



Six-Foot Rule Does Not Apply

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Joshua 3:1-6 (NIV)

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 priests, who are Levites, 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. But keep a distance of about a thousand yards 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.

The nation of Israel was involved in four key locations in the Old Testament.

Egypt— The place of bondage, death, and eventually deliverance.

The Wilderness—The place of unbelief, doubt, and disobedience of God's people.

Canaan Land or the Promised Land—The place of blessing and victory.

Babylon—The place of chastisement.

1. NEW DESTINATIONS

Joshua 3:4 (NIV)

4 Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about a thousand yards between you and the ark; do not go near it."

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR NEW DESTINATIONS

(1) New grace for a new _____.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV)

18 The LORD says, "Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. 19 Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don't you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land.

(2) Keep Christ in the _____ of your life.

John 15:5 (NKJV)

5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

(3) Don't _____ God.

Psalms 78:41 (NKJV)

41 Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.

2. BARRIERS CROSSED

Joshua 3:14-17 (NIV)

14 So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. 15 Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, 16 the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 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 passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

The ark's exterior was made of wood and gold.

Inside: (1) Ten Commandments were written, (2) a pot of manna and (3) Aaron's rod that budded were kept inside the ark. The ark was placed in the most holy place in the Tabernacle.

TO CROSS BARRIERS AND SMASH WALLS, YOU WILL NEED:

(1) God's _____

Jeremiah 23:29 (NKJV)

29 "Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

(2) God's _____

Genesis 22:14 (KJV)

14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

(3) The _____

Matthew 10:38-39 (NKJV)

38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

ANSWERS:

1(1) SEASON

1(2) CENTER

1(3) LIMIT

2(1) WORD

2(2) PROVISION

2(3) CROSS