

Ephesians Series

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Ascent to the Right Hand of God Ephesians 4:7–10; Psalm 68:18



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

- 1. FIVE Messianic Psalms: Psalm 68:18; 110; Psalm 2 then Daniel 7 with Psalm 8; Psalm 89 with Psalm 132:11–14.**
- 2. The terms *Son of Man* and *Son of God*; *Son of David* and *King of Kings* and *Lord of Lords*.**
- 3. The Davidic Covenant as the foundation for understanding all of the above.**
- 4. The Melchizedekian priesthood and its fulfillment in Christ.**

Acts 1:9, “Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

ἐπαίρω epairō
**3 sing aor pass
indic to lift up**

ὑπολαμβάνω hupolambanō
**3 sing aor act indic to
suppose; to lift up; to reply**



Heb. 4:14, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession.”

διέρχομαι, *dierchomai*, perfect active participle

“to come or go through, to pass through, to travel through a place or location”

The Biblical “Heavens”

The Third Heaven: The Throne of God

The Second Heaven: The Universe

The First Heaven: The Earth’s Atmosphere

1 Pet. 3:22, “who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.”

**πορεύομαι *poreuomai*
aorist passive participle,
masculine singular nominative
“to go,” used of a journey**

Eph. 4:8, “Therefore He says: ‘*When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.*’

Eph. 4:9, “(Now this expression, ‘*He ascended,*’ what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph. 4:10, “He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)”

Psa. 68:12,

**“Kings of armies flee, they flee,
And she who remains at home divides the spoil”
[Judges 5?]. ~NKJV**

Psa. 68:13,

**“Though you lie down among the sheepfolds,
You will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And her feathers with yellow gold.” ~NKJV**

Psa. 68:14,

**“When the Almighty [*Shaddai*] scattered kings in it,
it was white as snow in Zalmon.**

Psa. 68:15,

**“A mountain of the gods [*elohim*] is the mountain of
Bashan;**

**A mountain of many peaks is the mountain of
Bashan.” ~NKJV**

Deut. 32:17,

**“They sacrificed to demons, not to God,
To gods they did not know,
To new gods, new arrivals
That your fathers did not fear.”**

Psa. 68:16,

“Why do you stare *with envy*, you mountains of many peaks?

This is the mountain which God desires to dwell in;

Yes, the Lord will dwell in it forever. ~RD

Psa. 68:17,

“The chariots of God are twenty thousand,

Even thousands of thousands;

The Lord is among them as in Sinai,

in the Holy Place.” ~NKJV

Deut. 33:2,

“And he said:

‘The LORD came from Sinai,

And dawned on them from Seir;

He shone forth from Mount Paran,

And He came with ten thousands of saints;

From His right hand

Came a fiery law for them.’ ”

Judg. 5:4, “LORD, when You went out from Seir, when You marched from the field of Edom, the earth trembled and the heavens poured, the clouds also poured water;

Judg. 5:5, “The mountains gushed before the LORD, this Sinai, before the LORD God of Israel.”

Dan. 7:10,

“A fiery stream issued

And came forth from before Him.

A thousand thousands ministered to Him;

Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.

The court was seated,

And the books were opened.”

Psa. 18:10,

**“And He rode upon a cherub, and flew;
He flew upon the wings of the wind.”**

Isa. 19:1,

“The burden against Egypt.

Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud,

And will come into Egypt;

The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence,

And the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst.”

Hab. 3:8, “O LORD, were You displeased with the rivers, was Your anger against the rivers, was Your wrath against the sea, that You rode on Your horses, Your chariots of salvation?”

Psa. 68:18,

**“You have ascended on high,
You have led captivity captive;
You have received gifts among men,
Even from the rebellious,
That the Lord God might dwell there.**

Psa. 68:19,

**“Blessed be the Lord,
Who daily loads us with benefits,
The God of our salvation! Selah” ~NKJV**

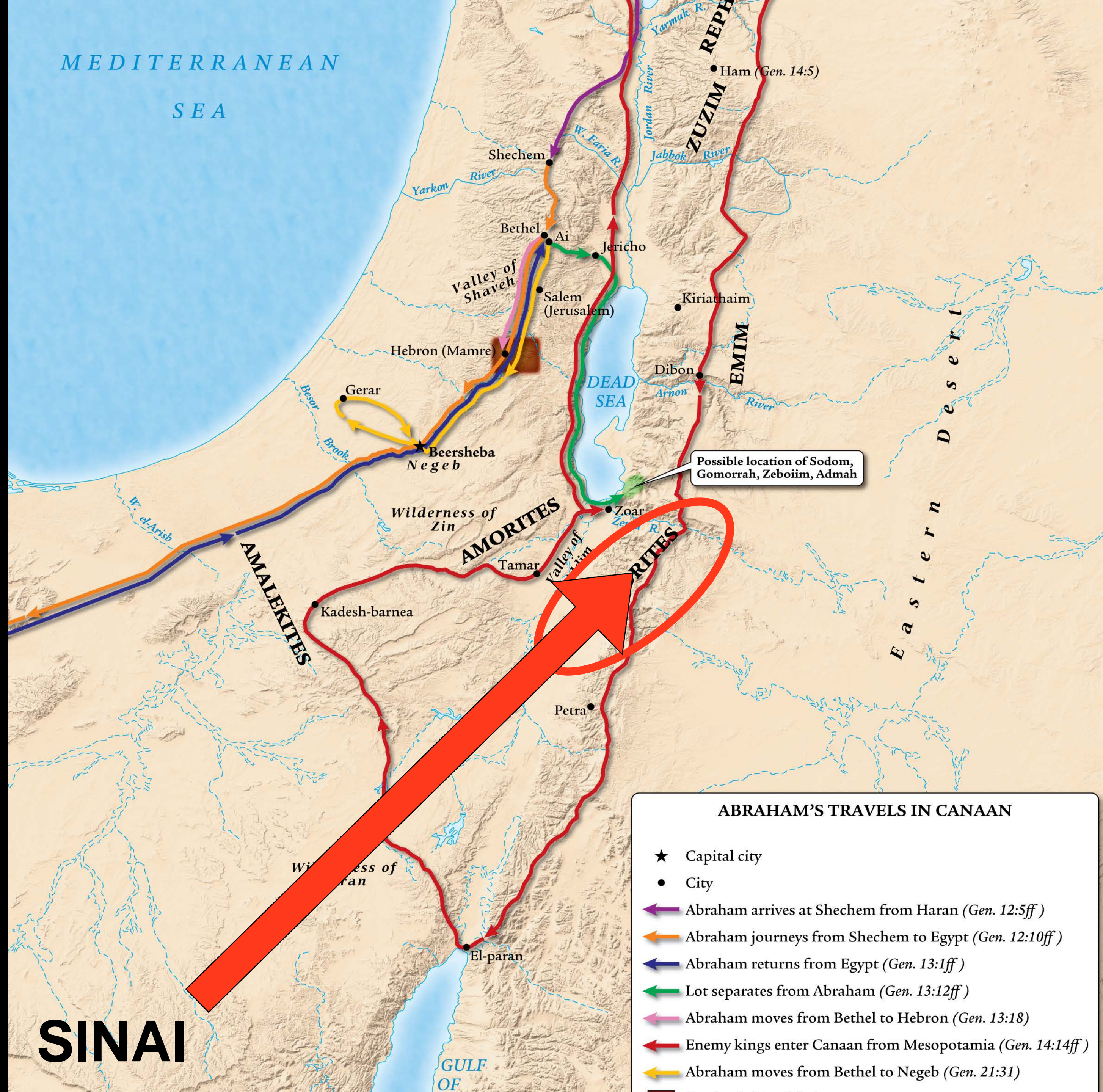
**Psa. 68:24, “They have seen Your procession, O God,
the procession of my God, my King, into the
sanctuary.”**

**Psa. 68:1, “Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered;
Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.**

**Psa. 68:2, “As smoke is driven away, so drive them
away; As wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked
perish at the presence of God.”**

Num. 10:35, “Then it came about when the ark set out that Moses said, ‘Rise up, O LORD! And let Thine enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Thee flee before Thee.’

Num. 10:36, “And when it came to rest, he said, ‘Return Thou, O LORD, to the myriad thousands of Israel.’ ”



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

REPHIM
ZUZIM

EMIM

E a s t e r n
D e s e r t

SINAI

ABRAHAM'S TRAVELS IN CANAAN

- ★ Capital city
- City
- ← Abraham arrives at Shechem from Haran (Gen. 12:5ff)
- Abraham journeys from Shechem to Egypt (Gen. 12:10ff)
- ← Abraham returns from Egypt (Gen. 13:1ff)
- Lot separates from Abraham (Gen. 13:12ff)
- Abraham moves from Bethel to Hebron (Gen. 13:18)
- ← Enemy kings enter Canaan from Mesopotamia (Gen. 14:14ff)
- Abraham moves from Bethel to Negeb (Gen. 21:31)

Possible location of Sodom, Gomorrah, Zeboiim, Admah

AMORITES

ARABITES

AMALEKITES

Yarkon River

W. Euphrates R.

Jordan River

Jabbok River

Valley of Shaveh

Valley of Zeboiim

Wilderness of Zin

Wilderness of Paran

GULF OF

El-paran

Petra

Kadesh-barnea

Tamar

Zoar

Wilderness of Zin

Beersheba Negeb

Gerar

Hebron (Mamre)

Salem (Jerusalem)

Bethel

Shechem

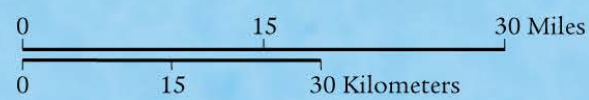
Ham (Gen. 14:5)

Kiriathaim

Dibon

Arnon River

- Town beyond Israelite control
- Town not captured (*Josh. 13:1-7; 16:10; 17:7-18; Judg. 1*)
- City of refuge
- Town burned by Israelites in conquest
- ★ Major battle sites of Israel's conquest
- Area of Israel's control



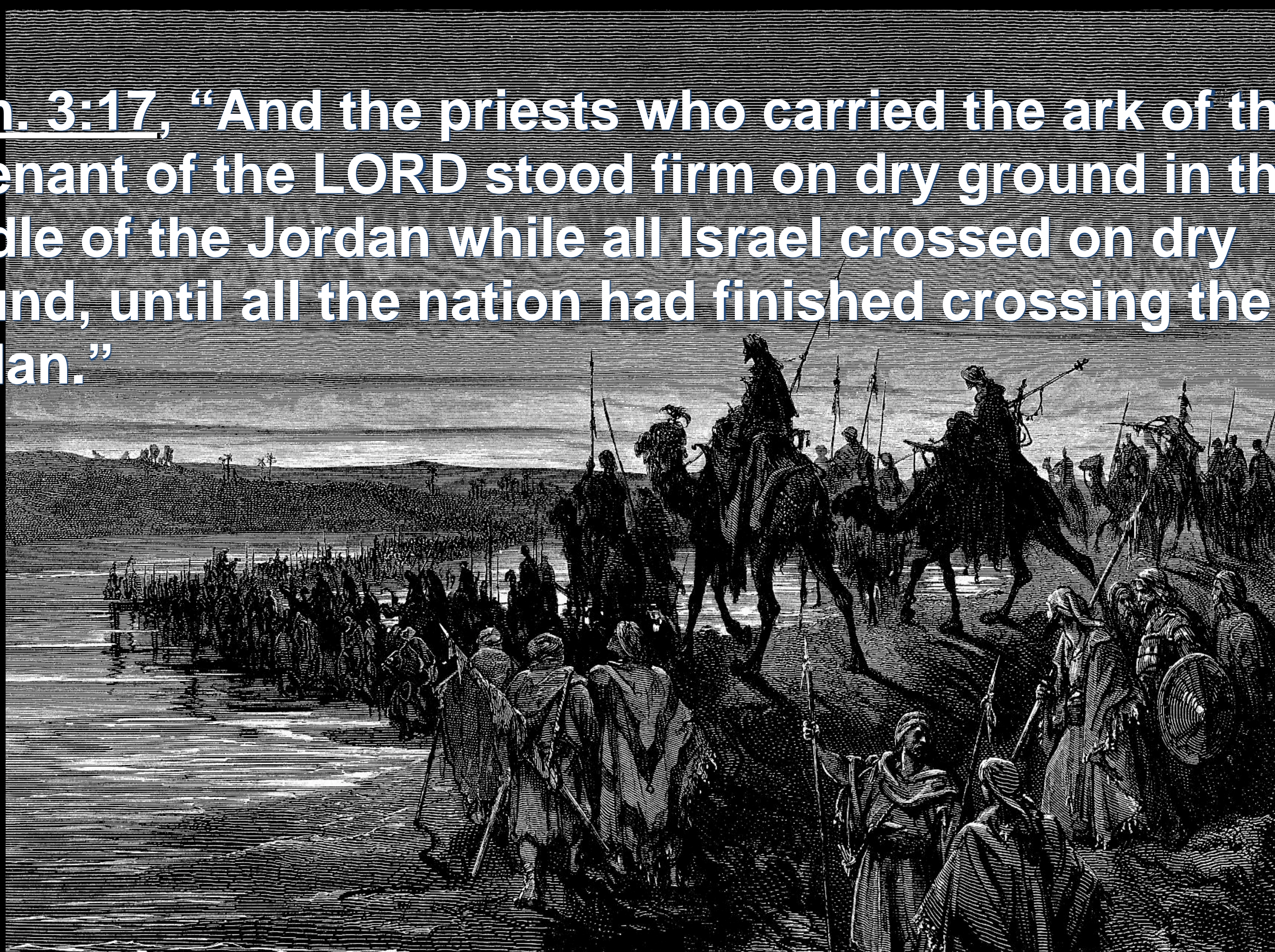
Josh. 3:15, “and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest),”



Josh. 3:16, “the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho.”



Josh. 3:17, “And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.”



2 Sam. 6:12, “Now it was told King David, saying, ‘The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God.’ And David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

2 Sam. 6:13, “And so it was, that when the bearers of the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

2 Sam. 6:14, “And David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, and David was wearing a linen ephod.”

Psa. 110:4, “The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.’ ”

2 Sam. 6:16, “Then it happened as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

2 Sam. 6:17, “So they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

2 Sam. 6:18, “And when David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.”

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Judges 5:12, “Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, sing a song! Arise, Barak, and you take captive your captivity, O son of Abinoam!” ~NKJV

Deut. 21:10, “When you go out to war against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hand, and you take captive his captivity,” i.e., you take captive His [the Lord’s] captivity.

**Psa. 68:18, “You [YHWH] have ascended on high,
You have led captivity captive;”**

**YOU have taken captive, captives, or you have taken
prisoners, prisoners of war.**

**Those former slaves [Israel] were now God’s captives
and He led them to victory.**

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rebellious, that the LORD God might dwell there.”
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Christ led former prisoners of sin, i.e., formerly unbelievers, but now His prisoners.

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~NKJV

1 Cor. 6:20, “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

1 Cor. 7:23, “You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.”

**ἀγοράζω *agorazō* 2 plur aor pass indic to buy,
purchase from the slave market of sin**

Rom. 6:16, “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?”

Rom. 6:17, “But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

Rom. 6:18, “And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.”

Psalm 68:7–18

Yahweh left His throne to lead Israel in the conquest & settlement from Sinai to the victorious ascent of the Ark on Mt. Zion, the site of His future final throne.

Yahweh leads captives in a triumphant procession: Who were these captives?

***Yahweh* receives booty from His defeated foes.**

Ephesians 4:7–10

Christ victoriously “ascended far above all the heavens” from where He once was (although in pre-Incarnate form, John 6:62; 16:28).

Jesus leads the previous captives of sin to victory; Jesus Christ declares victory over defeated angelic powers (cf., Col. 2:15, 1 Pet. 3:19).

Jesus Christ gives the booty to His Church.

Order of Events

- 1. Ascension, Psa. 68:18; Eph. 4:7–8**
- 2. Seated at the right hand of God, “on my Father’s throne”, Rev. 3:21, Psa. 110:1**
- 3. Asks for the kingdom, Psa. 2:8**
- 4. Is granted the kingdom, Dan. 7:14**
- 5. Messiah returns to the earth and defeats the kings of the earth, Psa. 2:9; Rev. 19:19–21**
- 6. Messiah establishes His rule, Rev. 20**