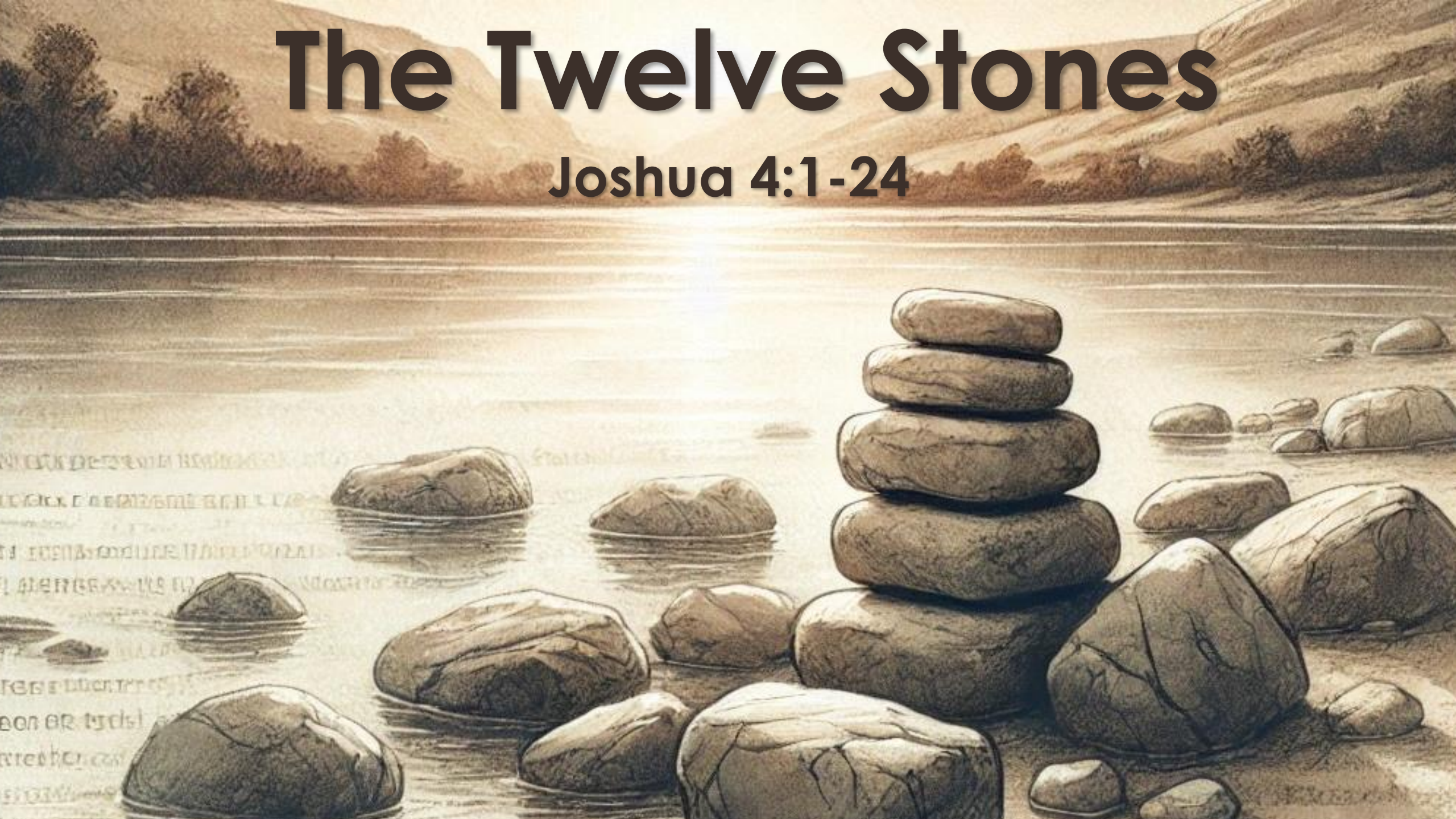


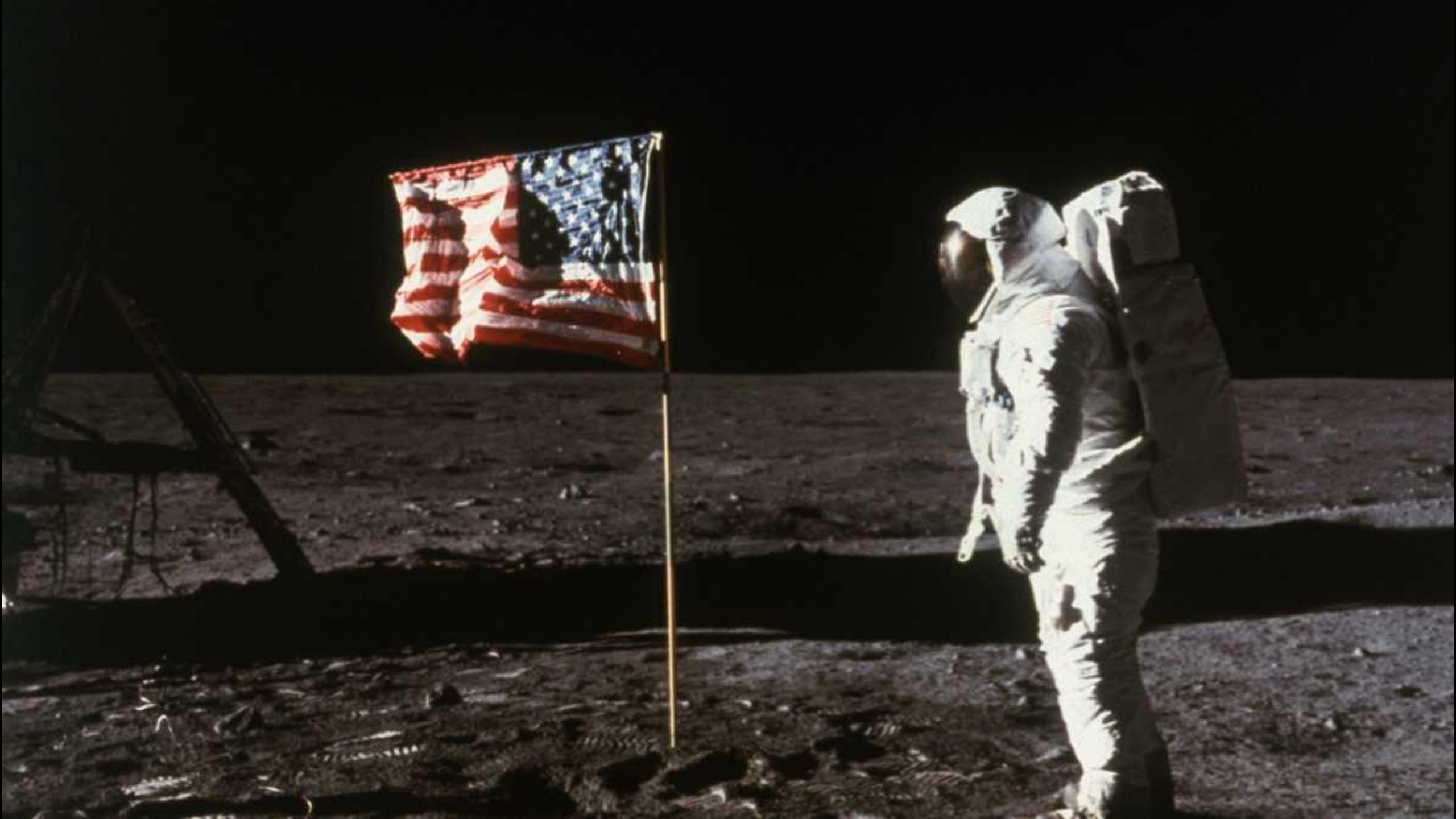
# The Twelve Stones

Joshua 4:1-24



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<sup>1</sup> When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, **the Lord said to Joshua,** <sup>2</sup> "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, <sup>3</sup> and tell them to **take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan,** from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

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<sup>15</sup> Then **the Lord said to Joshua,** <sup>16</sup> "Command the priests carrying the ark of the covenant law to **come up out of the Jordan.**"

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**4 So Joshua called together the twelve men** he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, <sup>5</sup> and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. **Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder,** according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites,

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**<sup>6</sup> to serve as a sign among you.** In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' **<sup>7</sup> tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.**

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**<sup>8</sup> So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan,** according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down.

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**18 And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.**

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9 **Joshua set up the twelve stones** that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

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**19 On the tenth day of the first month** the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. <sup>20</sup> And **Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones** they had taken out of the Jordan.



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**23 For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over.** The Lord your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over.

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<sup>24</sup> He did this so that **all the peoples of the earth might know** that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God."

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**John Glenn, 1998**

**1<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 1<sup>9</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 2<sup>0</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

**Matthew 28:18-20**



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