

# JOSHUA STUDY

## CHAPTER 4:11-24

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## Possessing God's Promises

Stepping out in faith to take the promises of faith which God has Given to all those who trust in Him.

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### THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

Joshua 1:6

"Be strong and of good courage"

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### Verse 1

## And it came to pass

God is Always on the Move

And He's Looking For People that *He* Can Steer  
The Fact is, God Wants to be Dynamic in Our Lives

Daniel 11:32

but the people who know their God shall be strong,  
and carry out great **exploits**. = to advance, to seize control, to win

## Memorial(s)

1st

### There was a Corporate Memorial of the Nation

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; 5 and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God **into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone** on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, - 12

Erected 8 Miles West of the Jordan River Crossing in Gilgal

## Memorial(s)

2nd

### There was the Personal Memorial of Joshua Himself

9 Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant **stood**; and they are there to this day. 10 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.

Erected 10-15 Feet Below the Jordan River at the Place of the Crossing

## Privately, Joshua

Had Entered the Jor-Dan (the spreading = Judgement) on One side and Had Come Up Someone All together Different

### >>>>> The Jordan, Joshua and Jesus! <<<<<<

**Matthew 3:1-6**

1 And In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea 2 and saying, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.**" 5 and the People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan (river valley). 6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

### >>>>> The Jordan, Joshua and Jesus! <<<<<<

**Matthew 3:13-17**

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The Public and Private Worship of God's People

I Can Always Tell Publicly, Who Those People are Who Worship God Privately...

Matthew 6:6

"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

## Have You Ever Been to the Jordan River Personally?

**Joshua 4:11-24**

**11** 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. **12** And the men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them. **13** About forty thousand prepared for war crossed over before the LORD for battle, to the plains of Jericho. **14** 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. **15** Then the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, **16** "Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan." **17** Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Jordan." **18** 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. **19** 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. **20** And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal. **21** Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' **22** "then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'; **23** "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, **24** "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."

## Possessing God's Promises

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## 1.) Possessing God's Promises Demands Our Effort

v.11-13

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### a) Demands Our Effort Because We're to be Crossing Over v.11

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#### The Israeli People

(the recipients) of God's Goodness and Favor,  
were tucked in the middle of the works of God

#### The Jewish Priest

(the representatives) of God's Goodness and favor  
were the First to Go in, and they were Last to Go Out

#### The Challenge Before Them, Before Us

#### Grow / Mature

1 Peter 2:2-3

2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may **grow** thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

#### Growing in Grace is equal the soil that nurtures a plant

2 Peter 3:18

but **grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### Growing is

Colossians 1:9-10

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

## To Not Be Growing is

Revelation 3:15-16

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

# Possessing God's Promises

Demands Our Effort Because We're to be Crossing Over

Like Naaman of Old in II-Kings 5

He had to Submerge His Leprous Body in the Jordan (7) Times according to Elisha  
It took Faith, it took Effort

### Verse 12-13

12 And the men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them. 13 About forty thousand prepared for war **crossed over** before the LORD for battle, to the plains of Jericho.

These 2 1/2 tribes, According to Numbers Chapter 26  
totaled an amount of 136,930 the men of war.

**"About forty thousand"**

That was 29% of the male-military population of these 2 1/2 tribes.

## 2.) Possessing God's Promises Requires Obedience 14-18

14 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. 15 Then the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, 16 "Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan." 17 So Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Jordan." 18 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.

# Possessing God's Promises

## a) Requires Obedience To Those Whom God has Called v.14

14 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**.

### Exalted / Feared / All the days of his life

Hebrews 13:7

**Remember** those who **rule over you**, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

Hebrews 13:17

**Obey** those who **rule over you**, and be **submissive** for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:24

**Greet** all those who **rule over you**, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

### Remember / Obey / Greet

If You Understand That You're Loved, ...At Your Church  
Then You Will Gladly with Joy Yield to Leadership of Jesus Christ

Mark 12:37

...And the common people heard Him gladly.

## b) Requires the Obedience of Those who God has Called v.15-18

15 Then the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, 16 "Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan 17 So Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Jordan." 18 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.

1. The LORD spoke to Joshua
2. Joshua Spoke to the Priest
3. The Priest Would Lead Israel to Gilgal

## The Obedience of Those Whom God Has Called God Blesses Obedience Unto This Day

1 Samuel 15:22-23

22 Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

Luke 6:46

"Jesus said, **why** do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?"

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Why grk 5101 tis (tis); -- an interrogative pronoun  
why would any man, woman, boy or girl say such a thing.

## God Says No Way, Never, Impossible, It Can't Be

### The Judgment of the Jordan - was Now Behind Them

John 5:24

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

### The Judgment of God - Is Now Behind Us

Isaiah 53:5-7

5 But he (Jesus) was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:12

...He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 22:16

They pierced My hands and My feet;

This is Exciting Stuff Happening Here Church

The Never-Ending Wonder of Living with the Eternal God

**3.) Possessing God's Promises Gives Us His Peace 19-20**

19 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. 20 And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal.

## Possessing God's Promises

a) Should Cause Us to Bow in Humility to His Greatness v.19a

Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month,

## Watch Now - The Visible Hand of God

They Came Up Out of the Jordan River

*and Entered the Promised Land*

*on the 10th of Nisan - March/April*

## Take a Deep Breath Here

Jesus' Last Week on Earth is Well Documented

# Passover Week

(Resurrection Sunday is always on a Full Moon)

# Out of Egypt

The tenth day of the month of Nisan, four days before the 14th - Passover, -- was the very day when the lamb was required to be selected,

## Exodus 12:1-5, 12-14

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. 4 'And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 'Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year.....

12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

13 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

In the providence of God, He arranged that the entrance into the promised land should be 36 years.

What has become to be known as Palm Sunday fell

**On April 6th, 32 ad.**

Jesus was Declared KING to the Nation Israel

**On Monday April 7th**

Jesus Prophesied that Israel would reject Him.

**On Tuesday April 8th.**

Jesus Taught His longest Day of Teaching

**On Wednesday April 9th.**

Jesus is prophetically anointed by Mary for his burial

# On Thursday “April 10th.”

Jesus was Arrested and beaten

On Friday April 11th.

Jesus continues to be beaten then crucified & dies & buried

On Saturday Afternoon, April 12th.

(Jesus' body lay Dead in the Tomb)

On Saturday Evening now April 13th.

after sunset, and before Sunday Morning Jesus will Arise.

On Sunday Morning April 14th.

The Garden Tomb is found Empty and Jesus Alive

## The 14th was Four days after the 10th

On THIS The 10th. Day of the First Month

The Families of Children of Israel had to select a male lamb and take Him home and Examine Him for Perfection then sacrifice it for their sins

Leviticus 23:4-5

'These are the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. 5 'On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the LORD'S Passover.

He was Arrested (selected) on April 10. He was Tried (Examined) and Sentenced (Judged) But On the 14th

## The Nation was Freed from its Sin

Romans 4:25

who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

# Possessing God's Promises

## b) Should Encourage Us to be Bold in the LORD v.19b-20

...and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. 20 And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal.

\* Gilgalheb 1537 Gilgal (ghil-gawl');  
the circle or the wheel. The place of wheel(s)

The Pagan Nations Often Erected Stone Altars  
In The Face of Them, Joshua Establishes a True Altar  
Stone Hinge / The Idols of Easter Island

## What Obstacles / Enemies Do You Have

IT'S THE 10th DAY of the FIRST MONTH

**((on the tenth day of the first month))**

## 3.) Possessing God's Promises Gives Us His Peace v. 19-20

John 14:26-27

26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

They encamped in Gilgal...  
Gilgal was at the eastern outskirts of the palm tree forest,

Next Month

Many of you will see the Thousands of Palm and Date Trees that are Growing wild there, in that very area East of Jericho today

## 4.) Possessing God's Promises Is to Tell the World 21-24

21 Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' 22 "then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'; 23 "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, 24 "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."

### a) Enables Us to Have something to Say v.21-23

21 Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' 22 "then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'; 23 "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,

## Tell Them of His Greatness fathers & mothers

assuming you've seen it -- assuming you know Him

Genesis 1:1  
In the beginning, God !

The Mountains / The Seas / The Birds / The Stars / The Creation

# ...and you !

The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, the world and all those who dwell in it.  
Psalm 24:1

Psalm 100:3  
Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

1 Chronicles 29:11

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours;

## Possessing God's Promises

b) Is to Receive the Gift of Promise - His Life v.24

"that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

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Promise grk 1860 epaggelia (ep-ang-el-ee'-ah);  
to bestow, to place upon, to set the divine assurance of good. To make a binding oath to perform, supply or purchase or provide what is the very best

Hebrews 11:17

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had **received the promises** was about to sacrifice his one and only son,

2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the **promises** of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

2 Peter 1:3-4

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us **exceedingly great and precious promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1 Kings 8:56

56 "Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that **He promised**. There has not failed one word of all **His good promise**, which **He promised** through His servant Moses.

Luke 24:49

49 "**Behold, I send the Promise** of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

## The End