

CROSSING OVER YOUR JORDAN

Introduction:

The Christian experience is one that is real. It is purposeful and it is very exciting. There is, however, a time in the life of every man when everything changes. a memorable time. A time of reference. I pray that tonight shall be a time of reference in the life of everyone that is listening to me today in name of Jesus.

Text: We are looking at the Book of II Kings Chapter 2 night and we are looking at the day that two eventful events took place in life of two men of God: Elijah and Elisha. I need not introduce these men of God to us.

There was an appointed time when Elijah was to be taken away. When he was to be taken to glory. When he needed to begin to play higher role deciding more important matters. God had to make this happen by taking him through a journey.

The Journey to Destiny:

We shall analyze this journey tonight.

He began the journey from **Gilgal**: Dake's Bible provided us with 14 Reasons why Gilgal was very prominent and I will quickly take through them. (See page 243 – 1 of Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). Remember, the journey had a good beginning. The way you began that project may well determine the success or otherwise of the project.

On to Bethel: Simply meaning the "House of God". This was equally significant; but we shall not take more time here. But notice the event in Bethel. The sons of the prophets were there. They were the ones who know it all. They knew something was going to happen; but they remained to be at the outskirt of history. That will not be our portion in the name of Jesus.

Then to Jerico: Jerico was the City of Palm Tree (Deu 34: 3). The sons of the prophets were there again. They knew something was going to happen; but they chose not to be part of it. That is why the condition for blessing in the Bible is "willing + obedient" = eat the good of the land. (Isa. 1:19).

Finally to Jordan:

We need to spend some time here because our God is a God of history.

Looking back at the book of Joshua, we can see why the blessing had to reconnect with Jordan.

Joshua 3: 7-8 -it was the place where the Lord magnified Joshua in the presence of the People of God.

Joshua 4 – Joshua 4: 21-24: It was a place of remembrance.

Joshua 5: 1.- It is the place where your enemies will begin to respect you and give you honour.

Jordan is place of transformation. It was a memorable place in life of the children of Israel. It was also a place of covenant. For Elijah and Elisha, it was the place where everything changed for them. Tonight, everything will change for you in the name of Jesus.

It was also the place of fulfilment – II Kings 2: 7 – 15.

For Elisha, it was a place for answered prayer

For Elisha, it was a place of promotion

For Elisha, it was a place of glory

For Elisha it was a place of transformation.

For Elisha, it was a place of honour.

Finally, for Elisha, it was a place of reference in his life – Vs. 14.

How did Paul describe this whole journey? This is summary of our journey: Phil 3: 13-14.