



Twelve

1. **The Hebrew # 12** stands for authority of God's kingdom.
2. **12 Tribes of Israel.** 12 apostles, 12 minor prophets, Jesus spoke at the temple 12 times, 12 months in a year, & 12 gates in the New Jerusalem. The 12 stones memorials at the Red Sea & Jordan. The Tree of life will bear 12 fruits.

Joshua 4:1-6

Markers of God's P.P.P.P.

1. **V:1 The Stones:** They came from the middle of the Jordan. Representing God's Presence was with the whole Nation.
2. **V:2-3 The Stones:** They came from where the priests were standing. This is the symbol of God's Power to hold back the water.
3. **V:4-6 The Stones:** Were to be stacked at the place where they laid their heads on their first night in the promise land.
 - A. **God's Provision** a place of rest.
 - B. **God's Promises** are faithful commitments to the His followers.

Joshua 7:7-10

Spiritual Reminders

1. **Joshua 3:15** Now the Jordan was at flood stage. Could be from ½ mile wide or longer.
2. **Joshua 4:9** Joshua sets up 12 stones in the middle of the river where the priest stood with the ARK.
3. **The hidden 12 stones:** The only time people would see them was during a draught.

4. **V:10 Just as Moses** had directed. Moses built the stones of remembrance as they crossed the Red Sea. One symbol of remembrance points to another.
5. **Multi-generational reminders** keep the anchor secure just a little longer. Don't be the generation that quits pointing to God.

Joshua 4:10c-18

Ready for the Next Step

1. **V:12-13 Forty thousand** fighting men went before them as mighty army for the people to follow. (These tribes would live east of the Jordan.)
2. **V:15-18 The Lord directed** when to go, when to stand, and when to come out of the Jordan. Then it returned to flood stage.
3. **God went before** them. God's presence stood in the middle of uncertainty. God had their back as they crossed. How many were lost in this flood stage crossing. Zero.

Joshua 4:19-24

“The Future Generations Must Know”

1. **V:19 The story behind the story.** The 10th day of Nisan in this story is the preparation time for the 40th anniversary of Passover.
2. **There is a woman waiting (Rahab)** for this gift of Passover in Jericho with a scarlet thread marking her faith.
3. **Was the ground** really dry? How? **Exodus 14:21-22**
4. **V:24 God did this so** the people of the earth might know the hand, the power, and fear the Lord your God.