17 Josh'u-a therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jor'dan.

18 And it came to pus 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 Jor'dan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before.

19 And the people came up out of Jor'dan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gli'gal, in the east border of Jer'i-cho.

The passage of the Jordan is completed, and the host

of Israel, two millions strong, are upon the western

bank. Ended are all the perils of the wilderness, the

long marches, the drought, the burning sand. They

are resting at last upon the green meadows of Canaan.

surrounded by waving harvests, with brooks of water

purling through the valleys. The priests stand with

the ark upon their shoulders until the last of the multi-

tude has crossed; and still that mountain of waters rises

in the gorge miles away to the north, and still the bed of

the river lies dry under their feet. Beside the priests

stand twelve men, representatives of the tribes. At

Joshua's command they pile up a rough heap of stones

in the center of the channel, where the ark rested dur-

ing the crossing. Then each man takes from the rocky

20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jor'dan, did Josh'u-a pitch in Gil'gal.

21 And he spake unto the children of Is'ra-el, saying. When your children shall ask their fathers in time to when your children shall ask their lattices in cline some, saying, What mean these stones?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Is'ra-el came over this Jor'dan on dry land.

23 For the LORB your God dried up the waters of Jor'-

dan 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:

4 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 forever.

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floor, where the host have walked, one stone; and they bear them in solemn procession across the channel, up the terraced banks and within the newly pitched encampment at Gilgal. There they shall stand as a monument of that day, a day of promises fulfilled and of journeys ended. When the last act has been accomplished the leader gives the word of command, and the priests bear the ark of God out of the empty river bed. As soon as their feet touch the margin the stream begins to flow from above. It rolls larger, wider, deeper, until its banks are filled from shore to shore. They are in Canaan, once and for all, and henceforth there is to be no return to the wilderness. Theirs no more the pilgrim-staff, theirs the sword and spear, until the land of

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promise shall be won.



10. The priests which bare the ark. The ark was a sacred chest, representing bare the ark. God's presence, and containing the tables of God's law. None but the priests were permitted to touch it. Stood in the midst of Jordan. They led the march into the middle of the

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- 11. When all the people. When the miracle was fully wrought and the danger was fully past. The ark of the left placed over. Just as on an endangered in the left placed over. Just as on an endangered in the river, with the distant tide rolling higher and higher, threatening to break, until the last man had passed over. In the presence of the people. The vast multitude stood on the shore and watched the priests and the ark coming un from the had of the priests and the ark coming up from the bed of the
- 12. The children of Reuben, etc. These were the warriors of the two and a half tribes, who had been permitted to receive their inheritance from the territory permitted to receive their inheritance from the territory conquered not the east of the Jordan during the life-time of Moses, on condition that their soldiers should and the season the tribes in the conquest of Canaan. Season Num. 22 Before the children of Israel. Not necessarily in those of the tribes in the condition of the though the tribes of the children of Israel. Not necessarily in those of the tribes of the tri in the common cause.
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 13. About forty thousand. From the census (Num. 26) it appears that the fighting men of these tribes numbered over 10,000. They left more than half their warriors in 10,000. They left more than half their warriors in Before the Lord. Who was represented children holized by the ark, before which they marched. The plains of Jericho. A plain about seven miles wide, extending from the river Jordan to the mountains on the west. On this plain was the city of Jericho, and about three miles distant from the city Joshua fixed the camp of Israel. camp of Israel.
 - 14. The Lord magnified Joshua. The commands

to the priests and the people, before the miracle, had been given through Joshua. They were strange and in-explicable, and if the miracle had not taken place would have covered him with confusion. But the miracle did take place, and the result showed that Joshua was the representative of God as fully as Moses had been. There was a military precision, as well as a con-fident faith, in all Joshua's plans, which narked him as a born leader. They feared him. No with an ab-ject terror, as men fear a powerful tyrant; but with a mingling of respect for his authority and confidence in his judgment, such as a true commander inspires. was the representative of God as fully as Moses had

15. 16. The Lord spake. Every step of Israel 15, 16. The Lord spake. Every step of brach under the rule of Joshua was taken by divine direction. Command the priests. All this time the priests were standing in the empty bed of the river. These verses standing in the empty bed of the river. These verses give a more complete account of what was briefly stated in verse 11.

17. 18. Lifted up unto the dry land. As the water had begun to recede when the priests touched the margin of the river on the eastern side, so now as they margin of the river on the eastern side, so now as they touched the hank on the western side the water began to flow. Returned unto their place. It may be presumed that as the fall and ebbing of the waters had been gradual, so now they returned gradually, and not in a wild torrent, as when a mill dam give the property of the state of the sta has no provision for going back.

19. The tenth day. The day on which the lamb for the passover was to be chosen. From Josh. 5, 10, we learn that the passover was observed four days for the passover was to be chosen. From Josh. 5, 10, we learn that the passover was observed four days later; but it is not certain whether or not it had been observed during the wandering in the wilderness. First month. The month can be considered that the month of the content of the fall. Livil year began with the content of the fall. Livil year began with the pear began with the new moon, and consisted of four weeks. Encamped in Galgal. The name means "rolling." and was given to it by anticipation, because there was "rolled away" the reproach of their servile state in Egypt. Josh. 5, 9. The camp was pitched in this place forty years lacking five days after the from Egypt. The proposed property of the proposed property of the proposed property of the pro

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