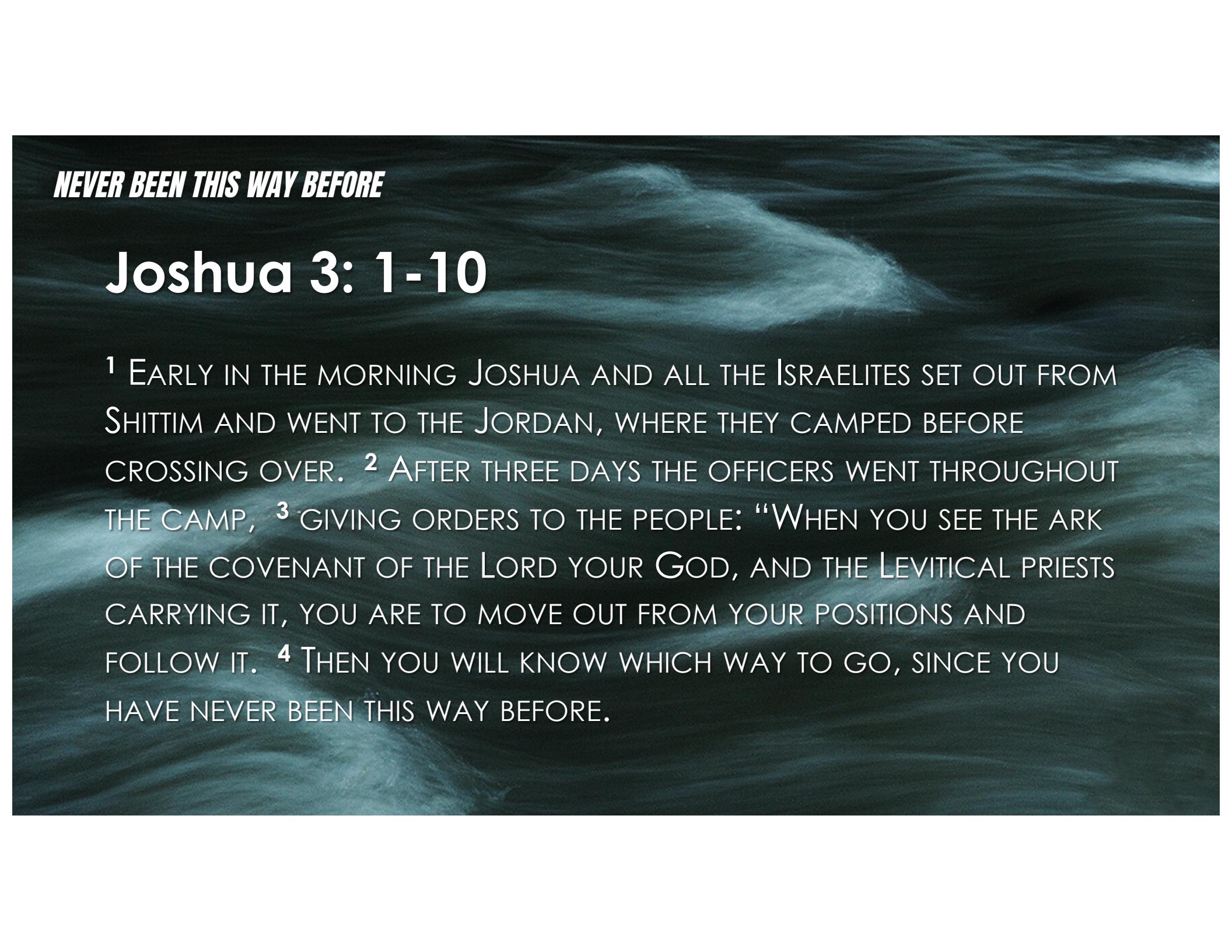




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Joshua 3: 1-10

1 EARLY IN THE MORNING JOSHUA AND ALL THE ISRAELITES SET OUT FROM SHITTIM AND WENT TO THE JORDAN, WHERE THEY CAMPED BEFORE CROSSING OVER. **2** AFTER THREE DAYS THE OFFICERS WENT THROUGHOUT THE CAMP, **3** GIVING ORDERS TO THE PEOPLE: “WHEN YOU SEE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS CARRYING IT, YOU ARE TO MOVE OUT FROM YOUR POSITIONS AND FOLLOW IT. **4** THEN YOU WILL KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO, SINCE YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE.

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Joshua 3: 1-10 (cont'd)

BUT KEEP A DISTANCE OF ABOUT TWO THOUSAND CUBITS BETWEEN YOU AND THE ARK; DO NOT GO NEAR IT.” ⁵ JOSHUA TOLD THE PEOPLE, “CONSECRATE YOURSELVES, FOR TOMORROW THE LORD WILL DO AMAZING THINGS AMONG YOU.” ⁶ JOSHUA SAID TO THE PRIESTS, “TAKE UP THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AND PASS ON AHEAD OF THE PEOPLE.” SO THEY TOOK IT UP AND WENT AHEAD OF THEM. ⁷ AND THE LORD SAID TO JOSHUA, “TODAY I WILL BEGIN TO EXALT YOU IN THE EYES OF ALL ISRAEL, SO THEY MAY KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU AS I WAS WITH MOSES.

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Joshua 3: 1-10 (cont'd)

8 TELL THE PRIESTS WHO CARRY THE ARK OF THE COVENANT: 'WHEN YOU REACH THE EDGE OF THE JORDAN'S WATERS, GO AND STAND IN THE RIVER.' **9** JOSHUA SAID TO THE ISRAELITES, "COME HERE AND LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD. **10** THIS IS HOW YOU WILL KNOW THAT THE LIVING GOD IS AMONG YOU AND THAT HE WILL CERTAINLY DRIVE OUT BEFORE YOU THE CANAANITES, HITTITES, HIVITES, PERIZZITES, GIRGASHITES, AMORITES AND JEBUSITES.

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#1 - It Commences with the Pursuit (vs. 3)

³ GIVING ORDERS TO THE PEOPLE: “WHEN YOU SEE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS CARRYING IT, YOU ARE TO MOVE OUT FROM YOUR POSITIONS AND FOLLOW IT.

- **Comfort**
- **Challenge**

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#2 - It Continued with Preparation (vv. 4-5)

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#2 - It Continued with Preparation (vv. 4-5)

- Unknown Presence
- Unfamiliar Paths
- Unclean People

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#2 - It Continued with Preparation

- **Unclean People**

Colossians 3: 8 – “Put Off” (NKJV)

8 BUT NOW YOU YOURSELVES ARE TO PUT OFF ALL THESE: ANGER, WRATH, MALICE, BLASPHEMY, FILTHY LANGUAGE OUT OF YOUR MOUTH.

Colossians 3: 10, 12 – “Put On” (NKJV)

10 AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW MAN WHO IS RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE ACCORDING TO THE IMAGE OF HIM WHO CREATED HIM...

12 THEREFORE, AS THE ELECT OF GOD, HOLY AND BELOVED, PUT ON TENDER MERCIES, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, MEEKNESS, LONGSUFFERING;

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#2 - It Continued with Preparation (vv. 4-5)

- Unknown Presence
- Unfamiliar Paths
- Unclean People
- **Unexpected Power**
 - **Sanctification**
 - **Expectation**

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#3 - It Climaxes with Possessing (vv. 6-10)

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#3 - It Climaxes with Possessing (vv. 6-10)

1. They left the wilderness
2. They entered Canaan
3. They faces the enemies

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1 John 4: 4 (KJV)

**“Greater is He that is in you
than he that is in the world”**