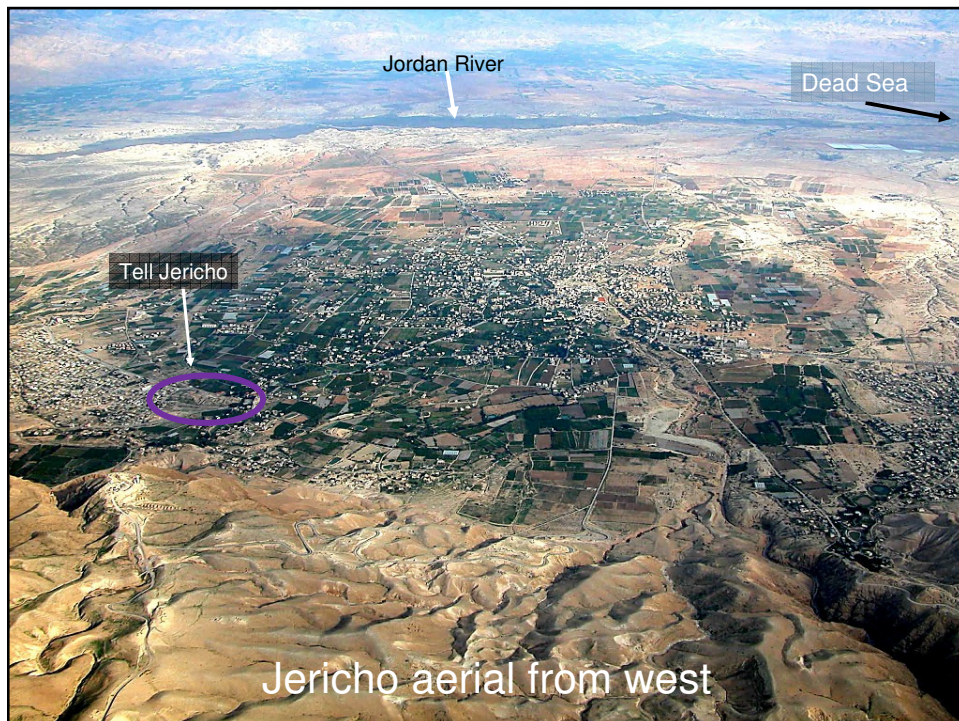


# Joshua

***“Be strong & courageous”***

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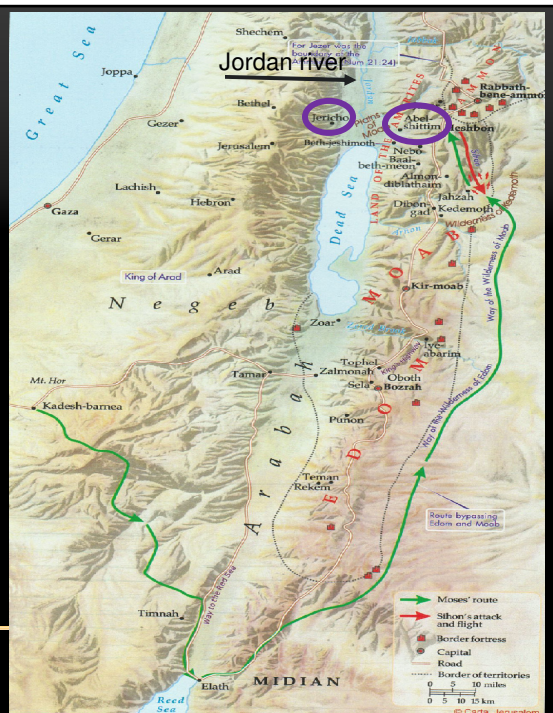
# Joshua

River crossing is far more than just a crossing:

- Harkens back to God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 15
  - To the freeing of Israel from Egypt and crossing the Red Sea
  - To Israel's refusal after all that to trust God & wandering for 40 years while the older generation of people of mistrust died off
  - Later Elisha will strike the waters of the Jordan with his mentor Elijah's mantle parting the waters and passing thru as God's Prophet
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## Joshua

Joshua 3:1



# Joshua

Joshua 3:2-4



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Joshua 3:2-4 - Quick pause

- 1) *Practical reasons they are waiting*
- 2) *Perspective reasons they are waiting*

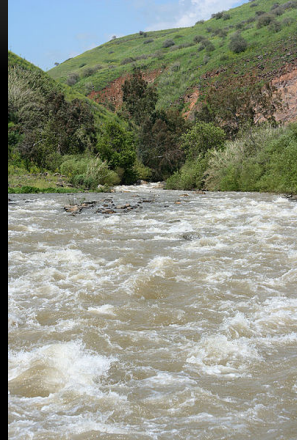


## Joshua

*Joshua 3:4b "You have never passed this way before"*

"We are always inexperienced in life"

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## Joshua

Joshua 3:5-8

*"Purify themselves"*





# Joshua

## Joshua 3:9-11

- 1) *Emphasis is NOT on crossing the river but rather stepping in*
  - 2) *Know they will be OK because God is there*
  - 3) *"The Living God"*
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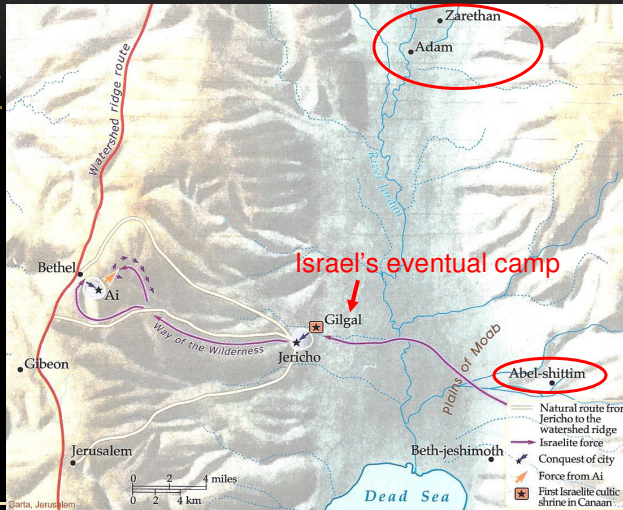
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## Joshua 3:12-17



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Closing thought:

*Courageously moving forward in the unfamiliar!*

Joshua 3:5 "Sanctify yourselves, and THE LORD WILL DO..."