

THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!
JOSHUA CH3:1-17!

BACKGROUND!

- Big Idea of the Book - The fulfilment of God's promise!
Joshua Ch23:15 "No failed words"
- Joshua Ch1-12 - Conquering the land
- Joshua Ch13-21 - Distribution of the land
- Joshua Ch22-24 - Retention of the land

What do we know about Joshua? He first appears in and then in:

- Exodus Ch17:8-10 - As a warrior!
- Exodus Ch24:13 - As an aide to Moses!
- Exodus Ch32:17 - Returning from the Mountain!
- Exodus Ch33:11 - In the Tent of Meeting!
- Numbers Ch11:28 - Involved with the 70 elders!
- Numbers Ch13:1-16 - Represents Ephraim!
- Numbers Ch13:30 - Positive report!
- Numbers Ch27:18 - A shepherd and the next leader!
- Numbers Ch32:28 - Involved with Eleazer!

Joshua is the first of the 12 History Books! - Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1st + 2nd Samuel, 1st + 2nd Kings, 1st + 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther!



ILLUSTRATION



Vrhoticky (2020) 'The Secret of the Ark of the Covenants Lid.' Available at:
<https://www.grunge.com/279029/the-secret-of-the-ark-of-the-covenants-lid/>

BE PREPARED TO FOLLOW THE ARK! V1-5

V5 – Consecrate yourselves!

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| Exodus Ch19:10-22 | - | Wash their garments + No Sex! |
| Numbers Ch11:18 | - | Food restrictions |
| Joshua Ch7:13 | - | Consecrate yourselves (Food) |
| 1 st Samuel Ch16:5 | - | Sacrifices – preparing oneself spiritually |

BE PREPARED TO UNDERSTAND THE ARK! V6-13

We see the ark mentioned - V6, V8, V11, V13!

Exodus Ch25:10-22 – tells us how the Ark is to be constructed!

Numbers Ch4:5-6 – the ark, when carried was covered by 3 layers!

Hebrews Ch9:4 - The 10 commandments, Aaron's Staff and a jar of manna.

BE PREPARED FOR THOSE BEARING THE ARK! V14-17

Bearing - V14, V15 x2, V17

The river Jordan was in full flood mode! Remember, the people needed to trust Joshua, see the presence of God not just for the River Jordan but also for all the “ites”.

APPLICATION

God is not just a three letter word! God is according to v11+13 the Lord of all the earth! Sometimes He will work through the most powerful circumstances, to remind us, just who He is!