

# A Sentimental Journey

“Come, let us all go to Gilgal to renew the kingdom.”

1 SAMUEL 11:14

A dark, atmospheric landscape with a road leading towards mountains under a cloudy sky. The scene is dimly lit, with the road and mountains silhouetted against a slightly lighter sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

Then Samuel said to the people,  
“Come let us all go to Gilgal to renew the kingdom.”

1 SAMUEL 11:14 NLT

A black and white photograph of a long, straight road stretching into the distance, flanked by fields and mountains under a cloudy sky. The road is the central focus, leading the eye towards the horizon. The landscape is desolate and open, with rolling hills and mountains in the background. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, suggesting a dawn or dusk setting. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

*What meaning does Gilgal  
hold for us today?*

A dark, atmospheric landscape featuring a road that stretches from the foreground into the distance, leading towards a range of mountains. The sky is filled with soft, layered clouds, and the overall scene is dimly lit, creating a sense of mystery and depth. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

*I. The Back Story: Discovering Gilgal*

A dark, atmospheric landscape featuring a long, straight road that recedes into the distance. The road is flanked by sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of mountains stretches across the horizon under a heavy, overcast sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

*II. Gilgal stands as...*

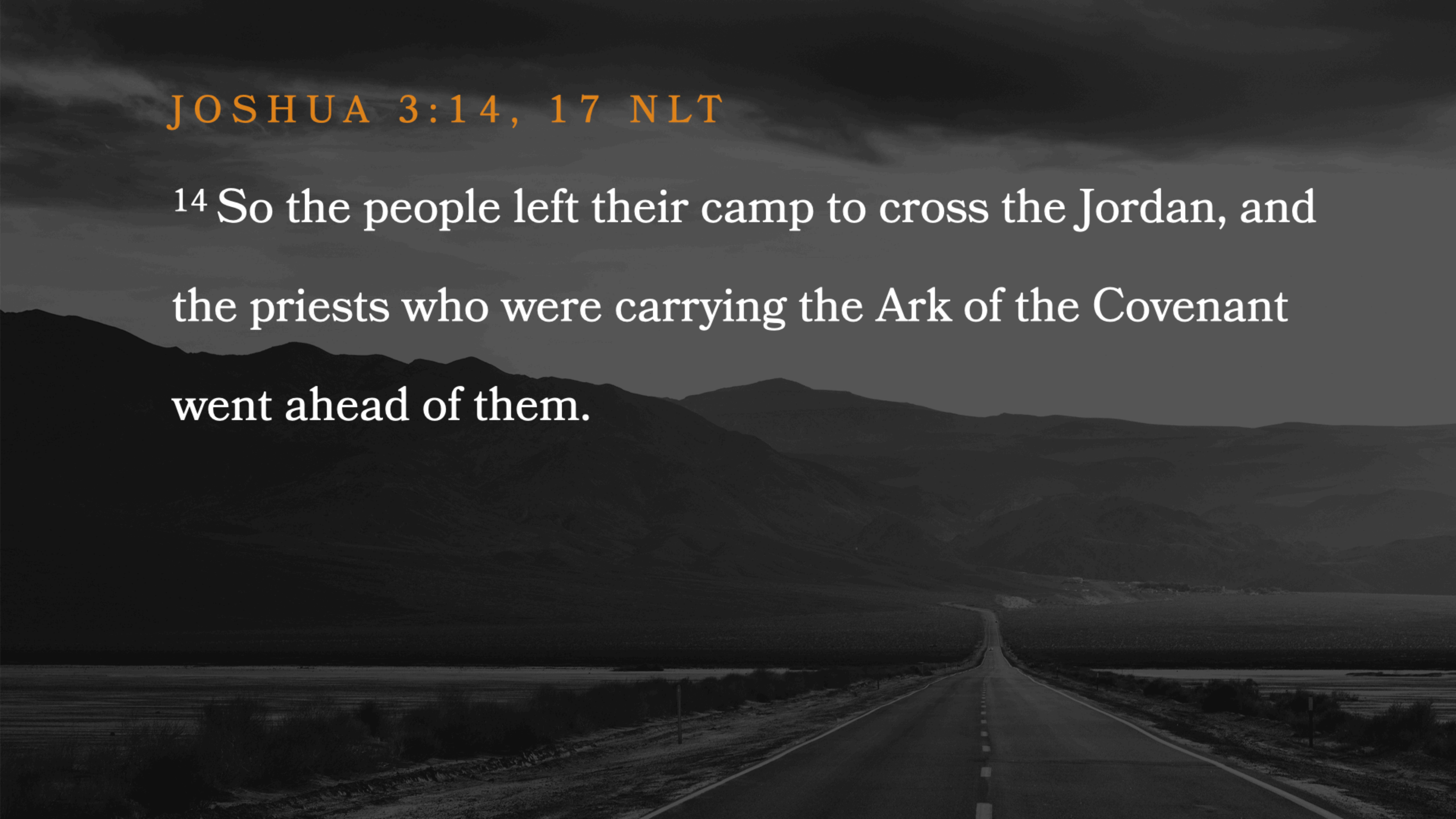
*Gilgal stands as...*

*A place of crossing/completion*



JOSHUA 3:14, 17 NLT

<sup>14</sup> So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them.



JOSHUA 3:14, 17 NLT

<sup>17</sup> Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Lord's Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground.



*Gilgal stands as...*

*A place of crossing/completion*

*A place of witness*



## JOSHUA 4:19-24 NLT

<sup>19</sup> The people crossed the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month. Then they camped at Gilgal, just east of Jericho. <sup>20</sup> It was there at Gilgal that Joshua piled up the twelve stones taken from the Jordan River. <sup>21</sup> Then Joshua said to the Israelites, “In the future your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’”

JOSHUA 4:19-24 NLT

<sup>22</sup> Then you can tell them, ‘This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ <sup>23</sup> For the Lord your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over.

JOSHUA 4:19-24 NLT

24 He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever.”

A dark, atmospheric landscape with a road leading towards mountains. The scene is dimly lit, with a road stretching from the bottom center towards the horizon. The background features a range of mountains under a cloudy sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

*Gilgal stands as...*

*A place of crossing/completion*

*A place of witness*

*A place of commitment*

JOSHUA 5:2 NLT

<sup>2</sup> At that time the Lord told Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise this second generation of Israelites.”



A dark, atmospheric landscape with a road leading towards mountains under a cloudy sky. The scene is dimly lit, with the road and mountains silhouetted against a slightly lighter sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

***Gilgal stands as...***

*A place of crossing/completion*

*A place of witness*

*A place of commitment*

*A place of worship*

JOSHUA 5:10 NLT

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month.





*Gilgal stands as...*

*A place of crossing/completion*

*A place of witness*

*A place of commitment*

*A place of worship*

*A place of renewal*

A dark, atmospheric landscape featuring a road that stretches into the distance towards a range of mountains. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds, and the overall scene is dimly lit, creating a somber and contemplative mood.

Then Samuel said to the people,  
“Come let us all go to Gilgal to renew the kingdom.”

1 SAMUEL 11:14 NLT

A dark, atmospheric landscape featuring a road that stretches into the distance towards a range of mountains. The sky is filled with soft, layered clouds, and the overall scene is dimly lit, creating a sense of mystery and contemplation.

*III. What meaning does Gilgal hold for us today?*

*What meaning does Gilgal hold for us today?*

At times a journey of return to a place that holds a familiar significance—even a critical significance bringing back valuable, impacting reminders of the past—may be exactly what we need for our future!

