

# Joshua 3:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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The waters standing 'upon an heap very far from...Adam' shows miracle's comprehensive scope affecting long river stretches, not local phenomenon.

## Historical Context

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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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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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

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וַעֲמַד וְ	הַמַּיִם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	מִלְּמַעְלָה	וַיָּקֶם מוֹ
stood	That the waters	and those that came down	from above	and rose up
H5975	H4325	H3381	H4605	H6965
וַיָּקֶם	עָלָה	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם
heap	upon an	far	very	Adam
H5067	H259	H7368	H3966	H121
וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם
that is beside	Zaretan	and those that came down	sea	of the plain
H6654	H6891	H3381	H5921	H3220
וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם
even the salt	failed	and were cut off	and the people	passed over
H4417	H8552	H3772	H5971	H5674
וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם	וְהַיֹּרֵד יָם
right against Jericho				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

**Genesis 14:3** (Parallel theme): All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

**1 Kings 7:46** (Parallel theme): In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.

**1 Kings 4:12** (Parallel theme): Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, even unto the place that is beyond Jokneam:

**Psalms 114:3** (Parallel theme): The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

**Deuteronomy 1:1** (Parallel theme): These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

**Numbers 34:3** (Parallel theme): Then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the coast of Edom, and your south border shall be the outmost coast of the salt sea eastward:

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