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SCRIPTURES

- Joshua 1-4
- Galatians 4:19
- Matthew 24:34

BAPTISM ON DRY GROUND

- Death
- Burial
- Resurrection

A herald is going out to the Church calling all Christians to radical, grace-empowered, faith-based obedience—obedience to God that will overtake every aspect of your life. The time has come to answer this mysterious prophetic question. What will it take to become perfect, to reach the stature and fullness of Christ? Asked another way: how will Christ become fully formed in you?

Unraveling this mystery has been a problem avoided for centuries—and when any attempt is made to solve it, the most common solution is death. We must literally die to become like Christ!

We have become convinced that the only way to reach Paul's lofty goal, "Imitate me as I Imitate Christ," to emulate the perfect life of Christ, is to die. That strange doctrine alone is responsible for more Christians living excuse-filled lives than any other. In other words, being alive is the perfect excuse to sin. This has become

ingrained into Christian thinking; “Why even consider Christlike perfection when I have the perfect excuse to remain imperfect? Since sin is a forgone conclusion, while I live and breathe, I can’t be expected or responsible to truly become like Christ. There is no practical plan for humanity to exercise complete power over sin on this side of eternity. There’s no way for me to stop sinning until I’m dead. Therefore, to become like Jesus is reserved for the afterlife, or more precisely, it is an after-death experience.”

King David did something 3000 years ago that few other men in history would dare to do. His approach should shed some light on God’s heart to change those erroneous assumptions about sin! Maybe there is an actual plan for humans to achieve what Christ commanded. “You shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” What did David do? He anticipated what God desired and was bold enough to declare it out loud, before we see any evidence that God told him to do so! Might we do the same?

Let’s get personal! What could you accomplish for God if you could foresee His divine plan—in advance, and if you were willing to act on that plan, regardless of how crazy it might seem or how risky it might be? You see, something else happened once David proved he was willing. It was astonishing, and it would not have happened otherwise. God downloaded the blueprints of His plan to the king! Might He do the same for you?

This year we will answer many questions, as we examine the magnificent prophetic framework of the Bible. As we download God's blueprints and decode His plan, we will learn to decipher the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven—Christlikeness heading the top of our list. On our voyage to the edge of the promised land, we have thus far journeyed from captivity, through the wilderness, and now we find ourselves standing on the bank of the Jordan. It is time to cross over into your inheritance.

What is Christianity's ultimate inheritance, its promised land? And, what will it take for you to cross your Jordan? It's going to take unshakable faith, the faith of a giant slayer with the heart of David, infused with grace and moved by the Holy Spirit. Are you willing to proclaim the unthinkable with the faith of a man after God's own heart? What you will uncover is the secret that holds back the waters. Then, you can step into the river and cross over on dry ground!

You must, at this moment in history, consider your duty and calling. What is your job description in the prophetic journey of mankind? What is your role in bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth? For 2000 years we've prayed, "On earth as it is in heaven." But now, the time is urgent... "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." You are about to be revealed!

What is Christianity's promised land? It's Christlikeness; it's that on this side of the grave you no longer live in your body, but Christ lives in you, the hope of glory. And that at some prophetic moment in time, it will be the fullness of Christ in you—perfection. That is the promised land and that is where we are going.

Come—let's go on a journey together to unlock extraordinary mysteries. Discover that the impossible is possible. Step into the dry riverbed and walk over to your ultimate destiny. Then, take part in the most exciting events the world has ever known. "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

PROPHETIC SEED:

"Every place that **the sole of your foot will tread** upon I have given you, as I said to Moses." Joshua 1:3 NKJV

"**No man shall be able to stand before you** all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you." Joshua 1:5 NKJV

"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may **observe to do according to all the law** which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, **that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth**, but you shall **meditate in it day and night**, that

you may **observe to do according to all that is written in it.** For then you will make your way **prosperous**, and then you will have **good success.**" Joshua 1:7-8 NKJV

"So the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan **until everything was finished** that the Lord had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; **and the people hurried and crossed over.**" Joshua 4:10 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

"But **to what shall I liken this generation?** It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, and saying: '**We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not lament.**'" Matthew 11:16-17 NKJV

"So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, **you will say to this mountain,** 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and **nothing will be impossible for you.**" Matthew 17:20 NKJV

"My little children, for whom **I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you.**" Galatians 4:19 NKJV

"Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation** will by no means pass away till all these things take place." Matthew 24:34 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

Introduction to Joshua

1. After 40 years wandering in the wilderness because of their disobedience and lack of faith, the next generation is finally ready to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land. For all Christians everywhere, who read these words and sense the mantle of Joshua on their lives, "May we now cross the Jordan into our Promised Land." **For them it was Canaan; for us it is Christlikeness!** For all, it will take the faith that moves mountains. *"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* (Joshua 1:9) For this, *"My little children, I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,"* (Galatians 4:19)
 - (a) **Prophetic Alert:** Only one generation was required to bear the iniquity of their fathers in the wilderness, as opposed **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations.*
 - (1) *"You shall not make for yourself a carved image [precisely what they are guilty of doing later in Exodus 32 with the golden calf]—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them*

*nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, ***visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations** of those who hate Me,” Exodus 20:4-5 NKJV*

(b) The reality that only one generation in the wilderness was required to bear the iniquity of the fathers is a prophetic jewel not to be ignored. And it is Y’shua’s words for us at the end of the age in Matthew 24:34 that reveal who is that generation; **this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.*

(1) *“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, **when you see all these things, know that it is near**—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, ***this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”*

Matthew 24:32-35 NKJV

2. **Prophetic Challenge:** When you see *“all these things, you know that it is near.”* We are near, so what things should we be seeing? Who is that generation? How and why do they bypass carrying the curse to the third and fourth generation? What curse are they shedding? And what must they become and how

do they become it? These will be the themes we will explore throughout the book of Joshua! What God has called His church to become is more than you can imagine. There are no idle words in the Bible and there are no promises God will not keep. *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory **which shall be revealed in us.**”* Romans 8:18 NKJV

Joshua 1

3. **Yahweh Commissions Joshua:** Moses is dead. Now, cross the Jordan into the Promised Land.
4. Every place you step your feet is yours and no one will be able to stop you, because I am going with you.
5. Here is a guarantee...I will not leave you nor forsake you. I will go with you wherever you go. Therefore:
 - (a) Be strong and of good courage... divide the land
 - (b) Be strong and very courageous... obey every commandment.
 - (c) Be strong and of good courage... do not be afraid.
6. About the Book of the Law:
 - (a) You shall never forget it.
 - (b) You shall meditate in it day and night.
 - (c) You shall observe everything written in it.
 - (d) If so, then you will be prosperous and have good success.

7. **The Order to Cross the Jordan:** Joshua tells the leaders to inform the people to prepare provisions. They have three days to get ready to cross over.
8. **To the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh:**
9. Make sure you keep your promise...
 - (a) You had asked for land on the east side of the Jordan as your inheritance because it was spacious and more conducive for raising your abundant livestock... “...*let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not take us over the Jordan.*” Numbers 32:5 (See all of Numbers 32)
 - (b) God made a deal with you. You can leave your wives and children on this side, but you must cross over in front of the other tribes and fight with them until they have victory.
 - (c) Then you can come back and settle the land on this side.
 - (d) Joshua warns them that if they renege, they will die.

Joshua 2

10. **Rahab and the Spies:** Joshua sends two spies ahead to survey the land, especially Jericho.
11. They get a room in the house of a harlot named Rahab.
 - (a) The king of Jericho discovers that men have come to spy the land and that they are lodging at Rahab’s place.
 - (b) He sends officers to capture them at Rahab’s house.
 - (c) She admits that they had come, but...

12. **The lie:** The spies already left before the city gates were shut for the night. She says she has no idea where they went, and recommends they pursue quickly before they get away for good.
13. **The truth:** She hid them in stalks of flax on the roof.
14. Then officers leave to pursue the spies. And as soon they leave and the city gates are shut behind them, Rahab and the spies strike a deal.
15. First Rahab stipulates...
- (a) The Lord has given you this land.
 - (b) Terror of you has fallen on all our inhabitants.
 - (c) We know the testimonies about the Red Sea and what God does to your enemies.
 - (d) So...no one has the courage to fight you.
 - (e) "We know that your God is the true God of heaven and earth." *(This is the counterpart of a New Testament confession of faith! You have the one true God and I want to be on His side!)*
16. **The deal:** since I have shown you kindness, you can show me kindness by sparing (*redeeming, saving*) my entire family when you invade.
17. The spies agree: our lives for yours.
- (a) You tell no one about us and what we are doing here, and we will spare your family when we come to take over.

- (b) But, everyone you wish to *save* must be in your house when we attack. If they are out in the streets we can't guarantee their safety (*salvation*).
- (c) And, you must tie this scarlet cord (*blood of the lamb over the doorpost*) in your window, so our army knows whose household to spare.
- (d) And, if at any time you try to expose us, the deal is off!
- (e) She agrees and lowers them from her roof to safety.
- (f) She advises them to hide in the mountains for three days, until their pursuers have returned to the city.

18. The spies return safely to Joshua with their reconnaissance report: *"Truly the Lord has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us."*

Joshua 3

19. **Israel Crosses the Jordan:** After three days of preparation...

20. Specific Instructions

- (a) **Officers to the people:** *"When you see the ark of the covenant and the priests (Levites) moving it, get up and follow it. Keep a safe distance since you have no idea where you are going."*
- (b) **Joshua to the people:** *"Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."*

- (c) **Joshua to the priests:** *“Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people.”*
- (d) **The Lord to Joshua:** *“Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel. They will know I am with you, as I was with Moses. Command the priests who carry the ark to come to the edge of the Jordan and stand in the water.”*
- (e) **Joshua to people:** *“Here is proof that God will do everything He promised without fail.”*
 - (1) The ark will go before you into the Jordan.
 - (2) Separate twelve men, one man from every tribe of Israel. They will play a critical role once the following happens...
 - (3) As soon as the soles of the feet of the priests carrying the ark touch the waters of the Jordan, the river will stop flowing from upstream.
 - (4) The water will build up like a wall on the upstream side (even though it is flood season), and it will be dry downstream from that spot onward.

21. Outcome

- (a) As the priests dip their feet in the edge of the water, the waters stand still.
- (b) The priests find themselves standing firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan.
- (c) And all of Israel is able to cross over on dry ground.

Joshua 4

22. **The Memorial Stones:** Once the people had completely crossed over the Jordan...

23. Special Observation: Two Sets of Stones

- (a) Careful reading of Joshua 4 reveals that there are actually TWO SETS of 12 memorial stones.
- (b) Both sets are collected from the same spot, where the priests originally entered the water.
- (c) One set is collected by the 12 men who had been separated to do so. The other set is collect by Joshua.
- (d) The 12 stones collected by the 12 men are carried to the Promised Land side of the Jordan and set up as a memorial in Gilgal.
- (e) The 12 stones collected by Joshua are set up as a memorial **at the spot where the priests had dipped their toes in the water** on the wilderness side of the Jordan.
- (f) As you will see, both sets are there as reminders to future generations of the miracle that took place at the Jordan crossing.

24. In the narrative:

- (a) The twelve men, who were separated, each take a stone from the spot where the priests were standing firm, holding back the water.

- (b) They carry those stones to the other side of the river where the people had gathered to camp that night.
- (c) This must be complete before the priests come across.
- (d) What do these stones mean to you? They will serve as a reminder of what happened here today.
- (e) Then Joshua sets up ANOTHER twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, at the spot where the feet of the priests who bore the ark stood.
- (f) The priests stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished, as the people hurried and crossed over.
- (g) When all the people had completely crossed over, the ark and the priests crossed over in the presence of the people.
- (h) The men of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh had crossed over with their brothers as promised.
- (i) The Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they revered him, as they had Moses.

25. The flow of Jordan returns:

- (a) **The Lord to Joshua:** "Command the priests to come up from the Jordan."
- (b) When their feet touched the dry ground of the Promised Land, the waters of the Jordan released and began flowing, and even overflowed its banks as before.

- (c) They camped in Gilgal and Joshua set up those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan.
- (d) **Joshua to the children of Israel:** “When your children ask, what are these stones?” Tell them that Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land; for Yahweh dried up the waters of the Jordan just as He done at the Red Sea crossing 40 years earlier.
- (e) Why? So all the peoples of the earth would know that Yahweh is mighty, and that they should fear Him forever.

DEATH (The East Bank of the Jordan)

1. The Herald

A. Prophetic Moments in History

(1) The Moment David Changed History

- (a) There are prophetic moments in time when God reveals new things to His children that He has not revealed previously in the written word!

1. “Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, **and the Lord had given him rest** from all his enemies all around, that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “**See now**, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains.” **Then Nathan said** to the king, “**Go, do all that is in your**

heart, for the Lord is with you.”” II Samuel 7:1-3

NKJV

2. “Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, **have I ever spoken a word to anyone** from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, **saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’”** II Samuel 7:7 NKJV
3. ““When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, **I will set up your seed after you**, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **He shall build a house for My name**, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.” II Samuel 7:12-13 NKJV
 - a) When His children recognize something new that is on God’s heart, and declare it into the earth, Yahweh says, “Exactly! You got it! That is precisely what I want you to do!”
 - b) This is what happened when David conceived to build the Temple! It was the next phase in God’s progressive revelation from the Tabernacle in the wilderness, to Solomon’s Temple (David conceived it and planned it, but Solomon built it), to humans

who would one day be designated the Temple of the Holy Spirit (See I Corinthians 6:19-20).

- c) In other words, God's prophetic plan for mankind was unfolding and His desire for man's partnership and participation in that plan was unfolding right alongside it!

(2) Human Initiative Partners

- (a) We are intended to be God's human initiative partners.

1. **"For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know them."** II Samuel 7:21 NKJV

- a) The partnership looks like this: 99.99% God and .01% human. And your .01% is fulfilled when you are 100% available.
- b) David was fully aware that the revelation he received was from Yahweh; his role was to be available to hear it and then to act upon it!
- c) Please see [Available](#) if you have not yet studied it.

(3) First the revelation, then the plans!

- (a) David not only had the revelation to build a Temple for the Lord, but God then downloaded the plans to him, in every detail. That is what we need from God now, as we aim to participate in God's prophetic plan for mankind.

1. **“Then David gave his son Solomon the plans** for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things; ... **“All this,”** said David, **“the Lord made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans.”**” I Chronicles 28:11-12, 19 NKJV

- a) Please see [The End of the Beginning](#) as support for this message.
- b) In this Biblical Feast Year, October 2022–October 2023 (Fall to Fall), we aim to decipher God’s plan and make it plain for people to see and understand.

(4) Other notable prophetic moments in history

(a) Noah

1. **The Revelation:** “And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.” Genesis 6:13 NKJV

2. **The Plan:** “**Make yourself an ark** of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. **And this is how you shall make it...**” Genesis 6:14-15 NKJV

- a) The Revelation: God tells Noah that He is about to put an end to mankind.
- b) The Plan: Then God tells Noah to build an ark and he gives him the exact blueprints.
- c) However, unlike David, Noah did not discern God’s heart in advance!

(b) Moses

1. **The Revelation:** “Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **And the Angel of the Lord appeared** to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, “**I will now turn aside and see this great sight,** why the bush does not burn.” So when **the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him** from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, **for the place where you stand is holy ground.**” Moreover He said, “I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. And the Lord said: “**I have surely seen the oppression of My people** who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. **So I have come down to deliver them** out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.” Exodus 3:1-9 NKJV

2. **The Plan: “Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”** But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” So

He said, "I will certainly be with you. And **this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you:** When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.'" (Exodus 3:10-12) But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go." Exodus 3:19-20 NKJV

- a) The Revelation: The Angel of the Lord appears to Moses and he is curious enough to check it out, and because he does so, God tells him what is on His heart.
- b) The Plan: Then God tells Moses exactly where to go and what to do.
- c) However, unlike David, Moses did not discern God's heart in advance!

B. If you hear His voice...

- (1) Are you listening?
 - (a) Tell me Lord...what is on Your heart!
 1. **"I will stand my watch** And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. Then

the Lord answered me and said: **“Write the vision
And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who
reads it.** For the vision is yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though
it tarries, wait for it; **Because it will surely come, It
will not tarry.”** Habakkuk 2:1-3 NKJV

- a) Be watchful
- b) What is on God’s heart.
- c) Are you willing to act upon it, even write it down and tell others?

(b) The Burden

1. **“The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw. O
Lord, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear?
Even cry out to You, “Violence!” And You will not
save. Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to
see trouble? For **plundering** and **violence** are before
me; There is **strife**, and **contention** arises. Therefore
the **law is powerless**, And **justice never goes forth**.
For the **wicked surround the righteous**; Therefore
perverse judgment proceeds.” Habakkuk 1:1-4 NKJV**

- a) Do you have a burden?
- b) Are you paying attention to the what God wants to do in the earth?

(c) The Reply

1. ““Look among the nations and watch— **Be utterly astounded!** For **I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you.**” Habakkuk 1:5 NKJV

a) God is about to do something so astonishing that you would not believe it if He told you!

b) Maybe you are supposed to sense it in advance and tell Him you know what it is!

c) Then you might not be so shocked!

d) See Habakkuk Teachings

1. [How Long Shall I Cry?](#) (Habakkuk 1)

2. [Stand Watch and See](#) (Habakkuk 2)

3. [A Prophet's Testimony and Song](#) (Habakkuk 3)

(2) Obey...don't harden your hearts

(a) Hebrews and David

1. “Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, **again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,”** after such a long time, as it has been said: **“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.”**” Hebrews 4:6-7 NKJV

- a) See [The End of the Beginning](#) Section: *Something more...Hebrews 4 like never before!* (pages 39-47)
Learn what it means to not harden your heart.
- b) So, today... Hear His voice and DO NOT harden your hearts!

C. The Mysteries of the Kingdom

(1) What should we be listening to hear and who are they for?

(a) The Gospel of the Kingdom

1. “And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” {11} He answered and said to them, “**Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.** For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. **Therefore I speak to them in parables,** because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and **not perceive**; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes

they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, **I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.**" Matthew 13:10-17 NKJV

- a) What is it that you should be able to see, hear, perceive and understand?
- b) Answer: The Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven

(2) The Mystery of Two Gospels

(a) The Gospel of Salvation

1. "For I determined not to know anything among you except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**" I Corinthians 2:2 NKJV

(b) The Gospel of the Kingdom

1. "However, we speak **wisdom among those who are mature**, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But **we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery**, the **hidden**

wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory," I Corinthians 2:6-7 NKJV

- a) The simple Gospel of Salvation: Christ crucified
- b) The complex Gospel of the Kingdom: The hidden wisdom of God for the mature!

(c) The Journey and the Destination (Baptism)

1. "Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. **But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death** [*Egypt/Captivity/Death/East Bank of the Jordan*], even so **grace might reign through righteousness** to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 5:20-21 NKJV
2. "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! **How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?"** Romans 6:1-2 NKJV
3. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?** Therefore **we were buried with Him** [*Wilderness/Freedom/Burial/Dry Riverbed*] **through baptism** into death, that **just as Christ was raised from the dead** by the glory of the Father, **even so we**

also should walk in newness of life [*Canaan/
Promised Land/Resurrection/West Bank of the
Jordan*].” Romans 6:3-4 NKJV

4. “For if we have been united together **in the likeness
of His death** [*Egypt/Captivity/Death/East Bank of the
Jordan*], certainly **we also shall be in the likeness of
His resurrection**, [*Canaan/Promised Land/
Resurrection/West Bank of the Jordan*]” Romans 6:5
NKJV

- a) Starting point—Journey—Destination
- b) Egypt—Wilderness—Canaan
- c) Captivity (bondage)—Freedom—Promised Land
- d) Death—Burial—Resurrection
- e) East Bank—Dry Riverbed—West Bank
- f) Baptism: Death—Burial—Resurrection

(3) Proper perspectives

(a) The Rich Young Ruler

1. “Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, **what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?** [*Born Again—The Gospel of Salvation*]” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. **But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.** [*for*

Salvation?]” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “**If you want to be perfect** [*Christlikeness—The Gospel of the Kingdom*], **go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**” But when the young man heard that saying, **he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.** Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that **it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven** [*be perfect like Christ*]. And again I say to you, **it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God** [*be perfect like Christ*].” When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “**Who then can be saved?** [*wrong question*]” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “**With men this** [*If you want to be perfect...*]

is impossible, but with God all things are possible.””

Matthew 19:16-26 NKJV

- a) The real question being answered here is not about sins and eternal redemption. It is about what it takes to be perfect...”to enter the kingdom.”
- b) Those attached to their earthly possessions (current beliefs) will have a difficult time going all-in for God. *“It is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven”*
- c) Why? Because he spends more time, energy, resources and attention on his own concerns and desires than he does the the things of God! *“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”*
- d) Why? The eye of a needle is the small hole in the wall of a city that you can hand small objects through, without having to open the city gate, as opposed to merchants bringing their goods in on the back of camels.
- e) If you are so enamored with your way of life that it consumes your every ounce of energy, then God becoming your top priority will be as difficult as it

would be to squeeze a giant beast through a small hole in a city wall.

(4) Christlikeness is the ultimate destination...

(a) I labor until... (“The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry”)

1. “My little children, for whom **I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,**” Galatians 4:19 NKJV

(5) The Mystery of Two Generations: Who will enter the Promised Land?

(a) **Prophetic Alert:** Only one generation was required to bear the iniquity of their fathers in the wilderness, as opposed to **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations.*

1. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, ***visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations** of those who hate Me,” Exodus 20:4-5 NKJV

- a) Don't make a carved image! This is precisely what they are guilty of doing later in Exodus 32 with the golden calf.
- (b) **Prophetic Challenge:** When you see *“all these things, you know that it is near.”*
 - 1. “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, **when you see all these things, know that it is near—** at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, ***this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” Matthew 24:32-35 NKJV
 - a) We are near, so what things should we be seeing?
 - b) Who is that generation?
 - c) How and why do they bypass carrying the curse to the third and fourth generation?
 - d) What curse are they shedding?
 - e) And what must they become and how do they become it?

- f) These will be the themes we will explore in this study, throughout the book of Joshua, and this entire next year!
 - g) What God has called His church to become is more than you can imagine.
 - h) There are no idle words in the Bible and there are no promises God will not keep. *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory **which shall be revealed in us.**”* Romans 8:18 NKJV
 - i) The reality that only one generation in the wilderness was required to bear the iniquity of the fathers is a prophetic jewel not to be ignored.
 - j) And it is Y’shua’s words for us at the end of the age in Matthew 24:34 that reveal who is that generation; **this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.*
- (6) The five year plan
- (a) **“When you come into the land**, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as uncircumcised. **Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you.** It shall not be eaten. **But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, a praise to the Lord** /see:

*“Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” Joshua 3:5]. And **in the fifth year you may eat its fruit, that it may yield to you its increase**: I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 19:23-25 NKJV*

(b) Layer upon layer!

1. Years 1-3: Captivity, Bondage, Uncircumcision, Ignorance
 - a) Standing on the edge of the river...a place of decision (consciousness)
2. Year 4: Freedom; Wilderness, Holy Ground, Preparation
 - a) Stepping into the river...a place of supernatural provision (childhood)
3. Year 5: Promised Land, Fruit, Destination
 - a) Stepping out of the river...a place of personal responsibility (adulthood)

D. Transition

(1) From Deuteronomy to Joshua

(a) Moses is not going into the river; Joshua is!

(Deuteronomy 31:1-3)

(b) **To Israel:** Be strong and of good courage; Yahweh is going with you! (Deuteronomy 31:6)

- (c) **To Joshua:** Be strong and of good courage; Yahweh is going with you! (Deuteronomy 31:7-8)
 - (d) **Yahweh to Moses:** Take one last look at the promised land from the wilderness before you die... (Deuteronomy 32:48-52)
 - (e) **Last verses of Deuteronomy:** Moses lays hands on Joshua so the people would obey him as they did Moses. But let's be clear; there will never be another Moses! (Deuteronomy 34:9-12)
- (2) Prepare yourself...
- (a) **Joshua to the People:** it's time to step into the river!
 1. **"Sanctify yourselves,** for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.'" Joshua 3:5 NKJV
 2. Remember: **"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you,** as I said to Moses." Joshua 1:3 NKJV

BURIAL (The Dry Riverbed)

2. Dry Ground

A. Time to Cross Over...

- (1) Follow the anointing...
 - (a) When you see the priests and the ark moving—follow it! (Joshua 3:2-3)

- (b) This is all new to you, so keep some distance so you can pay attention to instructions—(Joshua 3:4)
- (c) Sanctify yourself, move right to the edge—tomorrow is the day! (Joshua 3:5)
- (d) **Joshua to the priests:** Pick up the ark and make sure the people can see you...the anticipation builds! (Joshua 3:6)
- (e) **Yahweh to Joshua:** Today is the day! With what is about to happen, the people will have no doubt that I am with you! (Joshua 3:7)
- (f) **Yahweh to Joshua:** Tell the priests that when they go to the edge of the river they should touch the waters with their feet! (Joshua 3:8)
- (g) **Joshua to the people:** God, without fail, WILL DO what HE PROMISED. You will see this when He destroys your enemies on the other side... (Joshua 3:10)
- (h) **Joshua to the people:** Behold, the ark is crossing over before you into the Jordan. (Joshua 3:11)
- (i) As soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark touch the waters of the Jordan, they will stop flowing and stand up like a wall of water. (Joshua 3:13)
- (j) Then it happened! The priests dipped their feet in the edge of the water (plus it was flood season—spring

harvest time), and the rushing waters stood still. (Joshua 3:15-16)

- (k) **Dry Ground:** The priests stood firm on dry ground until all Israel, crossed completely over the Jordan, on dry ground. (Joshua 3:17)

B. A Faithful Priesthood

- (1) The Priests (that is you in this picture) had to step in first, and that takes faith!
 - (a) Faith is doing something out of obedience, BEFORE you can see the results!
 - 1. “Now faith is **the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**” Hebrews 11:1 NKJV
- (2) Not enough faith (to step in the river)...
 - (a) The disciples did not have the faith to believe what they could not see (in this moment!)
 - 1. “**O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.**” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” {20} So Jesus said to them, “**Because of your unbelief;** for assuredly, I say to you, **if you have faith as a mustard**

seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”” Matthew 17:17-21 NKJV

- a) As we learned with the people on the edge the Jordan, they had to be prepared to step in with faith!
- b) *““Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, '**Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days** you will cross over this Jordan...” Joshua 1:11*
- c) *“So it was, **after three days**, that the officers went through the camp; and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.” Joshua 3:2-3*
- d) *“**Sanctify yourselves**, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” Joshua 3:5*
- e) You have to prepare yourself, and THEN STEP FIRST, before the mountains move or the water stands still!

C. Baptism (you have to step in by faith!)

(1) Take off your sandals, this is holy ground (dry ground)!

(a) Holy ground is Dry ground

1. “Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. **Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.**” Exodus 3:5 NKJV
2. “and as those....who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water...” (Joshua 3:15)
3. “Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and **all Israel crossed over on dry ground,** until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.” Joshua 3:17 NKJV

(2) Baptism on Dry Ground—they NEVER get wet! “***all Israel crossed over on dry ground***”

(a) Death (on the edge of the river)—Burial (going into the river)—Resurrection (coming out of the river)

1. “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death?** Therefore we were **buried** with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was **raised** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:3-4 NKJV

- a) You have to die to your old self, old beliefs, old ways!
- b) You have to step into the river by faith...
- c) Then you will be raised on the other side into a new life!

(3) Go do that and teach others to do that!

(a) Make disciples and baptize them with the Holy Spirit (on dry ground).

1. "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen." Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

(4) Two Baptisms

(a) Baptism of repentance by water; baptism of Spirit by the Name (Faith—dry ground)

1. "Then Paul said, "**John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance** *[water]*, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard

this, they were **baptized in the name** of the Lord Jesus [*Spirit*]. And when Paul had laid hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came upon them**, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.” Acts 19:4-6 NKJV

(5) Baptism Antitypes

(a) The Antitype of water baptism...

1. “who formerly were disobedient, when once the **Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah**, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were **saved through water**. There is also **an antitype which now saves us—baptism** (not the **removal of the filth of the flesh**, but the **answer of a good conscience** toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,” I Peter 3:20-21 NKJV

a) Antitype: a pattern, predictive symbol or image of the opposite to be a representative of a thing resembling its counterpart....coming from the Greek

- 1) **Anti**—denotes contrast, but direct correspondence to the former.
- 2) **Tupos**—a model or type forged by repetition based on a reliable precedent as predictive as a

stamp struck by a die, certain to make the exact impression.

(b) Baptism WITHOUT water is by the HOLY SPIRIT.

1. **Christ had both:** “When He **had been baptized**, Jesus came up immediately from the **water**; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the **Spirit** of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.” Matthew 3:16 NKJV

- a) The waters of the flood cleansed the earth (removed the filth of the flesh).
- b) The non-waters of baptism that now “saves us” is the remedy to cleanse the conscience.
- c) In other words, it is an antitype, one type of baptism saves with water, the other type of baptism saves without water.

(c) One type can cleanse the flesh, the other the conscience!

- 1. “how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?” Hebrews 9:14 NKJV
- 2. “For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, **can**

never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, **would have had no more consciousness** of sins." Hebrews 10:1-2 NKJV

- a) **Prophetic moment:** this is where we are heading, once we step out of the river on the other side of the Jordan!

(6) Circumcision Antitypes

- (a) Physical circumcision with hands; circumcision of the heart is made without hands and is symbolic of the non-water burial baptism (going into the river on dry ground).

- 1. "In Him you were also circumcised with the **circumcision made without hands**, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, **by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism**, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead." Colossians 2:11-12 NKJV

- (b) Circumcision of the Heart: Physical circumcision is of the law (is profitable and still stands) and equates to the

water baptism. But the non-physical circumcision is of the heart and cleanses the conscience like baptism of the Spirit (non-water baptism).

1. “for when Gentiles, **who do not have the law**, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the **work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness**, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)” Romans 2:14-15 NKJV
2. “For **circumcision is indeed profitable** if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, **will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?** And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? **For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the**

heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.” Romans 2:25-29 NKJV

- a) Circumcision of the heart, in the Spirit (aka: Baptism in the Spirit on dry ground!)

D. Memorial Stones

(1) You **MUST** remember what happened...

- (a) How else will you be able to extract the deeper meaning of this later on, if you forget the details?

1. “...when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan,“Take twelve men, Take twelve stones from the Jordan where the priests’ feet stood...carry them over and leave them [on the west bank].’ ””
Joshua 4:1-3 NKJV
2. “...a sign... **when your children ask ...‘What do these stones mean to you?’ ...the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark ...when it crossed over the Jordan, the ...”** Joshua 4:6-7 NKJV
3. “... **“When your children ask ...‘What are these stones?’ ...‘Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land’; ...that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.”**” Joshua 4:21-24 NKJV

1. When future generations ask about the stones, you tell them that Yahweh dried up the river during flood season so the people could cross over on dry ground.
2. It is symbolic of the journey and the destination, of death, burial and resurrection, of captivity, wilderness, promised land.
3. It is what happens when you step into the river (freedom) by faith and God moves waters, or mountains or ANYTHING!
4. It is the mystery of baptism on dry ground!

E. Transition from John to Y'shua (filling in missing puzzle pieces—deciphering mysteries!)

- (1) Think about the transition from the wilderness (John) to the Promised land (Christ)
 - (a) The Kingdom of heaven is at hand...
 1. "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”**” Matthew 3:1-2
NKJV
 - a) John points out toward Christ when he acknowledges the Kingdom.

- b) The Kingdom is when the fullness of the Spirit is manifesting in man (the full measure of Christ, Christ fully formed in man).
- (b) “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”
1. “...John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, **“Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”** Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. ...Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: **“What did you go out into the wilderness to see? ... A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.** For this is he of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, **Who will prepare Your way before You.**’” Matthew 11:1-10 NKJV
- a) The preparation prophet...and preparation is in the wilderness!
- (c) Some clarity on John the Baptist—his ministry and transition!

1. "And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that **Elijah must come first?**" Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, **Elijah *is coming first and will restore all things.** But I say to you that **Elijah has come already,** and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." **Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.**" Matthew 17:10-13 NKJV
2. "Now this is **the testimony of John**, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? **Are you Elijah?**" He said, "**I am not.**" "**Are you the Prophet?**" [*like Moses, Deut. 18:15-22*] And he answered, "**No.**" [*because that prophet is Elijah who *is coming*] Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" He said: "I am '**The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the Lord,**' ' as the prophet Isaiah said [*Isaiah 40:3*].'" John 1:19-23 NKJV

- a) Elijah is still coming.
- b) The spirit of Elijah has come (in John)
 - 1) **“He [John] will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘*to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”** Luke 1:17 NKJV
 - 2) **“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming [“Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” Mat. 17:10] of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will *turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”** Malachi 4:5-6 NKJV
- c) Is this starting to make sense! John comes first to point to the Kingdom in the Man! **“Repent [turn hearts], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”**
- (d) There is no greater ministry on earth than to point to the coming Messiah!
 - 1. **“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven**

is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now **the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.** For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, **he is Elijah who is to come.**" Matthew 11:11-14 NKJV

- a) Heading toward the first coming of Christ there is no greater ministry than John the Baptist (Baptism by water).
- b) After the first coming, everything is greater than that (Baptism by the Spirit!)
- c) The Kingdom of heaven within (the Kingdom at hand), the fullness of Christ within, something we **MUST BE** spiritually violent to obtain!

(2) The Kingdom of heaven is at hand...

(a) Christ emerged from the wilderness, after His baptism by water and Spirit, and after His preparation in the wilderness, with the **SAME** message!

1. "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

Matthew 4:17 NKJV

- a) The preparation is in the wilderness!

- b) But this time, instead of pointing out, He was pointing to Himself! He is the Kingdom within.
 - c) And that is the promised land we are heading toward!
- (b) Back to Matthew 11: Breaking Generational Curses!
1. “He who has ears to hear, let him hear! **But to what shall I liken this generation?** [*“O faithless and perverse generation [no faith], how long shall I be with you?” Matthew 17:17*] It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, and saying: **‘We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not lament.’**” Matthew 11:15-17 NKJV
 - a) The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. (Mat. 11:12)
 - b) But if you are not willing or able to engage in spiritual violence, then you are NOT the generation who will cross over the Jordan!
 - c) You will be likened to a generation who could not respond to the calling! *“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”* Matthew 5:48 NKJV

(c) That “wrong generation” missed the message of John and they missed Messiah!

1. “For **John came** neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ **The Son of Man came** eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ **But wisdom is justified by her children.**”” Matthew 11:18-19 NKJV

a) If they were the offspring of wisdom, they would not have missed it!

(d) The “right generation!”

1. “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, **when you see all these things, know that it is near—** at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, ***this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” Matthew 24:32-35 NKJV

a) There is a generation coming who will come out of the wilderness, ready to cross the final Jordan!

RESURRECTION (The West Bank of the Jordan)

3. The New Shore

A. Joshua: History and Allegory

(1) Picture this in you mind!

(a) The Historical Moment...Not JUST A STORY!!!

1. “and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and **the feet of the priests ...dipped in the edge of the water...the waters...stood still**, ...and were cut off; and **the people crossed over opposite Jericho**. Then **the priests ...stood firm on dry ground** in the midst of the Jordan; and **all Israel crossed over on dry ground**, ...completely...” Joshua 3:15-17 NKJV

- a) The priests step up to the overflowing river and in this prophetic moment in history touch their toes in the water.
- b) Then...this rushing, overflowing river JUST STOPS, and a massive wall of water heaps up on their right hand (the north side).
- c) It must have looked like a thousand fire hoses being blasted at them from behind a piece of glass, like they are standing in an Aquarium observing a giant wall of turbulent water!

- d) Remember, none of the elders, including the priests, (other than Joshua and Caleb) were alive at the parting of the Red Sea.
- e) Then, millions of people have to file through the passage as they stare at the wall of water blasting against an invisible barrier on their right side.
- f) Can you imagine the feeling? Can you imagine the fear? Can you imagine the faith?
- g) And they do this “opposite Jericho”, which tells us they are going from one faith challenge to the next!
- h) And the priests carrying the ark have to stand still on the dry riverbed the whole time, as every person files by.

(2) Leadership at its best; following at its best.

(a) Stand still...hurry over!

1. “So the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan **until everything was finished** that the Lord had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; **and the people hurried and crossed over.**” Joshua 4:10 NKJV

- a) The priest were steadfast in what they were instructed to do...
- b) Joshua's instructions are followed to the letter by the people...
- c) The people move quickly...
- d) I can't help but feel their sense of urgency. To me it feels like "spiritual violence." "*...the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*" (Matthew 11:12)

(b) Wait for it....

1. "Then it came to pass, **when all the people had completely crossed over**, that **the ark** of the Lord and the priests **crossed over in the presence** of the people." Joshua 4:11 NKJV

- a) The ark was at a stand still the whole time until the people are done crossing.
- b) The priests lead from behind like servant leaders.
- c) And then they cross over as a WITNESS!

(c) Joshua exalted

1. "On that day **the Lord exalted Joshua** in the sight of all Israel; and **they feared him**, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life." Joshua 4:14 NKJV

- a) Joshua is solidified (like Moses) as the leader for the promised land!
- (d) It is finished!
- 1. “Then the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying, “Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to **come up from the Jordan.**” Joshua therefore **commanded** the priests, saying, “**Come up from the Jordan.**” And **it came to pass**, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord had come from the midst of the Jordan, and **the soles of the priests’ feet touched the dry land**, that **the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks as before.**” Joshua 4:15-18 NKJV
 - a) Joshua calls the priests out of the dry riverbed.
 - b) As soon as their feet touched the west bank of the Jordan, the waters crashed down and resumed flowing (and overflowing).
- (e) Never Forget...Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land!
- 1. “Now the people came up from the Jordan on the **tenth day of the first month**, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. And those **twelve stones** which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set

up in Gilgal. Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, '**What are these stones?**' then you shall let your children know, saying, '**Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land**'; for **the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea**, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of **the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.**'"

Joshua 4:19-24 NKJV

- a) There is no coincidence that they arrive in the promised land on the tenth day of the first month, the very day they are to select a lamb to slaughter for the Passover (See Exodus 12:1-8).
- b) They set of the 12 reminder stones; what should God's people remember?
- c) God dried up the waters so Israel could cross the Jordan on dry land, just like He did at the Red Sea crossing!

- d) What should the world remember? Yahweh is infinitely mighty and you should FEAR HIM FOREVER!
- e) What should YOU REMEMBER?
 - 1) You have been baptized from Death (east bank), to Burial (into the dry riverbed), and have emerged into the Promised Land (west bank).
 - 2) Now, take your Passover Lamb and live like you remember what you have come through, where you have arrived, and what you are to do NOW!

B. The Sin Dilemma

(1) Nothing New

(a) You are meant to rule over sin!

- 1. "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, **sin lies at the door**. And its desire is for you, but **you should rule over it.**" Genesis 4:7 NKJV

a) **More than conquerors:** "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37 NKJV

(b) Don't forget!

1. “For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and **has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**” II Peter 1:9 NKJV
 - a) This is why we set up memorial stones!
 - b) When you forget sin has been conquered, you will be more inclined to go back to it!
- (c) A proper perspective on sin...
 1. “What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ...knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, **that the body of sin might be done away with**, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin.** For he who has died has been **freed from sin.** ...Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be **dead indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore **do not let sin reign** in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. **For sin shall not have dominion over you**, for

you are not under law but under grace.” Romans
6:1-2, 6-7, 11-14 NKJV

2. Let me make the message unmistakable!
 - a) Shall we continue in sin? NO!
 - b) Sin is done away with!
 - c) We should no longer be slaves of sin!
 - d) We are freed from sin!
 - e) We are dead to sin!
 - f) Do not let sin reign!
 - g) Sin has no dominion over you!
- (d) What is sin? And what is our obligation to it?
 1. “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness**. And you know that **He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.** Little children, **let no one deceive you**. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. **He who sins is of the devil**, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and

he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.” I

John 3:4-9 NKJV

2. Let me make the message unmistakable!
 - a) Sin is lawlessness (breaking God’s commands)!
 - b) Christ came to take away our sins!
 - c) In Christ there is no sin!
 - d) Whoever abides in Christ does not sin!
 - e) Whoever sins does not know Him!
 - f) Don’t let anyone deceive you when it comes to the proper perspective on sin!
 - g) He who sins is of the devil!
 - h) Christ came to destroy the works of the devil (the exact purpose for which He was born a man.)
 - i) Whoever has been born of God does not sin!
 - j) In others words, he cannot sin, because he has been born of God!

C. The Perfection Dilemma

(1) The opposite of sin is perfection...How do we get there?

(a) Be perfect; Be holy

1. “Therefore you shall **be perfect**, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48 NKJV
2. “but as He who called you is holy, you also **be holy** in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy,

for I am holy.”” I Peter 1:15-16 NKJV [Lev. 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7, 26; 21:8}

3. “Imitate me, just as I also **imitate Christ.**” I

Corinthians 11:1 NKJV

4. How?

a) It’s a three step process: (1) prepare (come to the edge of the water), (2) become completely holy (step into the water/dry ground), (3) manifest (emerge in the promised land)! (Again Leviticus 19:23-25)

b) ““When you come into the land, ... **Three years** it shall be as uncircumcised to you. ...in **the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy**, a praise to the Lord .. in **the fifth year you may eat its fruit**, that it may yield to you its increase: ...” NKJV

5. When? (see the last section: Two Baptisms; Two Circumcisions; Two Generations; Three Crosses)

(b) The Purpose of the Church...

1. “And He Himself gave some to be **apostles**, some **prophets**, some **evangelists**, and some **pastors** and **teachers**, for the **equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the **edifying of the body** of Christ, **till** we all come to the **unity of the faith** and of the

knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should **no longer be children**, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, **speaking the truth in love, may grow up** in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working **by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying** of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:11-16 NKJV

2. Ephesians 4:11-16 like never before...What is the purpose of the Church?
 - a) **Five Offices of the Church:** apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers
 - b) **What for?** equip the saints; build up the body
 - c) **How long do we work at it?** until... we have Church unity; proper knowledge of Christ, we look perfect like Christ; we reach the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ.
 - d) **What has to be corrected?** Stop being spiritual infants and grow up into spiritual adults. Fix all the

bad doctrine propagated by generations of tricky men who continue to propagate the message that we are helpless victims of sin and that we can NEVER really be like Christ!

- e) **How do we bring correction?** Speak the truth in love! Truth is reality. It is a prophetic ministry that corrects lies (bad doctrine), and redirects God's people to God's ultimate destiny! Truth comes from love because God is love! (1 John 4:8,16)
- f) **Whose job is it?** Every part of the body of Christ (and that means you) must do its share. Only then will the body grow into its spiritual adulthood.

(c) What does spiritual adulthood look like?

1. "To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of **this mystery** among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."
Colossians 1:27 NKJV

- a) What does spiritual adulthood look like?
- b) The Glory of Christ in you! How we get there is the mystery we are here to solve.
- c) Again: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory which shall be revealed in us**. For the

earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be **delivered from the bondage** [*Baptism on Dry Ground*] of corruption into **the glorious liberty of the children of God.**"
Romans 8:18-21 NKJV

2. "I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 NKJV

- a) What does spiritual adulthood look like?
- b) A life of faith that is lived through Christ (alone) manifesting in you!
- c) How we get there is the mystery we are here to solve!

3. "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

- a) What does spiritual adulthood look like?

- b) We look in the mirror and see Christ (alone) staring back.
 - c) How we get there is the mystery we are here to solve!
4. ““I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may be one**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, **that they may be one just as We are one**: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be **made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.” John 17:20-23 NKJV
- a) What does spiritual adulthood look like?
 - b) We are perfect in One: The Church is one with itself like the Father and Son are One with each other, and is also one with the Father and Son!
 - c) How we get there is the mystery we are here to solve!
5. “Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy **by being like-**

mind, having the same love, **being of one accord, of one mind.**" (Philippians 2:1-2 NKJV) "For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we **have the mind of Christ.**" I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

- a) What does spiritual adulthood look like?
 - b) It is that we have one mind with each other and that is the mind of Christ...we think like Y'shua!
 - c) How we get there is the mystery we are here to solve!
6. "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to **need milk and not solid food.** For **everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.** But **solid food belongs to those who are of full age,** that is, those who by reason of use have their **senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**" (Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV) "Therefore, **leaving the discussion of the elementary principles** of Christ, **let us go on to perfection,** not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward

God, of the **doctrine of baptisms**, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **And this we will do if God permits.**"

Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV

- a) What does spiritual adulthood look like?
 - b) Spiritual infants drink spiritual milk. (elementary principles; foundations; unskilled in the word)
 - c) Spiritual adults eat spiritual meat. (full age, maturity, perfection)
 - d) We ought to have a deeper, adult-like understanding of the elementary principles (like baptism)!
 - e) How we get there is the mystery we are here to solve!
 - f) Will we be successful? If God permits! Does He permit? Of course He permits! The question is not it, but when!
- (d) What is my mission and your mission (if you choose to accept)? What does spiritual adulthood look like? Solve the mystery of how we get there, and then go there!
1. **"My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you."** Galatians 4:19 NKJV

- a) Wrestle, press in, contend...until the mystery is solved!

D. Mysteries: Two Baptisms; Two Circumcisions; Two Generations; Three Crosses (only two that matter to you!)

(1) Two Baptisms

(a) Water and Spirit/Fire (Baptism to Dry Ground)

1. "I indeed **baptize you with water unto repentance**, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**" Matthew 3:11 NKJV
 2. "Then Paul said, "**John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance [water]**, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were **baptized in the name** of the Lord Jesus *[Spirit]*. And when Paul had laid hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came upon them**, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied." Acts 19:4-6 NKJV
- a) Water is a repentance Baptism (The Gospel of Salvation)
 - b) Spirit/Fire is a perfection Baptism (The Gospel of the Kingdom)

- c) Remember: The Mystery of Two Gospels
 - 1) The Simple Gospel of Salvation (Christ crucified): “...**Jesus Christ crucified.**” I Cor. 2:2
 - 2) The Complex Gospel of the Kingdom (The hidden wisdom of God for the mature!): “...**wisdom for the mature, ...the wisdom of God hidden in a mystery...**” I Cor. 2:6-7

(2) Two Circumcisions

(a) Flesh (by a knife) and Heart (by the Spirit)!

- 1. “**For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit,** not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.”

Romans 2:28-29 NKJV

- 2. “What advantage then has the Jew, or **what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way!** Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.” Romans 3:1-2 NKJV

a) Both have value—but only the one of the heart has kingdom value!

(3) Two Generations

(a) One will remain in the wilderness; one will enter the promised land!

1. “But **to what shall I liken this generation?** [*“O faithless and perverse generation [no faith], how long shall I be with you?” Matthew 17:17*] It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, and saying: **‘We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not lament.’**” Matthew 11:16-17 NKJV

2. “Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.**”

Matthew 24:34 NKJV

a) All the generations until the ONE generation are the “same” generation. They are the generations standing on the east bank of the Jordan!

b) Then there is the ONE generation at the end of the age, who will pass into the dry riverbed, not carrying the sins of their fathers.

c) We might call this the “perfect generation.”

d) This is the generation who has Christ fully formed in them. The ONE generation who no longer sins!

(4) Three Crosses

(a) Three crosses...three men...three destinies

1. “There were also two others, **criminals**, led with Him to be put to death. **And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him**, and the criminals, **one on the right hand and the other on the left.**” Luke 23:32-33 NKJV (also: Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27; John 19:18)
2. “Then **one of the criminals** who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “**If You are the Christ**, save Yourself and us.” **But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?** And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said to Jesus, “**Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**” And Jesus said to him, “**Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.**”” Luke 23:39-43 NKJV
 - a) The man in the middle is PERFECT! (The Gospel of the Kingdom—Ruler)
 - b) One man chooses to go with the perfect man! (The Gospel of Salvation—citizens)
 - c) One man chooses to his own way! (No Gospel-rebels)

- d) Just like the three people groups separated at Passover! (See: [Connecting Y'shua to the Seven Biblical Feasts](#) for a complete teaching)
- (b) Firstborns vs. Non-firstborns (the division of three people groups)
 - 1) The Story of Two Firstborns (Their lives were at risk on Passover!)
 - a) Firstborns who applied the blood of the lamb: They needed the blood and they applied the blood so they lived!
 - b) Firstborns who did not apply the blood of the lamb: They needed the blood and they did NOT apply the blood so they died!
 - 2) The Story of Two non-firstborns: (Their lives were NOT at risk on Passover.)
 - a) Non-firstborns who came out of Egypt with Israel: They went with those who applied the blood to stay alive so they lived also!
 - b) Non-firstborns who stayed Egypt: They eventually died like those who needed to apply the blood but did not.
 - 3) So, we can see a separation of three ultimate people groups (two alive and one dead).

- a) Alive by the blood of the lamb (rulers in heaven)
- b) Alive without the blood of the lamb (citizens on earth)
- c) Dead regardless of needing the blood of the lamb (rebels under the earth)
- d) “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those **in heaven**, and of those **on earth**, and of those **under the earth**,” Philippians 2:10 NKJV

(c) Which cross are you on?

- 1. “And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him.” (The middle cross)
- 2. “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” (One side)
- 3. “Do you not even fear God.” (The other side)

(d) Your destiny is the MIDDLE CROSS

- 1. “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:16-17 NKJV

- a) If... you want to be revealed as Children of God in Romans 8:18-21—and experience the glorious liberty of the children of God...

- b) Then... you must recognize what it means to be a joint heir!
- c) You are called to be equal with Christ and your destiny is the middle cross—the promised land of Christianity!

Review: Baptism of Dry Ground

Summary: DEATH (The East Bank of the Jordan)

1. The Herald

A. Prophetic Moments in History

(1) The Moment David Changed History

(a) There are prophetic moments in time when God reveals new things to His children that He has not revealed previously in the written word!

1. When His children recognize something new that is on God's heart, and declare it into the earth, Yahweh says, "Exactly! You got it! That is precisely what I want you to do!"
2. This is what happened when David conceived to build the Temple! It was the next phase in God's progressive revelation from the Tabernacle in the wilderness, to Solomon's Temple (David conceived it

and planned it, but Solomon built it), to humans who would one day be designated the Temple of the Holy Spirit (See I Corinthians 6:19-20).

3. In other words, God's prophetic plan for mankind was unfolding and His desire for man's partnership and participation in that plan was unfolding right alongside it!

(2) Human Initiative Partners

(a) We are intended to be God's human initiative partners.

1. The partnership looks like this: 99.99% God and .01% human. And your .01% is fulfilled when you are 100% available.
2. David was fully aware that the revelation he received was from Yahweh; his role was to be available to hear it and then to act upon it!
3. Please see [Available](#) if you have not yet studied it.

(3) First the revelation, then the plans!

(a) David not only had the revelation to build a Temple for the Lord, but God then downloaded the plans to him, in every detail. That is what we need from God now, as we aim to participate in God's prophetic plan for mankind.

1. Please see [The End of the Beginning](#) as support for this message.

2. In this Biblical Feast Year, October 2022–October 2023 (Fall to Fall), we aim to decipher God’s plan and make it plain for people to see and understand.
- (4) Other notable prophetic moments in history
- (a) Noah
 1. The Revelation: God tells Noah that He is about to put an end to mankind.
 2. The Plan: Then God tells Noah to build an ark and he gives him the exact blueprints.
 3. However, unlike David, Noah did not discern God’s heart in advance!
 - (b) Moses
 1. The Revelation: The Angel of the Lord appears to Moses and he is curious enough to check it out, and because he does so, God tells him what is on His heart.
 2. The Plan: Then God tells Moses exactly where to go and what to do.
 3. However, unlike David, Moses did not discern God’s heart in advance!

B. If you hear His voice...

- (1) Are you listening?
 - (a) Tell me Lord...what is on Your heart!

1. Be watchful
2. What is on God's heart.
3. Are you willing to act upon it, even write it down and tell others?

(b) The Burden

1. Do you have a burden?
2. Are you paying attention to the what God wants to do in the earth?

(c) The Reply

1. God is about to do something so astonishing that you would not believe it if He told you!
2. Maybe you are supposed to sense it in advance and tell Him you know what it is!
3. Then you might not be so shocked!

(2) Obey...don't harden your hearts

(a) Hebrews and David

1. Learn what it means to not harden your heart.
2. So, today... Hear His voice and DO NOT harden your hearts!

C. The Mysteries of the Kingdom

(1) What should we be listening to hear and who are they for?

(a) The Gospel of the Kingdom

1. What is it that you should be able to see, hear, perceive and understand?
 2. Answer: The Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven
- (2) The Mystery of Two Gospels
- (a) The simple Gospel of Salvation: Christ crucified
 - (b) The complex Gospel of the Kingdom: The hidden wisdom of God for the mature!
- (3) Baptism
- (a) The Journey and the Destination (Baptism)
 1. Starting point—Journey—Destination
 2. Egypt—Wilderness—Canaan
 3. Captivity (bondage)—Freedom—Promised Land
 4. Death—Burial—Resurrection
 5. East Bank—Dry Riverbed—West Bank
 6. Baptism: Death—Burial—Resurrection
- (4) Proper perspectives
- (a) The Rich Young Ruler
 1. The real question being answered here is not about sins and eternal redemption. It is about what it takes to be perfect... "to enter the kingdom."
 2. Those attached to their earthly possessions (current beliefs) will have a difficult time going all-in for God.

“It is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven”

3. Why? Because he spends more time, energy, resources and attention on his own concerns and desires than he does the things of God! *“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”*
 4. Why? The eye of a needle is the small hole in the wall of a city that you can hand small objects through, without having to open the city gate, as opposed to merchants bringing their goods in on the back of camels.
 5. If you are so enamored with your way of life that it consumes your every ounce of energy, then God becoming your top priority will be as difficult as it would be to squeeze a giant beast through a small hole in a city wall.
- (5) Christlikeness is the ultimate destination...
- (a) I labor until... (“The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry”)
- (6) The Mystery of Two Generations: Who will enter the Promised Land?

(a) **Prophetic Alert:** Only one generation was required to bear the iniquity of their fathers in the wilderness, as opposed to **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations.*

1. Don't make a carved image! This is precisely what they are guilty of doing later in Exodus 32 with the golden calf.

(b) **Prophetic Challenge:** When you see *“all these things, you know that it is near.”*

1. We are near, so what things should we be seeing?
2. Who is that generation?
3. How and why do they bypass carrying the curse to the third and fourth generation?
4. What curse are they shedding?
5. And what must they become and how do they become it?
6. These will be the themes we will explore in this study, throughout the book of Joshua, and this entire next year!
7. What God has called His church to become is more than you can imagine.
8. There are no idle words in the Bible and there are no promises God will not keep. *“For I consider that the*

*sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory **which shall be revealed in us.***" Romans 8:18 NKJV

9. The reality that only one generation in the wilderness was required to bear the iniquity of the fathers is a prophetic jewel not to be ignored.
10. And it is Y'shua's words for us at the end of the age in Matthew 24:34 that reveal who is that generation;
**this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.*

(7) The five year plan

(a) Layer upon layer!

1. Years 1-3: Captivity, Bondage, Uncircumcision, Ignorance
 - a) Standing on the edge of the river...a place of decision (consciousness)
2. Year 4: Freedom; Wilderness, Holy Ground, Preparation
 - a) Stepping into the river...a place of supernatural provision (childhood)
3. Year 5: Promised Land, Fruit, Destination
 - a) Stepping out of the river...a place of personal responsibility (adulthood)

D. Transition

- (1) From Deuteronomy to Joshua
 - (a) Moses is not going into the river; Joshua is!
 - (b) **To Israel:** Be strong and of good courage; Yahweh is going with you!
 - (c) **To Joshua:** Be strong and of good courage; Yahweh is going with you!
 - (d) **Yahweh to Moses:** Take one last look at the promised land from the wilderness before you die...
 - (e) **Last verses of Deuteronomy:** Moses lays hands on Joshua so the people would obey him as they did Moses. But let's be clear; there will never be another Moses!
- (2) Prepare yourself...
 - (a) **Joshua to the People:** it's time to step into the river!

Summary: BURIAL (The Dry Riverbed)

2. Dry Ground

A. Time to Cross Over...

- (1) Follow the anointing...
 - (a) When you see the priests and the ark moving—follow it!

- (b) This is all new to you, so keep some distance so you can pay attention to instructions.
- (c) Sanctify yourself, move right to the edge—tomorrow is the day!
- (d) **Joshua to the priests:** Pick up the ark and make sure the people can see you...the anticipation builds!
- (e) **Yahweh to Joshua:** Today is the day! With what is about to happen, the people will have no doubt that I am with you!
- (f) **Yahweh to Joshua:** Tell the priests that when they go to the edge of the river they should touch the waters with their feet!
- (g) **Joshua to the people:** God, without fail, WILL DO what HE PROMISED. You will see this when He destroys your enemies on the other side...
- (h) **Joshua to the people:** Behold, the ark is crossing over before you into the Jordan.
- (i) As soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark touch the waters of the Jordan, they will stop flowing and stand up like a wall of water.
- (j) Then it happened! The priests dipped their feet in the edge of the water (plus it was flood season—spring harvest time), and the rushing waters stood still.

- (k) **Dry Ground:** The priests stood firm on dry ground until all Israel, crossed completely over the Jordan, on dry ground.

B. A Faithful Priesthood

- (1) The Priests (that is you in this picture) had to step in first, and that takes faith!
 - (a) Faith is doing something out of obedience, BEFORE you can see the results!
- (2) Not enough faith (to step in the river)...
 - (a) The disciples did not have the faith to believe what they could not see (in this moment!)
 - 1. As we learned with the people on the edge the Jordan, they had to be prepared to step in with faith!
 - 2. You have to prepare yourself, and THEN STEP FIRST, before the mountains move or the water stands still!

C. Baptism (you have to step in by faith!)

- (1) Take off your sandals, this is holy ground (dry ground!)
 - (a) Holy ground is Dry ground
 - 1. Baptism on Dry Ground—they NEVER get wet! ***“all Israel crossed over on dry ground”***
 - (b) Death (on the edge of the river)—Burial (going into the river)—Resurrection (coming out of the river)
 - 1. You have to die to your old self, old beliefs, old ways!

2. You have to step into the river by faith...
3. Then you will be raised on the other side into a new life!

(2) Go do that and teach others to do that!

- (a) Make disciples and baptize them with the Holy Spirit (on dry ground).

(3) Two Baptisms

- (a) Baptism of repentance by water; baptism of Spirit by the Name (Faith—dry ground)

(4) Baptism Antitypes

- (a) The Antitype of water baptism...

1. Antitype: a pattern, predictive symbol or image of the opposite to be a representative of a thing resembling its counterpart....coming from the Greek
2. **Anti**—denotes contrast, but direct correspondence to the former.
3. **Tupos**—a model or type forged by repetition based on a reliable precedent as predictive as a stamp struck by a die, certain to make the exact impression.

(b) Baptism WITHOUT water is by the HOLY SPIRIT. **Christ had both:**

1. “The waters of the flood cleansed the earth (removed the filth of the flesh).

2. The non-waters of baptism that now “saves us” is the remedy to cleanse the conscience.

3. In other words, it is an antitype, one type of baptism saves with water, the other type of baptism saves without water.

(c) One type can cleanse the flesh, the other the conscience!

1. **Prophetic moment:** this is where we are heading, once we step out of the river on the other side of the Jordan!

(5) Circumcision Antitypes

(a) Physical circumcision with hands; circumcision of the heart is made without hands and is symbolic of the non-water burial baptism (going into the river on dry ground).

(b) Circumcision of the Heart: Physical circumcision is of the law (is profitable and still stands) and equates to the water baptism. But the non-physical circumcision is of the heart and cleanses the conscience like baptism of the Spirit (non-water baptism).

1. Circumcision of the heart, in the Spirit (aka: Baptism in the Spirit on dry ground!)

D. Memorial Stones

(1) You MUST remember what happened...

(a) How else will you be able to extract the deeper meaning of this later on, if you forget the details?

1. When future generations ask about the stones, you tell them that Yahweh dried up the river during flood season so the people could cross over on dry ground.
2. It is symbolic of the journey and the destination, of death, burial and resurrection, of captivity, wilderness, promised land.
3. It is what happens when you step into the river (freedom) by faith and God moves waters, or mountains or ANYTHING!
4. It is the mystery of baptism on dry ground!

E. Transition from John to Y'shua (filling in missing puzzle pieces—deciphering mysteries!)

(1) Think about the transition from the wilderness (John) to the Promised land (Christ)

(a) The Kingdom of heaven is at hand...

1. John points out toward Christ when he acknowledges the Kingdom.
2. The Kingdom is when the fullness of the Spirit is manifesting in man (the full measure of Christ, Christ fully formed in man).

- (b) “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”
 - 1. The preparation prophet...and preparation is in the wilderness!
- (c) Some clarity on John the Baptist—his ministry and transition!
 - 1. Elijah is still coming.
 - 2. The spirit of Elijah has come (in John)
 - 3. Is this starting to make sense! John comes first to point to the Kingdom in the Man! “Repent [*turn hearts*], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- (d) There is no greater ministry on earth than to point to the coming Messiah!
 - 1. Heading toward the first coming of Christ there is no greater ministry than John the Baptist (Baptism by water).
 - 2. After the first coming, everything is greater than that (Baptism by the Spirit!)
 - 3. The Kingdom of heaven within (the Kingdom at hand), the fullness of Christ within, something we **MUST BE** spiritually violent to obtain!
- (2) The Kingdom of heaven is at hand...

(a) Christ emerged from the wilderness, after His baptism by water and Spirit, and after His preparation in the wilderness, with the SAME message!

1. The preparation is in the wilderness!
2. But this time, instead of pointing out, He was pointing to Himself! He is the Kingdom within.
3. And that is the promised land we are heading toward!

(b) Back to Matthew 11: Breaking Generational Curses!

1. The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. (Mat. 11:12)
2. But if you are not willing or able to engage in spiritual violence, then you are NOT the generation who will cross over the Jordan!
3. You will be likened to a generation who could not respond to the calling! *“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”*
Matthew 5:48 NKJV

(c) That “wrong generation” missed the message of John and they missed Messiah!

1. If they were the offspring of wisdom, they would not have missed it!

(d) The “right generation!”

1. There is a generation coming who will come out of the wilderness, ready to cross the final Jordan!

Summary: RESURRECTION (The West Bank of the Jordan)

3. The New Shore

A. Joshua: History and Allegory

(1) Picture this in you mind!

(a) The Historical Moment...Not JUST A STORY!!!

1. The priests step up to the overflowing river and in this prophetic moment in history touch their toes in the water.
2. Then...this rushing, overflowing river JUST STOPS, and a massive wall of water heaps up on their right hand (the north side).
3. It must have looked like a thousand fire hoses being blasted at them from behind a piece of glass, like they are standing in an Aquarium observing a giant wall of turbulent water!
4. Remember, none of the elders, including the priests, (other than Joshua and Caleb) were alive at the parting of the Red Sea.

5. Then, millions of people have to file through the passage as they stare at the wall of water blasting against an invisible barrier on their right side.
6. Can you imagine the feeling? Can you imagine the fear? Can you imagine the faith?
7. And they do this “opposite Jericho”, which tells us they are going from one faith challenge to the next!
8. And the priests carrying the ark have to stand still on the dry riverbed the whole time, as every person files by.

(2) Leadership at its best; following at its best.

(a) Stand still...hurry over!

1. The priest were steadfast in what they were instructed to do...
2. Joshua’s instructions are followed to the letter by the people...
3. The people move quickly...
4. I can’t help but feel their sense of urgency. To me it feels like “spiritual violence.” “...*the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*” (Matthew 11:12)

(b) Wait for it....

1. The ark was at a stand still the whole time until the people are done crossing.
 2. The priests lead from behind like servant leaders.
 3. And then they cross over as a WITNESS!
- (c) Joshua exalted
1. Joshua is solidified (like Moses) as the leader for the promised land!
- (d) It is finished!
1. Joshua calls the priests out of the dry riverbed.
 2. As soon as their feet touched the west bank of the Jordan, the waters crashed down and resumed flowing (and overflowing).
- (e) Never Forget...Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land!
1. There is no coincidence that they arrive in the promised land on the tenth day of the first month, the very day they are to select a lamb to slaughter for the Passover (See Exodus 12:1-8).
 2. They set of the 12 reminder stones; what should God's people remember?
 3. God dried up the waters so Israel could cross the Jordan on dry land, just like He did at the Red Sea crossing!

4. What should the world remember? Yahweh is infinitely mighty and you should FEAR HIM FOREVER!
5. What should YOU REMEMBER?
 - a) You have been baptized from Death (east bank), to Burial (into the dry riverbed), and have emerged into the Promised Land (west bank).
 - b) Now, take your Passover Lamb and live like you remember what you have come through, where you have arrived, and what you are to do NOW!

B. The Sin Dilemma

- (1) Nothing New
 - (a) You are meant to rule over sin!
 1. More than conquerors
 - (b) Don't forget!
 1. This is why we set up memorial stones!
 2. When you forget sin has been conquered, you will be more inclined to go back to it!
 - (c) A proper perspective on sin...
 1. Let me make the message unmistakable!
 - a) Shall we continue in sin? NO!
 - b) Sin is done away with!
 - c) We should no longer be slaves of sin!

- d) We are freed from sin!
 - e) We are dead to sin!
 - f) Do not let sin reign!
 - g) Sin has no dominion over you!
- (d) What is sin? And what is our obligation to it?
1. Let me make the message unmistakable!
 - a) Sin is lawlessness (breaking God's commands)!
 - b) Christ came to take away our sins!
 - c) In Christ there is no sin!
 - d) Whoever abides in Christ does not sin!
 - e) Whoever sins does not know Him!
 - f) Don't let anyone deceive you when it comes to the proper perspective on sin!
 - g) He who sins is of the devil!
 - h) Christ came to destroy the works of the devil (the exact purpose for which He was born a man.)
 - i) Whoever has been born of God does not sin!
 - j) In others words, he cannot sin, because he has been born of God!

C. The Perfection Dilemma

- (1) The opposite of sin is perfection...How do we get there?
 - (a) Be perfect; Be holy
 1. How?

- a) It's a three step process: (1) prepare (come to the edge of the water), (2) become completely holy (step into the water/dry ground), (3) manifest (emerge in the promised land)! (Again Leviticus 19:23-25)
 - b) "When? (see the last section: Two Baptisms; Two Circumcisions; Two Generations; Three Crosses)
- (b) The Purpose of the Church...
1. Ephesians 4:11-16 like never before...What is the purpose of the Church?
 - a) **Five Offices of the Church:** apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers
 - b) **What for?** equip the saints; build up the body
 - c) **How long do we work at it?** until... we have Church unity; proper knowledge of Christ, we look perfect like Christ; we reach the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ.
 - d) **What has to be corrected?** Stop being spiritual infants and grow up into spiritual adults. Fix all the bad doctrine propagated by generations of tricky men who continue to propagate the message that we are helpless victims of sin and that we can NEVER really be like Christ!

- e) **How do we bring correction?** Speak the truth in love! Truth is reality. It is a prophetic ministry that corrects lies (bad doctrine), and redirects God's people to God's ultimate destiny! Truth comes from love because God is love! (1 John 4:8,16)
 - f) **Whose job is it?** Every part of the body of Christ (and that means you) must do its share. Only then will the body grow into its spiritual adulthood.
- (c) What does spiritual adulthood look like?
1. What does spiritual adulthood look like?
 2. The Glory of Christ in you! How we get there is the mystery we are here to solve.
 3. A life of faith that is lived through Christ (alone) manifesting in you!
 4. We look in the mirror and see Christ (alone) staring back.
 5. We are perfect in One: The Church is one with itself like the Father and Son are One with each other, and is also one with the Father and Son!
 6. It is that we have one mind with each other and that is the mind of Christ...we think like Y'shua!
 7. How we get there is the mystery we are here to solve!

8. Spiritual infants drink spiritual milk. (elementary principles; foundations; unskilled in the word)
 9. Spiritual adults eat spiritual meat. (full age, maturity, perfection)
 10. We ought to have a deeper, adult-like understanding of the elementary principles (like baptism)!
 11. How we get there is the mystery we are here to solve!
 12. Will we be successful? If God permits! Does He permit? Of course He permits! The question is not if, but when!
- (d) What is my mission and your mission (if you choose to accept)? What does spiritual adulthood look like? Solve the mystery of how we get there, and then go there!
1. Wrestle, press in, contend...until the mystery is solved!

D. Mysteries: Two Baptisms; Two Circumcisions; Two Generations; Three Crosses (only two that matter to you!)

(1) Two Baptisms

- (a) Water and Spirit/Fire (Baptism to Dry Ground)
 1. Water is a repentance Baptism (The Gospel of Salvation)
 2. Spirit/Fire is a perfection Baptism (The Gospel of the Kingdom)

3. Remember: The Mystery of Two Gospels

- a) The Simple Gospel of Salvation (Christ crucified)
- b) The Complex Gospel of the Kingdom (The hidden wisdom of God for the mature!):

(2) Two Circumcisions

(a) Flesh (by a knife) and Heart (by the Spirit)!

- 1. Both have value—but only the one of the heart has kingdom value!

(3) Two Generations

(a) One will remain in the wilderness; one will enter the promised land!

- 1. All the generations until the ONE generation are the “same” generation. They are the generations stranding on the east bank of the Jordan!
- 2. Then there is the ONE generation at the end of the age, who will pass into the dry riverbed, not carrying the sins of their fathers.
- 3. We might call this the “perfect generation.
- 4. This is the generation who has Christ fully formed in them. The ONE generation who no longer sins!

(4) Three Crosses

(a) Three crosses...three men...three destinies

1. The man in the middle is PERFECT! (The Gospel of the Kingdom—Ruler)
 2. One man chooses to go with the perfect man! (The Gospel of Salvation—citizens)
 3. One man chooses to his own way! (No Gospel-rebels)
 4. Just like the three people groups separated at Passover!
- (b) Firstborns vs. Non-firstborns (the division of three people groups)
- 1) The Story of Two Firstborns (Their lives were at risk on Passover!)
 - a) Firstborns who applied the blood of the lamb: They needed the blood and they applied the blood so they lived!
 - b) Firstborns who did not apply the blood of the lamb: They needed the blood and they did NOT apply the blood so they died!
 - 2) The Story of Two non-firstborns: (Their lives were NOT at risk on Passover.)
 - a) Non-firstborns who came out of Egypt with Israel: They went with those who applied the blood to stay alive so they lived also!

- b) Non-firstborns who stayed Egypt: They eventually died like those who needed to apply the blood but did not.
 - 3) So, we can see a separation of three ultimate people groups (two alive and one dead).
 - a) Alive by the blood of the lamb (rulers in heaven)
 - b) Alive without the blood of the lamb (citizens on earth)
 - c) Dead regardless of needing the blood of the lamb (rebels under the earth)
- (c) Which cross are you on?
 - 1. “And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him.” (The middle cross)
 - 2. “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” (One side)
 - 3. “Do you not even fear God.” (The other side)
- (d) Your destiny is the MIDDLE CROSS
 - 1. If... you want to be revealed as Children of God in Romans 8:18-21—and experience the glorious liberty of the children of God...
 - 2. Then... you must recognize what it means to be a joint heir!

3. You are called to be equal with Christ and your destiny is the middle cross—the promised land of Christianity!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. What did David know that God wanted him to do without being told to do so? (See II Samuel 7)**
 - A. What was his reward?
 - B. How might this confirm that God desires to partner with Him?
 - C. What else happened because David perceived what God wanted? (See I Chronicles 28:11-19)
- 2. Habakkuk was desperate to know what God would do...**
 - A. How so? (See Habakkuk 1:1-4)
 - B. What did God tell him? (See Habakkuk 1:5; 2:1-3)
 - C. What “burden” might we be carrying according to Galatians 4:19?
- 3. According to Matthew 13:10-17, what is it that you should be able to see, hear, perceive and understand?**
 - A. Describe the two Gospels, The Gospel of Salvation in I Corinthians 2:1-5, and The Gospel of the Kingdom in I Corinthians 2:6-16.

- 4. Baptism signifies Death, Burial, and Resurrection:**
 - A. How is baptism symbolized by Paul in Romans 6:1-5?
- 5. Mystery: Exodus 20:4-5 describes how curses carry to multiple generations...**
 - A. Why might the curse have only carried to one generation in the wilderness, before they could cross into the promised land?
 - B. How might this relate to Matthew 24:32-35?
 - C. Hint: see sermon notes for this teaching (pages 21-23)
- 6. Use Joshua 3 and 4 to craft a short narrative about the events on the banks of the Jordan that day.**
 - A. How are those events like baptism?
 - B. Why might we say the people were baptized on dry ground?
 - C. What are the “two baptisms” in Matthew 3:16 and Acts 19:4-6?
 - D. How might the baptism on dry ground be represented in Hebrews 9:14 and 10:1-2?
- 7. How might the transition from Moses to Joshua be compared to the transition from John to Y’shua? (See Matthew 3-4)**
 - A. What is the clear difference between the identical words in Matthew 3:2 and Matthew 4:17? (See sermons note pages 36-40 for help).

B. How is John related to Elijah? (See: Matthew 11:1-14; 17:10-13 John 1:19-23; Malachi 4:5-6; Luke 1:17)

8. Compare the two generation in Matthew 11:15-17 and 24:32-35. (See sermon notes pages 60-61 for help.)

A. What might be that latter generation's view on sin? (See: Genesis 4:7; Romans 6:1-14; I John 3:4-9)

B. What might be that latter generation view on perfection and Christlikeness? (See: Matthew 5:48; I Peter 1:15-16; Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 1:27; Galatians 2:20; II Corinthians 3:18; John 17:20-23; Philipians 2:1-2; I Corinthians 2:16; Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:1-3)

9. Relate your answers in question 8 to Romans 8:18-21...

A. Write a short narrative explaining how Romans 8:18-21 might be the fulfillment of what you discovered.

10. With everything you have discovered, what is the Christian promised land?