

Lesson II.

CROSSING THE JORDAN

October 12, 1902

Joshua 3 : 9-17. Study Joshua 3 : 9 to 4 : 7. Commit to memory vs. 15-17. Read Joshua 3 : 1 to 5 : 12.

9 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

11 Behold the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, one out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon a heap.

Revised Version—1 Canaanite; 2 Hittite; 3 Hivite; 4 Perizzite; 5 Girgashite; 6 Amorite; 7 Jebusite; 8 For; 9 When; 10 In one heap; 11 Brink; 12 A great way off, at Adam, the city that is; 13 Went; 14 Arabah.

EXPLANATION

Connection—The time had come for crossing the Jordan. The two tribes and a half had settled on the east side (Num. 32 : 33); but they, too, must fight, ch. 1 : 12-18. Spies were sent forward (ch. 2), the camp was moved nearer the river (ch. 3 : 1), and final instructions were given for the march, ch. 3 : 2-8.

9, 10. Joshua said. He issued "general orders." These were repeated, likely by the officers, to the heads of tribes, and these again to others under them, until all knew the will of the leader. **The words of the Lord;** the great Captain of salvation, Heb. 2 : 10. **Hereby ye shall know.** The miracle of crossing the Jordan would be a pledge that God would drive out the enemy before them. **The living God:** as opposed to the useless idols of the heathen. **The Canaanites, etc.** These were all descendants of Canaan, the son of Ham, Gen. 9 : 18.

11. The ark of the covenant of the Lord; the chest of acacia wood overlaid with gold, containing the law, Deut. 10 : 1-5. It was carried by staves passed through golden rings on either side, Ex. 25 : 10-16. **The Lord of all the earth.** Therefore, He had the right and the power to give Canaan to His people. **Passeth over before you;** the ark now took the place of the pillar of cloud and fire as the symbol of the divine guidance.

12, 13. Take you twelve men; to carry twelve stones from the river bed to set up a memorial pillar on the other side, ch. 4 : 1-9. **Of every tribe a man.** Each tribe gets its share of privilege and of responsibility. **As soon as the soles, etc.** Since the priests were God's ministers, and the ark God's throne, it was His arrival for which the miracle waited. **Stand upon a heap.** The water above was kept back in some miraculous way.

14, 15. Removed from their tents. The Hebrew means "pulled up their tent pegs." The brim; the edge of the water. **Overfloweth all his banks.** The river was flooded by the melting snows of Mount Hermon every spring. **The swiftness is rendered more dangerous by the muddy bed and curious zig-**

zag current, which will easily sweep a man from the side into the centre of the stream." (G. A. Smith's Historical Geography.) **The time of harvest;** the barley harvest. This season was chosen for the crossing in order that (1) the miracle might give confidence to the Israelites (2) fill their enemies with fear, and (3) that the Israelites might find food in the land.

16. A great way off, at Adam (Rev. Ver.); supposed to be the ford Danieh, several miles above

17. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

18. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

19. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

20. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

21. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

22. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

23. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

24. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

25. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

26. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

27. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

28. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

29. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

30. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

31. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

32. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

33. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

34. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

35. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

36. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

37. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

38. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.

39. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.



Fords of the Jordan

the encampment, where the Jordan is narrowest between high rocks. **Beside Zaretan;** a high hill known as Kurn or Horn Surtabel. **The salt sea;** the Dead Sea. **Failed.** The waters below flowed on, leaving a dry plain for many miles between Adam and the Dead Sea.

17. The priests... stood firm; in the dried river bed, while all the people passed over in safety. Further details of the crossing are given in ch. 4 : 1-7, where the twelve men (ch. 3 : 1, 2) take the stones out of the Jordan for a memorial pillar.