



JOSHUA



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A misty, sepia-toned landscape of rolling hills and a winding road. The hills are covered in sparse vegetation, and a narrow road winds through the valley. The atmosphere is hazy and atmospheric, with a soft, diffused light. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

A Memorial Forever

JOSHUA 4:1-5:12

Joshua 4:1-3 ESV

When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ² “Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, ³ and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests’ feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’”

Joshua 4:6b-7 ESV

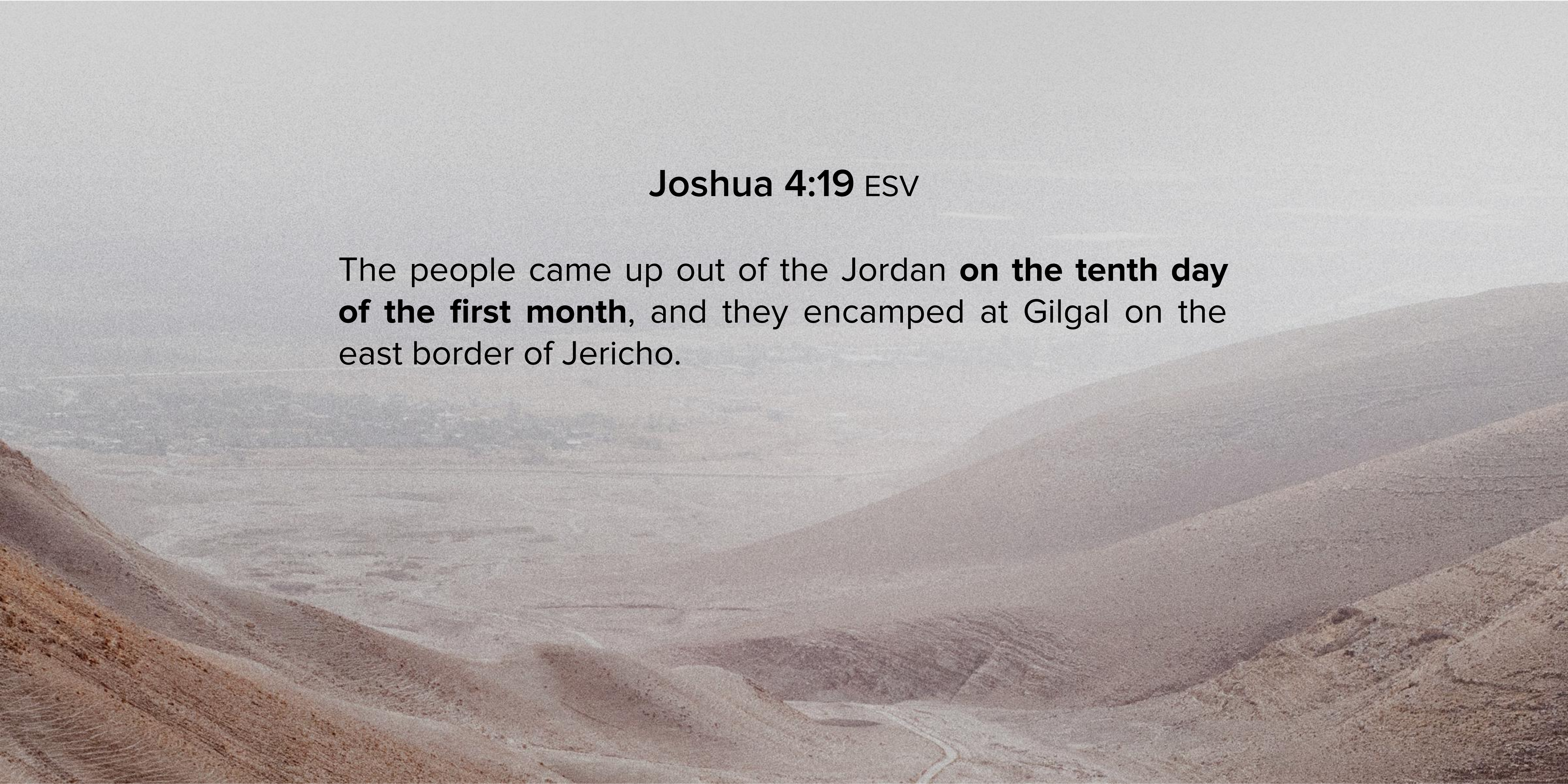
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Joshua 4:19 ESV

The people came up out of the Jordan **on the tenth day of the first month**, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.

Joshua 4:23-24 ESV

“For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, ²⁴ so that **all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty**, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”



Joshua 5:1 ESV

As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.

Joshua 5:2, 5 ESV

² At that time the LORD said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and **circumcise** the sons of Israel a second time.”

⁵ Though all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised.

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground shows the textured, undulating slopes of sand dunes in shades of tan and brown. In the middle ground, a thin, light-colored road or path winds through the valley between the dunes. The background is a vast, flat expanse of desert stretching to a distant, hazy horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall atmosphere is one of isolation and vastness.

Genesis 17:11 ESV

“You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and **it shall be a sign of the covenant** between me and you.”

A misty, hazy landscape of rolling hills and valleys, likely representing the plains of Jericho. The terrain is arid and brownish, with a winding road visible in the distance. The atmosphere is thick with fog or mist, creating a sense of depth and mystery.

Joshua 5:10 ESV

While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, **they kept the Passover** on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho.

Exodus 12:13-14 ESV

“The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will **pass over** you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ This day shall be for you **a memorial** day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute **forever**, you shall keep it as a feast.”

Joshua 5:11-12 ESV

And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And **there was no longer manna for the people of Israel**, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.



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Luke 22:15, 19-20 ESV

¹⁵ And he said to them, “**I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you** before I suffer.”

¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. **Do this in remembrance of me.**” ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”