

Joshua 3:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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,)

Analysis

The timing when Jordan 'overfloweth all his banks' makes the miracle unmistakable—this wasn't crossing at dry season but at flood stage.

Historical Context

This verse appears in the Jordan crossing narrative, one of Joshua's most significant events demonstrating God's power and faithfulness in bringing Israel into the Promised Land.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this passage demonstrate God's faithfulness to His covenant promises?
2. What application does this truth have for your walk with Christ today?

Interlinear Text

וְכֹב וְאָנָה
were come And as they that bare
H935 H5375

נִשְׁאָה וְאֶת־קָרְבָּן
the ark עד
H5704 H727

וְאֶת־יַבְרָד וְאֶת־יָדְבָּל
for Jordan and the feet
H3383 H7272

וְכֹבָנִים
of the priests And as they that bare
H3548 H5375

נִשְׁאָה וְאֶת־קָרְבָּן
the ark were dipped in the brim
H727 H2881 H7097

בְּפָנָה
of the water for Jordan overfloweth
H4325 H3383 H4390

מְלָא עַל־כָּל
H5921 H3605

גְּדוּלָה כָּל
all his banks H1415 H3605

יָמִים כָּל
all the time H3117

קָצֵר:
of harvest
H7105

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 12:15 (Parallel theme): These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west.

Jeremiah 12:5 (Parallel theme): If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

Jeremiah 49:19 (Parallel theme): Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

Joshua 3:13 (Parallel theme): 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.

Joshua 4:18 (Parallel theme): 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.

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