

Sermon Series – “The History of Redemption”

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Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:1-3

The time had come for the new leader _____ to assume the role of undershepherd, himself now directly communicating *with* _____ as Moses had, albeit not “face to face.” It was his responsibility to lead God’s people through the _____ river at a time when its crossing was most precarious. How would this be accomplished? What lessons are there for us as we study this final leg of Israel’s _____ as they arrive into the promised land. How will we see _____ in these pages of the story? Let us pray as we study.

Ready to Cross Jordan?

1. What notable quality fitted Joshua to be Israel’s next leader and _____? *Deut. 34:9*
2. How was the report of the _____ scouts a sign of God’s favor? *Josh. 2:8-11*
3. What must the people do so as not to _____ this final step? *Josh. 3:4-6*
4. When it came to crossing, how important was it to obey and _____ do it?” v 9-12
5. What was to be used to _____ Israel’s memory of what God did there? *Josh. 4:1-7*
6. What _____ await those who will cross over to the Land of Promise? *Josh 5:10-12*

Heathen nations had reproached the Lord and His people because the Hebrews had failed to take possession of Canaan, as they expected, soon after leaving Egypt. Their enemies had triumphed because Israel had wandered so long in the wilderness, and they had mockingly declared that the God of the Hebrews was not able to bring them into the Promised Land. The Lord had now signally manifested His power and favor in opening the Jordan before His people, and their enemies could no longer reproach them.

“On the fourteenth day of the month at even,” the Passover was celebrated on the plains of Jericho. “And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan.” The long years of their desert wanderings were ended. *The feet of Israel were at last treading the Promised Land.*

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 486

Are you ready to cross over the Jordan into the Promised Land?