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***The God of Israel will be your Rereward***

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**The LORD is Magnified**

**The God of Israel will be your Rereward –** **Isaiah 52-53**

**Isaiah 52:10** The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
**Isaiah 52:11** Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean *thing*; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.
**Isaiah 52:12** For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel *will be* your rereward.

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| **Scope of Joshua** |
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| **Reference** | 1.1 | 6:1 | 13:8 | 14:1 | 20:1 | 22:1 24:33 |
| **Plan** | God Prepares Israel | Conquering the land | East Jordan | West Jordan | Cities, refuge, and Suburbs | To stay in the land |
| **Division** | Passing over Jordan | Subduing the Land | Possessing the Land |
| **Where** | East Jordan | Canaan | 9 ½ tribes settle at West Jordan – 2 ½ East Jordan |
| **Time** | About 1 Month | About 7 Years | About 8 Years |

**Last week we witnessed a “change of power” as Moses dies and the LORD speaks to Joshua:**

**Joshua 1:2** Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.
**Joshua 1:3** Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

**Why does the LORD want His people to “go over this Jordan? (Also see** **Hebrews 11:8-10****)**

**Joshua 1:6** Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.
**Joshua 1:7** Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.
**Joshua 1:8** This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

**Joshua told the officers of the people:**

**Joshua 1:11** Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

**Then, Joshua speaks to the Reubenites, Gadites, and the ½ tribe of Manasah:**

**Joshua 1:13** Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.
**Joshua 1:14** Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;

**Joshua 1:15** Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD'S servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

**What was these 3 ½ tribes’ answer:**

**Joshua 1:16** And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.
**Joshua 1:17** According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

**From Shittim Joshua sent spies to Jericho to spy out the land:**

**Joshua 2:1** And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

**A covenant was made between the spies (involving all Israel – Represents the 1st Advent)**

**Joshua 2:14** And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

**This Gentile Harlot makes an incredible statement of faith:**

**Joshua 2:9** And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.
**Joshua 2:10** For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.
**Joshua 2:11** And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

**The spies give Rahab instructions for their second coming to Jericho: (Represents the 2nd Advent)**

**Joshua 2:18** Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.
**Joshua 2:19** And it shall be, *that* whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood *shall be* upon his head, and we *will be* guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him.

**I. Crossing Jordan**

**Joshua and Israel come to Jordan**

**Joshua 3:1** And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

**Officers command the people after 3 days – keep over ½ mile away from the ark**
**Joshua 3:2** And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;
**Joshua 3:3** And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.
**Joshua 3:4** Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way heretofore.

**Joshua tells the people to sanctify themselves**
**Joshua 3:5** And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

**Joshua commands the priests – Lift up the ark and pass over before the people**
**Joshua 3:6** And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

**The LORD will begin to magnify Joshua in the sight of the people**
**Joshua 3:7** And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee.

**The LORD tells Joshua what to command the priests**
**Joshua 3:8** And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.
 **“Hear the Words of the LORD, your God”**

**Joshua 3:9** And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.
**Joshua 3:10** 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.

**The ark will pass before you – priest’s with the ark will stand in the water and it shall part**
**Joshua 3:11** Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.
**Joshua 3:12** Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.
**Joshua 3:13** 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 an heap.

**It was the time of the barley harvest in which the Jordan overflowed its banks**
**Joshua 3:14** And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;
**Joshua 3:15** And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)
**Joshua 3:16** That the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that *is* beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, failed, *and* were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.
**Joshua 3:17** And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

**II. Stones for a Memorial**

**And when all were clean passed over, the LORD**

**Joshua 4:1** And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
**Joshua 4:2** Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,
**Joshua 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.
**Joshua 4:4** Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:

**Joshua 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:
**Joshua 4:6** 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?
**Joshua 4:7** 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.

**The children of Israel did as commanded – The priests with the ark remained in the midst of Jordan**
**Joshua 4:8** 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.
**Joshua 4:9** 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.
**Joshua 4:10** For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over.

**III. The LORD Magnified Joshua in the Sight of all Israel**

**After all the people, priests, and ark were passed over**
**Joshua 4:11** 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.
**Joshua 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:
**Joshua 4:13** About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.
**Joshua 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.

**After the priests bearing the ark were crossed over the waters of Jordan returned to their place**
**Joshua 4:15** And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
**Joshua 4:16** Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.
**Joshua 4:17** Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan.
**Joshua 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.

**The people set up camp in Gilgal**
**Joshua 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.

**God’s purpose for the heap of stones – Teach the kids**
**Joshua 4:20** And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.
**Joshua 4:21** 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?
**Joshua 4:22** Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.
**Joshua 4:23** 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:

**And teach all the people of the earth – Not only Israel**
**Joshua 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.

**The Amorites in Jericho and the Canaanites by the sea were all scared of the Israelites**

**Joshua 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.

**IV. The LORD Continued to Prepare Israel**

**After the first generation died in the Wilderness, the new generation had not been circumcised**
**Joshua 5:2** At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.
**Joshua 5:3** And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.
**Joshua 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.
**Joshua 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 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.
**Joshua 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.
**Joshua 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.

**This day the LORD had rolled away the reproach of Egypt upon Israel**
**Joshua 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.

**The mana ceased after the children of Israel partook of the “old corn of the land”****Joshua 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.
**Joshua 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.
**Joshua 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.

**V. Joshua is Prepared by the LORD Himself**
**Joshua 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?
**Joshua 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?
**Joshua 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.

**Jericho was straightly shut up**

**Joshua 6:1** Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

**The LORD has given Jericho in your hand**
**Joshua 6:2** And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and* the mighty men of valour.

**VI. Battle plans given by the LORD**
**Joshua 6:3** And ye shall compass the city, all *ye* men of war, *and* go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.
**Joshua 6:4** And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.
**Joshua 6:5** And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

**Joshua speaks the Word of the LORD to the priests and the people**
**Joshua 6:6** And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.
**Joshua 6:7** And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD.

**All obeyed the Word of the LORD the first day**
**Joshua 6:8** And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.
**Joshua 6:9** And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rereward came after the ark, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.
**Joshua 6:10** And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.
**Joshua 6:11** So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.
**Joshua 6:12** And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.
**Joshua 6:13** And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

**And on the second through the 7th day**
**Joshua 6:14** And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.
**Joshua 6:15** And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.
**Joshua 6:16** And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.
**Joshua 6:17** And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.
**Joshua 6:18** And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

**Joshua 6:19** But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.
**Joshua 6:20** So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

**VII. The LORD rewards Obedience**

**And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city**
**Joshua 6:21** And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.
**Joshua 6:22** But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.
**Joshua 6:23** And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.
**Joshua 6:24** And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

**And Rahab was saved at their second coming – The LORD blesses obedience –** Matthew 1:1-6 **Joshua 6:25** And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

**Rahab became the great, great, great grandmother of King David!**

**Joshua prophesies about anyone that tries to rebuild Jericho**
**Joshua 6:26** And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it.

**In the days of Ahab, King of Israel, Hiel built Jericho**

**I Kings 16:29** And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.
**I Kings 16:30** And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that *were* before him.
**I Kings 16:31** And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.
**I Kings 16:32** And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.
**I Kings 16:33** And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.
**I Kings 16:34** In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

**The Fame of the LORD and Joshua was noised throughout**

**Joshua 6:27** So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was *noised* throughout all the country.