

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## THE DESTINY OF HUMANITY

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### PART 9: TRUSTING GOD, NO MATTER WHAT!

#### **PREPARING TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND**

Not all the tribes of Israel were to enter the Promised Land because the tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh had already possessed their land, as commanded by Moses, when he had them to settle on the eastern side of the Jordan River (known today as the West Bank). **Joshua 1:10-13**

However, the fighting men from these three tribes were drafted to help the rest to take the land on the western side of the Jordan River. This was a test of Joshua's leadership and authority; the men responded and vowed that any man who did not obey this order would be put to death. **verses 14-18**

#### **TAKING A FORTIFIED CITY**

As a military commander, Joshua knew that he had the choice of entering the Promised Land at an undefended part or moving into a well defended place. Entering an undefended area would initially be easy, but then Joshua would face enemy forces ahead and behind. A decisive victory over a hardened target such as Jericho would put fear into the enemy and secure his rear. Joshua began by sending out men to perform reconnaissance and they decided the safest place to lodge was in a whorehouse. **Joshua 2:1**

Rahab the harlot had been visited by the Lord, who had instilled fear into her, and she knew Jericho was doomed and she hid the spies in order to save her life. **verses 2-16**

The two spies told Joshua that the fear from God had fallen on the city and that he should give the marching orders to attack the city. **verses 21-24**

#### **CROSSING THE JORDAN**

A military commander would normally put his best troops at the front to break the enemy lines, but Joshua was not a normal military commander and knew that his strength was in the Lord, so the priests and the Ark of the Covenant led the way. **Joshua 3:1-4**

The people were told to prepare to worship the Lord. **verse 5**

The Jordan River at this time was at flood stage and had flowed over its banks. This was the worst time to cross over but God wanted the people to know they were going to receive a miracle. **verses 6-17**

God wanted a memorial built for generations in the future to know this was the spot where the people of Israel had crossed over supernaturally. **Joshua 4:1-13**



## **CERTIFIED BY GOD**

God can make miracles happen at any time and He wanted to impress upon the people of Israel that Joshua was His man and the people respected Joshua just as they had done with Moses. **verses 14-24**

## **LIVE IN THE SUPERNATURAL**

There must have been spies from the different kings monitoring the movements of the Israelites, and when they saw the raging Jordan split in the middle, they reported that the people of Israel calmly walked across on dry land and fear fell on the people in Canaan. **Joshua 5:1**

Then God did something that made no sense when He ordered all the males to be circumcised on the same day. A grown man that was circumcised would take several days to recover and an infection would delay the recovery time even further. This was suicidal because all the fighting men would be recovering from their wounds and this would provide the enemy with the chance to overrun and kill them all. It would make sense to circumcise the men in stages, but we find in this situation that Joshua did not look at the natural, but trusted God completely and was living in the supernatural. **verses 2-9**

The manna ceased appearing on the ground after the Israelites crossed the Jordan River because there was food to be found. **verses 10-12**

## **MEETING JESUS**

Jesus wanted to personally encourage Joshua and met him outside the camp. Jesus gave Joshua the same sign that He had given Moses by telling him to take off his shoes. **verses 13-15; Exodus 3:5-6**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***