Eph.3:1-8,9). But there's a *parallel* here to the Rapture, the culmination of our salvation (Rom.13:11), because salvation is something we have in common with Is-rael. Just as Canaan's giants tried to keep the Jews from inheriting their land, at the Rapture we'll have to rise to meet the Lord in the air governed by Satan's host (Eph.2:2), who will try to keep us from *our* inheritance. "The dead in Christ shall rise first" into the air to lead the charge against them (IThes.4:16). "Michael" (v.16) the

archangel (Jude 1:9) is the commander of God's armies (cf.Rev.12:7-9), and *trumps* (IThes.4:16) are associated with battle (Num.10:9).

God magnified Joshua when He parted the Jordan for him, as He magnified Moses when He parted the Red Sea for *him*, typifying how God magnified *the law* of Moses 1500 years, then magnified Christ. The Jews followed Moses, but didn't fulfill the type and follow Christ when the wind and waves obeyed *Him* (Ex.14:21cf.Mt.8:26). They will someday!

The priests holding back that flooded river had to be *told* to leave (Josh.4:15-17) because they *loved* holding back its wrath, a type of how the Lord loved holding back God's wrath on our sins on the cross. Psalm 40:5 predicted He'd "delight" in offering His body for our sins (Heb.10:5-7). The priests could have left at any time, but didn't (cf.Mt.26:53).

The salvation of the Jews began when they left Egypt the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the first month (Ex.12:2,3), and ended the same day 40 years later (Josh.4:19). Since the passover lamb was a type of Christ, He's the beginning and end of salvation for Jews (Heb.12:2;Rev.1:8,17) and us (ICor.5:7). He began our salvation when we believed, and will finish it at the Rapture.

Later, some men of these two and a half tribes swam the flooded Jordan "to make David king...with a perfect heart" (IChron.12:8,15,38), a type of how the Old Testament saints will lead future Jews across Jordan (Isa.1:15) to defeat the beast and make Christ king in the kingdom (Ezek.36:24-26).

We know these 12 stones were types of Israel's 12 tribes, because in writing to them, Peter called them "lively stones" (IPet.2:5). Those memorial stones had the law

written on them (Deut.27:2), and so will those future Jews (Jer.31:33).

John baptized in Bethabara (John 1:28), i.e., "place of the ford," where the Jews crossed Jordan (Josh.2:7). So he said God could make *true* children of Abraham (Mt.3:9) out of *those* stones, the ones with the law on them. Also, the stones the Lord said would cry out (Luke 19:35-40) might have been those stones with the law written on them, for the law had been crying out about Christ for 1500 years *in the types*.

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February 20, 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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