

JOSHUA No.4 CROSSING THE JORDAN

JOSHUA 3:1-5

Ch.2 brings good news, a good report; they can take the land.

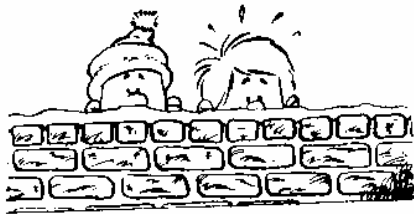
They will cross the Jordan river, when it is at its fullest (vs.15); but not quite yet!

1. Camp before crossing over. (vs.1)

Ps.37:7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Ps.40:1 I waited patiently for the Lord and He heard my cry.

Acts 1:4 Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised.

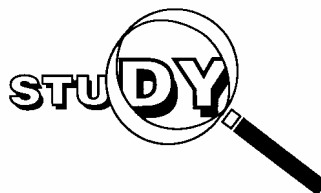


2. Watch for the move of God. (vs.3)

The Ark symbolised the presence of God; they were to keep their eyes on it. Therefore keep your spiritual eyes open.

- The people knew nothing of God's plan to take Jericho + the Land. But God knew his own plan.
- God had a higher agenda and God will always work according to his own agenda.
- Today we're seeing a tremendous move of the Holy Spirit. John 16:8 = Holy Spirit's agenda - to convict the world of guilt in regard to sin, righteousness and judgement. Acts 1:8 ..but you will receive power.... witnesses. John 16:13 ...He will lead us into all truth.
- God is equipping his children to do the work he has called us to do... to take our localities for Him.

WE MUST MOVE WHEN HE SAYS SO !!



3. Leave your positions and follow. (vs.3)

In other words start to take a few risks, both as a church and as individuals.

Dt. 32:11 ..like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions.

Is.30:21 whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying "this is the way, walk in it. "

- Therefore we must expect God to do something different with us and be prepared for Him to launch us into something new !

4. You will know which way to go as you have never been this way before. (vs.4)

God is doing something new in these days...cf Global March for Jesus. Revival is sweeping the World. The Holy Spirit is doing some new things among us, though many have experienced such things before.

BUT GOD IS DOING A NEW THING, LET'S NOT THINK THAT WE'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE !!

God will lead those who are willing to be lead along new avenues of experience and challenge that will effect their whole lives.



5. Keep a distance between you and the ark. (vs.4)

Remember our God is a consuming fire and will share his glory with no-one else. Let's revere him.



