

Reasoning out of the Scriptures

by Allegory and Type



class 3 – Jesus Magnified, The Israel of God

series 08 – THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

CLASS THREE—CHRIST MAGNIFIED: THE ISRAEL OF GOD

Reading: Joshua 4:1-7

- “The Memorials are set up by twelve specifically selected men; and constitute both washed stones taken out of Jordan, and unwashed stones placed in it” —*Expositor, pg. 45*

The “way” of entrance into the Land is marked by the twelve stones as a memorial—

Gal 6:15-16 “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but *a new creature*. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon *the Israel of God*”

Jos 4:1 And it came to pass, when all the *people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
Jos 4:2 *Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, *Heb. Gentiles (Israel incudes Gentiles: Rom 4:13-14; 9:6-8; Gal 3:6-9)*
Jos 4:3 And command ye them, saying, *Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where THE PRIESTS' FEET STOOD FIRM, twelve stones,* and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

Twelve Men—the 12 disciples were carefully selected by the Lord to teach the New Covenant in Christ (Mar 3:14-19); “sent forth to preach” the gospel of the Kingdom, and the Savior of Israel. They were promised:

“Ye which have followed me, in the REGENERATION, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, JUDGING THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL”—Mat. 19:28.

Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan—the teaching of the New Covenant in Joshua began with “twelve” and brought in “twelve”: the Israel of God (Joh 6:13; Eph 2:11-13; Gal 6:15-16).

Priests feed stood firm—Heb. “to establish.” As the priests were teachers of the Law of Moses (2Chr 15:3; 17:8-9; Lev 10:11; Deu 33:8-10; Neh 8:9; Mal 2:7); reps. the Law pointing forward the “greater” fulfillment (*Heb 10:20*).

Rom 3:31 “Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, WE ESTABLISH THE LAW” (Gal 3:19; Rom 10:4;)

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

Jos 4:5 And Joshua said unto them, *Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:*

Take ye up—the Israel of God washed by the Word & Baptism (Eph 5:26; 1Pet 3:21; Joh 3:1-5), “washing away sins” (Act 22:16; Tit 3:5-7). “Such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; and by the Spirit of God” **1Cor 6:11**.

Stones—John rebuked the Jews as he was baptizing at Jordan: “God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham” (Mat 3:9).

Jos 4:6-8 That THIS MAY BE A SIGN among you, *that* when your children ask *their fathers* in time to come, saying, What *mean* ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and *these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever*. And the children of Israel *did so as Joshua commanded*, and took up twelve stones OUT OF THE MIDST OF JORDAN, *as the LORD spake unto Joshua*, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and *LAID THEM DOWN THERE. **a separate twelve stones to those of next verse*

Sign—baptism is symbolic, with nothing miraculous in the act itself (Rom 6)

Memorial—first day of week brethren remember (Luk 22:19; 1Cor 11:24-25).

As Joshua commanded—baptism is an act of OBEDIENCE once the gospel of the Kingdom is received (Act 2:37-38; 10:48).

As Yahweh spake unto Joshua—Jesus' words were those of Father (Joh 14:10)

Jos 4:9-11 And Joshua *set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, *in the place* WHERE THE FEET OF THE PRIESTS WHICH BARE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT STOOD: and they are there unto this day. For the priests which bare the ark **stood in the midst of Jordan,* UNTIL EVERY THING WAS FINISHED that LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses **law established* commanded Joshua: AND THE PEOPLE HASTED AND PASSED OVER. And it came to pass, *when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests,* in the presence of the people **baptism foreshadowed in Law (Num 19:12-19)*

Set up 12 stones—Septuagint has “other twelve” (v.20). 12 set in Jordan, while 12 taken out: old man put in and new man came out (Rom 6).

Where feet of priests, bare the ark of covenant stood—pointing forward to a new priesthood and new covenant in Christ (Heb 7:10-28; 8:1-13; 9:10-28)

Until everything was finished—the 2,000 cubits (yrs) when God will “gather together in one all things in Christ”—Eph 1:10 (Col 1:20)

The people hasted—urgency in the Truth is vital (Act 2:37-41; 16:30-32; 8:36-38)

Jos 4:12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over ARMED before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them:

Jos 4:13 About forty thousand PREPARED FOR WAR passed over before the LORD unto BATTLE, to the plains of Jericho.

Reuben, Gad, Manasseh—these tribes had vowed before Yahweh to help their brethren gain their inheritance (see: Num 32:20-32; Jos 1:14). Labor is not merely for one's self, but also our brethren (1Tim 4:16).

Armed, prepared for war—prophetic implications of the future when Christ and saints subdue the nations and occupy the Land: *Bro. Cowie's classes. (Psa. 149:1-9; Rev. 2:26-29; Dan. 2:44; 7:18-22; John 18:36; 2The. 1:4-10)*

Presently, the typical significance is warfare with the flesh after baptism:

“Put on the whole armour of God” Eph. 6:11.

“War a good warfare” 1Tim. 1:18.

“Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” 2Tim. 2:3.

“I have fought a good fight” 2Tim. 4:7.

“Weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God” 2Cor. 10:4

“Another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind” Rom 7:23

Jos 4:14 On that day the **LORD** **magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel*; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

**Heb. to make large*

Yahweh magnified Joshua—baptism in Jordan was typical of the Lord's own death and resurrection (Luk 12:50; Joh 18:11). This even proved:

Rom 1:3-4 “(Jesus)... declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, *by the resurrection from the dead*”

- *The “sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow” 1Pet 1:11*
- *By resurrection the “son” and the “father” were “glorified” John 17*

Phi 2:8-11 “Being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. **Wherefore GOD ALSO HATH HIGHLY EXALTED HIM**, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth... to the glory of God the Father”

- *Jesus’ “tasting death for every man” and “suffering of death” resulted in him being “crowned with glory and honour” by God Heb 2:9*
- *This process set the Lord at his Father’s right hand (Heb 12:2; Act 5:31).*

Jos 4:15 And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,

Jos 4:16 Command the priests that bear *the ark of the *testimony*, that they COME UP OUT of Jordan. **Heb. "witness"*

Jos 4:17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, **Come ye up out of Jordan. *new priesthood in Christ (1Pet 2:9; Rev 5:9-10)*

Jos 4:18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare *the ark of the covenant* of the LORD were COME UP OUT of the midst of Jordan, *and* the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the DRY LAND, that *the waters of Jordan returned unto their place*, and flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before.

Ark of the Testimony—“*ark of the covenant*” (vs. 7) primarily used when in **TRANSPORT** (Num 10:33; 1Kin 8:1,6; 1Sam 4:3-4). The “*ark of the testimony*,” is mostly used when it **RESTED** in the erected Tabernacle (Exo 25:16-22; 39:35; 40:3); called “*the Tabernacle of the Testimony*” (Num 1:50-53; Exo 38:21)

Waters returned—the Mosaic was not to be returned back with the new covenant established in Christ (Gal 2:4; 4:9; 5:1; Act 15:10; Col 2:16-22)

Dry Land—rep. salvation (Exo 14:20-21); Israel’s future redemption (Isa 11:11-16)

Jos 4:19 And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and encamped in **Gilgal*, in the east border of Jericho. **comments Chp.5*

Jos 4:20 And THOSE TWELVE STONES, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in **Gilgal*.

Jos 4:21-23 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, *Israel came over this Jordan on dry land*. For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, ***as the LORD your God did to the Red sea*, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: ***direct comparison with Israel under Moses (1Cor 10:1-2)*

Jos 4:24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

Red Sea—Israel commanded to embrace the new covenant, memorialized in the stones or baptism at Jordan, which did not contradict, but fulfilled the Mosaic

JOSHUA 5 INHERITANCE BY FAITH, NOT BY WORKS—

- **“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down” (Heb 11:30). THE VICTORIES OF JOSHUA, THEREFORE, WERE VICTORIES OF FAITH. So it must be with those in Christ in the battle of life: “For this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith” (1John 5:4)—Expositor, pg 24.**

*Faith is redemption under Christ—see notes: Law and Faith
Faith is aligned with Jesus or Joshua (below)*

Heb 4:2 “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being
***MIXED** with *faith* in them that heard it”

****“temper together”—to join together the Law and Christ***

Jos 5:1 And it came to pass, when *all the kings* of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan westward, and *all the kings* of the Canaanites, which *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that *their heart melted*, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

All the kings—baptism into Christ changes reigning monarch of Sin among Gentiles (Rom 6; see Mat 10:5-6). All nations are now required to repent!

See: Act 13:18; 26:20; 28:25-28; Rom 11:11-15

To Gentiles on Mars Hill, the apostle declared: “The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

***BECAUSE HE HATH APPOINTED A DAY, IN THE WHICH HE WILL JUDGE THE WORLD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS BY THAT MAN WHOM HE HATH ORDAINED; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead” Act**

17:26-31 **judgment of Gentiles nations follows in Joshua 6*

To Gentiles at Lycaonia: “(God) Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven” Act 14:8-17

Jos 5:2 At that time the LORD said unto JOSHUA, **Make thee sharp knives*, and CIRCUMCISE AGAIN the children of Israel the second time. **circumcision under Christ; the Israel of God (Gal 6:15-16)*

Jos 5:3 And *Joshua made him sharp knives*, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

Jos 5:4 And this *is* the cause why Joshua did circumcise: **All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, DIED in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. *the Law manifested sin, brought death (Rom 7:19; 2Cor 3:7)*

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

Joshua, make thee sharp knives—this circumcision is by Joshua. Mosaic circumcision meant keeping the Law (Act 15:1-5; Phi 3:1-5). **THE ABRAHAMIC CIRCUMCISION, NOT MOSAIC (JOH 7:22), INCLUDED GENTILES (ROM 4:10-25)!**

Circumcise second time—“second” is correct. Yet, they didn’t do it the first time (v.5). This mean circumcision of a different spirit; not the letter (Col 2:11-12).

Phi 3:3-7 “For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh... Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee... righteousness which is in the law, blameless...”

Rom 2:28-29 “For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God”

****Even the Law taught the “foreskin of the heart”—Deu 10:16; Jer 4:4***

Col 2:11-12 “In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: BURIED WITH HIM IN BAPTISM”

- **The apostle taught that Abraham was given the promise before he was circumcised so that his “seed” would include Gentiles of faith, not the Law (Rom 4:9-13). Brethren in Christ are of the Abrahamic Circumcision!**

Jos 5:6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, *till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD*: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that He would give us **a land that floweth with milk and honey* *Isa 51:1-3

Jos 5:7 And their children, *whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised*: for they were UNCIRCUMCISED because they had *not circumcised* them by the way. *Heb. "Gentiles"

Jos 5:8 And it came to pass, when they had done *circumcising all the* *people, that THEY ABODE IN THEIR PLACES IN THE CAMP, *till they were* *whole *trans "revive" to life (Hos 6:2) "save alive" (Gen 12:12)

Men of war—Mosaic Law cannot prevail over sin/death (Gal 2:21; 3:21-29)

Land that floweth—reps a Land where curse of sin has eased (Gen 3:18)

Uncircumcised—word used for Gentiles (1Sam 14:6; 17:26-36; 31:4; Act 11:3)

Raised up in their stead—*used for the resurrection of the dead*—Isa 26:19

Till they were whole—circumcision accomplished when flesh becomes spirit (Joh 3:1-6; 1Cor 15:50; Phi 3:21).

Jos 5:9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, *This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called *Gilgal unto this day. *Heb. "rolling"*

Jos 5:10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, **and kept the passover* on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho **only circumcised could keep passover (Exo 12:47)*

Jos 5:11 And they did **eat of the old corn of the land* on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day **firstfruits. Lev 23:10-14; 1Cor 15:21-23; Jam 1:18; Rev 14:4*

Jos 5:12 And the **manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. *Mosaic manna rep. death (Joh 6:49-51)*

Reproach of Egypt—removing the condemnation of the Law of Moses; the bondage of Egypt (Act 13:36-39; Gal 2:16; Rom 3:19-28).

Gilgal—God's covenant with Abraham was based upon "circumcised" (Gen 17), but not the fleshly; that of the spirit (Act 7:8; Rom 4:6-25).

Kept the Passover—Christ is the true passover (1Cor 5:7-8).

Jos 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, *there stood a man over against him with his *sword drawn in his hand:* and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, *Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?* ***the word of God (Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12)**

Jos 5:14 And he said, *Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come.* And Joshua ***FELL ON HIS FACE TO THE EARTH,** and did worship, and said unto him, *What saith my lord unto his servant?* ***complete humility (Gen 17:3,17; Lev 9:24; Act 10:25-26)**

Jos 5:15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, **Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy.* And Joshua did so ***Moses told same (Exo 3:5; Act 7:32-33)**

Captain of the Host of Yahweh—the battle against the flesh does not conclude after baptism. Warfare with the enemy of the flesh continues (1Tim 1:18; 2Cor 10:1-4; Eph 6:12-18; Rom 7:23 cf. future: Joh 18:36; Dan 7:18).

Sword Drawn—the Word remains to battle the flesh (see: Song 3:6-11)

Joshua 1-5 teach the conditions by which “Israel” can inherit the Land.

Israel: **The Man**

- Called out of Egypt (Mat 2:15; Hos 11:1)
- Called Yahweh's Firstborn (Col 1:15-18).
- Called Yahweh's servant (Isa 49:3; 42:1)
- 40 days in Wilderness (Luk 4)
- Cut off by Romans (Mat 27:54)
- Death brought light to Gentiles (Acts 26:23)
- Raised up after three days (Acts 10:40)

Israel: **National**

- Called out of Egypt (Exo 4:20-22)
- Called Yahweh's Firstborn (Exo 4:20-22).
- Called Yahweh's servant (Isa 41:8)
- 40 years in Wilderness (Heb 3)
- Cut off by Romans (Mat 22:7)
- Death brought light to Gentiles (Rom 11:25-27)
- Raised up after three days (Hos 6:1-2)

Israel: The People—the “ecclesia of firstborns” (Heb 12:23); called “out” of Egypt” (1Pet 2:9); to be God’s “servants” (Rom 6:16-22); as an “ecclesia in the wilderness” (Act 7:38); the “Israel of God” (Gal 6:16); inheriting the land by Joshua (Heb 41-11); after “two days” of Gentile Times (John 4:40).