



Overcoming Obstacles

Part II

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Joshua 3:1-17

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Review



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Unity Of Scripture



- **More than 40 authors from different backgrounds were used to write the Bible, including a king, a Shepherd, a fisherman, a physician and many more, yet all were unified in their message. It is highly unlikely that today even 10 people of the same profession could write on one subject and have it be in complete agreement.**
- **The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years. Consider the possibility of one book on any subject being able to maintain its integrity over a period of 200 years much less 1500 years.**



- **The Bible contains 66 books of various forms of literature including poetry, history, prophecy, letters, sermons and biographies.**
- **The three languages used were Hebrew, Aramic, and Greek.**
- **Biblical events took place on the continents of Asia, Africa, and Europe.**
- **The authors of the Bible wrote during periods of wartime, peacetime and captivity.**



- **The subjects spoken of in the Bible were controversial and speculative. If individuals had written this book without the full direction and inspiration of God, there would be mass confusion and contradiction. Yet, this is not the case.**
- **Authorship, time, number of books, languages, continents and conditions set this book apart from all other books of history.**
- **Despite the diversity, it's all unified in the same theme. ---God's redemption of mankind.**



What God says in His Word:

John 1:12 I am God's child

Col.2:10 I am complete in Christ

Phil.3:20 I am a citizen of heaven

John 15:16 I have been chosen by God to bear fruit

I Cor.3:16 I am God's temple

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- Move on with confidence in the Lord. Take that step in the direction God wants you to go.



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- Joshua 3:14-16, *“So when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people, 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 the harvest),*



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- Joshua 3:14-16, *“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 besides Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabian, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho.”*



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IV. CROSS THE WATER (vs. 14-17)

- Joshua 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.”*





Conclusion

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