

MARCH 5

Read Joshua 4-5

CHAPTER 4

AND it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,

2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:

5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

6 That this may be a sign

among you, *that* when your children ask *their fathers* in time to come, saying, What *mean* ye by these stones?

7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

10 ¶ For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jor-

dan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over.

11 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them:

13 About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.

14 ¶ On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,

16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan.

18 And it came to pass, when

the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, *and* the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before.

19 ¶ And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

20. And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

CHAPTER 5

AND it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

2 ¶ At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this *is* the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel

walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

7 And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened

cakes, and parched *corn* in the self-same day.

12 ¶ 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 that year.

13 ¶ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn

in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And he said, Nay; but *as* captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy. And Joshua did so.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 3 covers the miracle of the crossing of the Jordan River. In it we see the people sanctified (verses 1-5); Joshua magnified (verses 6-8); the Lord glorified (verses 9-13); and the Word verified (verses 14-17).

The Ark of the Covenant symbolized the presence of God. It went before the people to lead them, and it was kept in the midst of the river until all the nation passed over. Christ always goes before His people and opens the way, but the people had to sanctify themselves and be ready, for God was going to lead them in a new way (verse 4).

Two memorials are built in chapter 4—one by the twelve chosen men on the bank of the river, and the other by Joshua in the midst of the river. They were to be memorials of the crossing. The twelve stones on the bank of the Jordan came out of the midst of the river (verse 8), as evidence that God did part the waters and take His people safely across. The twelve hidden stones in the midst of the river could be seen only by God, but they also spoke of Israel's wonderful crossing.

The main lesson of these chapters is that there can be no conquest without death to self (crossing the Jordan) and identification with Christ's resurrection (the two memorials of stone). Before the Jews could gain victory over the enemy, they had to experience victory over sin and self (circumcision). Before we, as Christians, can enjoy a victorious Christian life

we must put away sin of the flesh and allow God to completely control our lives.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked" (Proverbs 10:3).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 10: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

JOHN CIMBURA
MATTHEW DRUSKOVICH
GLORIA DAY CANTLY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

RAY AND KAY RODRIGUEZ

HYMN FOR TODAY

THY WORD IS LIKE A GARDEN, LORD
by Edwin Hodder, 1837-1904

For the child of God, the daily reading of the Scriptures is the nourishment of the soul. The Bible's value has been described in many ways as the trav-

eller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Someone has offered this sage advice regarding the use of the Bible: "Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure."

Abraham Lincoln said, "Read this book for whatever you can accept and take the rest on faith. You will live and die a better man."

Although just a lay amateur writer in England, Edwin Hodder was also impressed with the miraculous quality of the Bible. So in this hymn, first published in 1863, Hodder paints comparative pictures that both young and old can understand easily. Verse one begins with the thought that even casual seekers can find something from God's written landscape that will beautify their lives merely by "plucking a lovely cluster." Stanza one continues to say, however, that it is not enough to be casual in this garden of beauty. Rather, we must earnestly search and dig into its mighty depths for "jewels rich and rare."

Verse two extends the thought further that God's word, like the starry host, is fathomless in giving guidance for life's journey. Finally, the hymn reminds us that there is an earnestness confronting each believer in the form of a warfare against sin and unrighteousness. For this battle we require the aid of God's holy word.

*Thy word is like a garden, Lord, with flowers bright
and fair;
and ev'ryone who seeks may pluck a lovely cluster
there.*

*Thy word is like a deep, deep mine, and jewels rich and
rare
are hidden in its mighty depths for ev'ry searcher there.*

*Thy word is like a starry host—A thousand rays of light
are seen to guide the traveler and make his pathway
bright.*

*Thy word is like an armory where soldiers may repair
and find, for life's long battle-day, all needful weapons
there.*

*O may I love Thy precious word, may I explore the
mine;
may I its fragrant flowers glean, may light upon me
shine.*

*O may I find my armor there, Thy word my trusty
sword!*

I'll learn to fight with ev'ry foe the battle of the Lord!

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1770

THE DATE OF THE BOSTON MASSACRE.

1806

ELIZABETH BROWNING WAS BORN.

Elizabeth Browning was an invalid. It is said that she could not even lift her head. Robert Browning came to see her one day, and she fell in love with him and he with her. On his second visit, she sat up in bed. On his third visit, she eloped with him. It is amazing, is it not, what love can do and what strength can be derived from its power.

1933

**THE ORDINATION OF THE WELL KNOWN
EVANGELIST, PASTOR, RADIO PREACHER,
DR. J. HAROLD SMITH.**

This servant of God has been preaching the Gospel for many years. For years he has been an outstanding preacher. He has directed the Radio Bible Hour over the Mexican Station XERF for many, many years. Perhaps he is best known because of his radio ministry. Because of this, let us turn our attention today toward radio preachers. There are many nationwide radio broadcasts and many local broadcasts. I know that radio preachers need your help. They need your support. Pray for your favorite radio preachers today. Write them letters and send them an offering for the carrying on of the radio ministry. Also, thank God for the ministry of J. Harold Smith and other evangelists and preachers who carry the message of hope to the lost world.

1953

THE DEATH OF JOSEPH STALIN.

Though Lenin is dead and Stalin is dead, the satanic philosophy of communism is very much alive. We must pray and work to stop its spread across the world.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1770

**CRISPUS ATTUCKS WAS THE FIRST OF FIVE
PERSONS KILLED IN BOSTON MASSACRE.**

Some historians have called him the first martyr of the American Revolution.

1875

BLANCHE KELSO BRUCE SWORN IN AS A U.S.

SENATOR. Mississippi politician was the first black to serve a full term in the Senate. His term ended on March 3, 1881.

1897
AMERICAN NEGRO ACADEMY FOUNDED.

1981
U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTED ATLANTA SOME \$1 MILLION to finance mental health and social programs in the wake of a mysterious series of abductions and slayings involving at least twenty-two black youths.

The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS:

GOD'S SUPREME SACRIFICE

(Assignment 10)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV.com page.)

His Son's death on the cross became our:

Sin-bearer.

() 1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Substitute.

() 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Sacrifice.

() Isaiah 53:5 (Isa. 53:6, 10)

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Sin-offering.

() 2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Redeemer.

() Galatians 3:13

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree: