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**JOSHUA 3:1-4**

**JOSHUA 3:1** Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out for Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over.<sup>2</sup> So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp;<sup>3</sup> And they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the Ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.<sup>4</sup> Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before.”

**GENESIS 12:1** Now the Lord had said to Abram:  
“Get out of your country, from your kindred and from  
your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.<sup>2</sup>I  
will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make  
your name great; and you shall be a blessing.<sup>3</sup>I will  
bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who  
curses you; and in you all the families of the earth  
shall be blessed.”

**GENESIS 15:5** Then He brought him outside, and said,  
“Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you  
are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So  
shall your descendants be.”

## **Genesis 15:18 and Joshua 1:4**

**The land God gave to Israel included:**

- everything from the Nile River in Egypt to Lebanon**
- everything from the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River**

**Israel was through its history and is today a blessed nation.**

**Because of a famine in the land, Jacob's family traveled to Egypt for food.**

**They would be stay in Egypt about four hundred thirty years.**

**God called Moses to lead them out of Egypt.**

**Ten plagues upon Egypt**

**The Passover night**

## **Numbers 14**

**Israel refuses to enter the promised land.**

***Numbers 14:26-38* The refusal brought a death sentence to many because of their lack of faith and disobedience.**

## **A new leader for Israel**

**After the death of Moses, there was a new leader who would take the nation into the promised land.**

**Joshua was a man full of the spirit and of wisdom.**

**Israel goes to possess the land.**

**Joshua would say to the people, "You have not passed this way before." They would cross the Jordan and move on to victory.**

**We are entering a new year.**

**The last two years have been challenging for many people.**

**We faced challenges that none of us living today had faced before.**

**The new year will have its challenges, but it will also have its blessings.**

**We certainly should put our trust in God.**

**Our focus should be on our spiritual life and service to make 2022 a wonderful year of service to our God.**