

## **Crossing Jordan** – 07/04/21

**TEXT-** Jos 4:18-24 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark

**INTRO** –**When God makes His covenant promises He always keeps them.** He had promised to give these people a land flowing with milk and honey. Whatever God has promised, He will perform.

**The Jordan River is mentioned in the Bible over 185 times**

The people are standing outside of the fulfillment of God's promises. All the blessings of the land flowing with milk and honey lie on the other side of the River Jordan and they have come to a great crisis point, a great decision point. And this is signaled to us by the fact that we are given the date for this event. We are told in **4:19** that it was the **tenth day** of the **first month** that the people crossed the Jordan. And the reason why that day is of particular significance is because it was the very same day forty years before that the people were called to choose the **Passover lamb** and to begin the great event of the exodus which **forty years** later would bring them to this significant point.

### **I. The Jordan River Was A Boundary**

- A. It separated the East from the west**
- B. It revealed those of faith and those without faith**
- C. Over the river was a place to claim the promises of God**
- D. Everyone must choose on which side of Jordan he will live**

### **II. The Jordan River Was A Place of Death**

- **It began in Mt. Hermon.**

The Jordan River has its source in three places near Mount Hermon. The main source of the Jordan River originates in the 10,000 foot peaks of **Mount Hermon**, and it flows downward to the south winding through the Jordan Valley and finally empties into the Dead Sea which is 1300 feet below sea level. It is very windy, perhaps 200 miles of twist and turns, while the actual distance is perhaps 135 miles from Mount Hermon to the Dead Sea in a straight line.

- **It gains strength from the Springs of Dan and empties into the Sea of Galilee**
- **It ends in the Dead Sea**
- **At salvation we recognize we are dead in sins and need new life**

**Eph 2:1-2** *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world,*

### **III. The Jordan River Was A Place of Types**

- A. A picture of death**
- B. A picture of commitment**
- C. Memorial of 12 stones**

### **IV. The Jordan River Was A Place of Baptism**

- A. The Baptism of Jesus**
- B. The baptizing of John the Baptist**

### **V. The Jordan River Was A Place of Healing**

**Naaman the Syrian dipped in the river 7 times to be healed**

### **VI. The Jordan River Was a Place of Miracles**

- A. Crossing the river on dry ground**
- B. Elijah caused an axe head to float**
- C. Elijah and Elisha crossed the river by miraculous means**

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