

Stone are very, very sturdy!

- Parthenon (2,500 years)
- Pyramids (4,500 years)
- Stonehenge (5,000 years)
- Garden Gnome

Joshua 3:15

¹⁵ Now the Jordan overflows its banks throughout the harvest season.

Joshua 3:15-17

¹⁵ As soon as the priests carrying the ark reached the Jordan, their feet touched the water at its edge ¹⁶ and the water flowing downstream stood still, rising up in a mass... ¹⁷ The priests carrying the ark of the LORD's covenant stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel crossed on dry ground until the entire nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

Joshua 4:1-3

¹ After the entire nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD spoke to Joshua: ² "Choose twelve men from the people... ³ and command them: Take twelve stones from this place in the middle of the Jordan where the priests are standing, carry them with you, and set them down at the place where you spend the night."

Joshua 4:7

⁷ "These stones will always be a remembrance for the Israelites."

ILL: Hope's Piano Lessons

God wants the Israelites to remember their history.

Joshua 4:6b-7

⁶ "In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean to you?' ⁷ you should tell them, 'The water of the Jordan was cut off in front of the ark of the LORD's covenant. When it crossed the Jordan, the Jordan's water was cut off.'"

ILL: Karim Nader, Professor of Psychology, Montreal
73% of people said they saw the North Tower hit

Joshua 4:9

⁹ Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing.

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Joshua 4:6b-7

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ILL: That took forever!

Jericho, Ai, w/ Amorites, Makkedah, Libna, Lachish, Gezer, Eglon, Hebron, Debir, Meron, Hazor

Joshua 4:19

¹⁹ The people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month.

Exodus 12:3, 6-7, 11, 13:3

³“On the tenth day of the first month they must each select an animal of the flock according to their fathers’ families, one animal per family. ⁶ You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembly of the community of Israel will slaughter the animals at twilight. ⁷ They must take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat them. ¹¹ It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹³ Remember this day when you came out of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.”

Luke 22:19

¹⁹“Do this in remembrance of Me.”

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Joshua 4:9

⁹The stones are still there today.