

Good Morning Arising Church!

We are truly living in extraordinary times as an association. You all got to witness one of the most incredible ceremonies known to man, between two of the most incredible families known to man. We all got to witness the cutting of a marriage covenant between Ezekiel Lam and Lily Slaughter last night. Pastor Slaughter, I think it's safe to say Ezekiel Lam "*passed-over*" *Lily Slaughter* last night & she became his little Lam :) That was amazing church! We are still in the times of Ibzan where the roads in between our churches are not only widening but the quality of young families we are turning out just keeps getting better and better!

If that wasn't enough, your Pastors as well as the Pastors and Elders of the One Association got to remind each other of our shared history and the mission that God has made us all stewards of during our Regalia feast. We consulted the ancient paths and were reminded of where the good way is as we sought vision for how to take the next step in the greatest expansion in the Gospel in our times. All of this coincided with the Jewish Regalia Feast of, you guessed it, Passover!!

Chag Pesach Sa-me-ach! Happy Passover, Easter, or whatever else your grandma grew up calling it.

Today is resurrection Sunday! We want to be up front and bold with you all. Today we are celebrating the victorious resurrection of Yeshua!

- **Matthew 28:5-7 (NIV)**

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So too we tell you today, not even death could triumph over our King. Not even the grips of hell could hold him back from accomplishing the will of the Father. We are excited to mine the eternal word of God for deep insight this morning. And more than that, to actually be changed by these truths and live them out! Today, we are not just going to behold the resurrected King, but be made like him!

- **John 5:24 (ESV)**

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Jesus was the first fruits of passing from death to life, and there is a certain promise to those who believe, that we will do the same. His disciples and every disciple is identified as those who "pass-over" into the promises of God, fording the river of death and danger to arrive safely in the will & promise of God... This idea is not a New Testament concept, but an old-one. The people of God have always been those who cross-over. When you think about pass-over, because this a well taught church, you may think of Exodus 12 and it would be right to do so. That was the first... But can I tell you there are many "pass-overs" in a believers life. As Paul said it, for the sake of God we face death all day long. It began in the Exodus, but was expanded in Joshua's day and that is where we are going to camp today.

You've heard many sermons and teachings about this subject:

2021: Spare me

2022: Christus Victor

2023: Receive the Lamb

2024: Unconsecrated and accepted

2025: Full Gospel Resurrection

but today—we promise you haven't heard *this* preached on a *easter Sunday*. In fact, the marketing scheme known as Easter is quite the bastardization of Passover.

(I mean it's a Jewish holiday, which is celebrated with an unclean animal--the bunny. Which doesn't even lay eggs!)

You see, Passover is not just a Jewish holiday...its not only what commemorated their exiting Egypt...its not just the setting of Christ death and resurrection. No Passover is so much more. Passover is actually the very identity of the Jewish people and the identity of everyone who has come under the blood of the lamb.

When you survey the Older Testament, one of the most profound shadows and types of Christ's work and mission is in fact - Joshua. And we are about to show you throughout the book of Joshua that the "Passover" was not just a singular event, but a continuous ongoing event that defines the nation.

- **Joshua 1:2–3 (ESV)**

2 “Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, **go over** this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.

Let's look at a slide with Joshua 1:2 and focus on the underlined verb, so that the importance of this word becomes clear to you:

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## Joshua 1:2 “Go Over”

Joshua 1:2 (ESV)

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TO PASS OVER

A. Verb.

אָבַר (“<sup>5674</sup> אָבַר, pass away, pass over.” This verb occurs in all Semitic languages and at all periods of those languages, including biblical Hebrew and Aramaic. The Bible attests about 550 uses of this verb in Hebrew.

Vine, W. E., Unger, M. F., & White, W., Jr. (1996). In Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 1, p. 172). T. Nelson.

When the Lord told Joshua to arise and "go over" this Jordan, the Hebrew verb is "Avar" and it speaks of passing over or going over. This word dominates the first section of the book of Joshua and is in a family of words that all come from the same root.

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## Roots: “Eber”, “Hebrew”, & “Go Over”

Bible Word Study | 1 עבר x +

1 עבר in All Passages

√ Root ESV

✓ 1 עבר *'br* to pull along; to go on one's way, move through; to pass over, pass by; to overstep, contravene

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- 1 עָבַר *'ē·bēr* side, edge; one of two opposing sides; river bank
- עָבַר *'āḇār* produce; (prep.) because of, for the sake of; (conj.) so that
- עִבְרִי *'īḇ·rî* Hebrew man or woman
- 2 עָבַר *'ē·bēr* Eber
- מַעְבָּרָה *mā·bā·rā(h)* ford; passage, gorge
- עֲבָרִים *'āḇā·rīm* Abarim
- מַעְבָּר *mā·'āḇār* movement, blow; crossing-place, ford; passage, gorge
- עָבַרָה *'āḇā·rā(h)* ford
- עֵי הָעֲבָרִים *'īy·yē hā·'āḇā·rīm* lye-abarim

\*Definitions are taken from HALOT

Our aim here is not a technical exercise in Hebrew linguistics. Rather, for readers who do not read Hebrew, it is important to grasp how several closely related ideas develop together in Scripture: the descendant of Shem named Eber (Gen 10:21), the designation “Hebrew,” and the verb *‘āvar* (“to pass over” or “to cross”). These terms are not coincidental or isolated. They are linguistically and conceptually connected, all arising from the **same Hebrew root**, and together they help shape the identity of the Hebrew people as those who are defined by crossing over—geographically, covenantally, and spiritually.

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“beyond, across, opposite, a space on the other side”

**6298** עֵבֶר (‘ē·bĕr)[see also 6297.5]: n.masc.; ≡ Str 5676; TWOT 1556a—**1.** LN 83.42–83.45 **beyond**, across, opposite, i.e., a space that is **on other side of** an area or mass (Dt 30:13), note: this can be in any direction; **2.** LN 82.1–82.6 **east**, formally, the region beyond, i.e., the area beyond the Jordan River which is the eastern direction (Dt 1:5), note: further study may yield more domains

\*DBL Hebrew

The name Eber, from which the term Hebrew is derived, conveys the idea of being “on the other side” of something. In this context, the concept is tied to the division of the nations at the Tower of Babel. Those descended from Eber—the Hebrews—are portrayed as the people who stand on the opposite side of humanity’s fragmentation. They are the distinct people whom Adonai set apart for Himself as His own inheritance. The name Eber is built on a three-letter Hebrew root—Ayin, Bet, and Resh. This same root underlies both the name Eber and the word Hebrew, as well as "Avar" from Joshua 1:2 forming the linguistic foundation for their shared meaning.

Now let’s look at the word "Hebrew" in the original language:

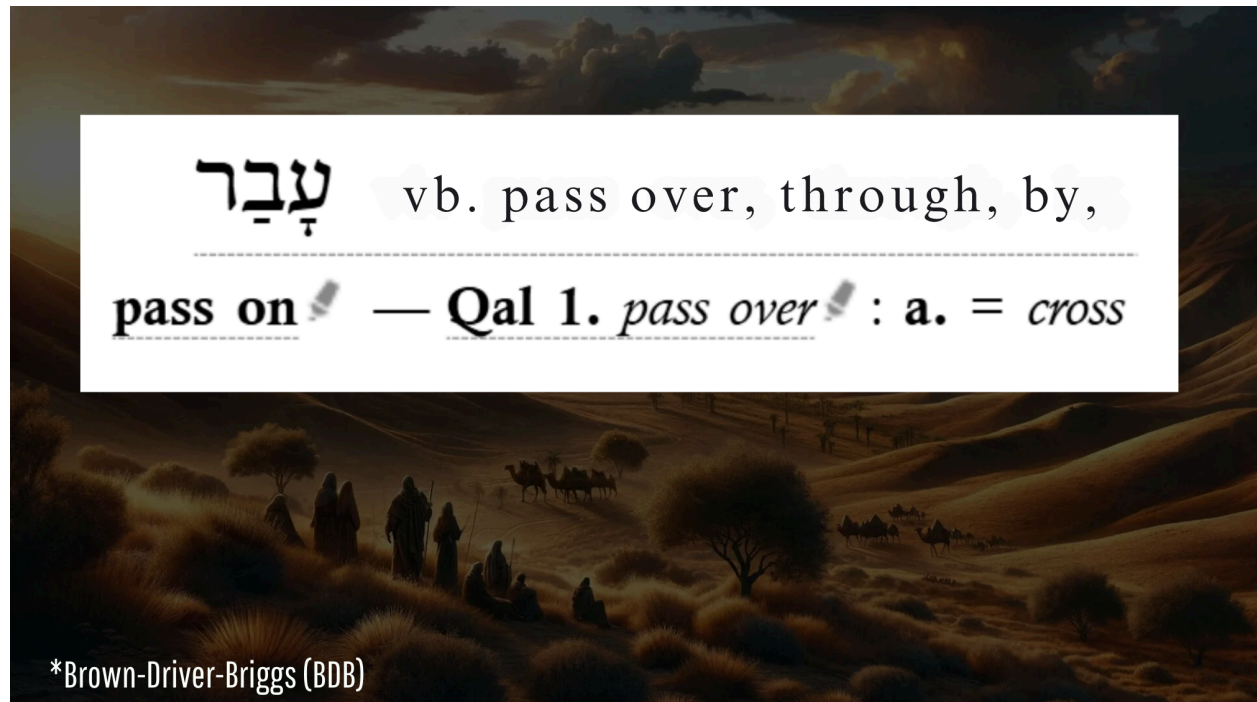
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**6303** I. עִבְרִי (‘*ib·rî*): n.pr.; ≡ Str 5680;  
TWOT 1556b—LN 93-pers. (gent.)  
**Hebrew:** a designation of Abraham and his  
progeny through Isaac and Jacob, as a spe-  
cific ethnic group of people (Ge 14:13), see  
also domain LN 11.90–11.95

\*Dictionary of Biblical Languages (DBL)

In Hebrew, the word rendered “Hebrew” in English is pronounced *ivri*. As noted earlier, it is built from the same three-letter root—*ayin*, *bet*, and *resh*. This noun form is derived from the verb *‘āvar*, which means “to pass over” or “to cross through.”

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עָבַר vb. pass over, through, by,  
pass on — Qal 1. *pass over* : a. = *cross*

\*Brown-Driver-Briggs (BDB)

Thus, the very name “Hebrew” carries within it the idea of movement and transition, expressing an **identity** shaped by crossing from one side to another. How interesting is it that this verb used in Joshua 1:2 dominates the section of Joshua that deals with entering the land? It is a reminder of the origins of the Hebrew people, the function of the Hebrew people, and the destiny of the Hebrew people.

If the linguistic details feel difficult, don’t worry—the goal is to help you see how this shapes a functional definition of who the Hebrew people are.

(Alternate reading of these)

- They are the people who **cross** the Euphrates and move toward the promised land.

- They are the people who **pass through** the Passover and emerge on the other side by the blood of the lamb.
- They are the people who **pass through** the Red Sea and come out on the far shore.
- They are the people who **pass through** the wilderness and cross over the Jordan River.
- They are the people who **pass through** the era of the judges and emerge with David.
- They are the people who **pass through** exile and arrive on the other side in freedom, in Jerusalem.
- They are the people who **pass through** the fury of the Gentiles and come out into restoration.
- They are the people who **pass through** death and arrive on the other side in resurrection.
- They are the people who **pass through** labor pains and come out on the other side, giving birth to salvation for the world.
- And in Joshua chapter 4, they are the people who will **pass into** the land and overcome the enemies of God!

When the people of God, and those who have been grafted into their promises & mission are crossing over into new lands, new territories, new seasons, new areas of conquest, new church plants maybe... they don't need strategy (how-to, details), all you need is identity... You need to be reminded who you are. You already have what you need to win the war, to prosper and successful in all you do you for the Lord. It's been bestowed to you by covenant. It's being by his name, character, and authority.

We're going to go to Joshua chapter 4 to show you just how prolific this is. But before we do that, we want to highlight the very first national Pass-over the nation experienced.

- **Exodus 12:12–14 (NIVUK84)**

12 “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. 14 “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

- This was a pass-over from death, from slavery in Egypt, and typologically slavery to sin.
- But this was the *first* of *many* crossings that defines the identity of the people of God. Salvation is not just an event when you got saved, but it is a journey, a pathway that you walk along where you are saved many times as you continue to pass-over!
- God does not just deliver us *from* something, but *to* something.
- The first Passover was *from* slavery to Egypt, the second Passover was *to* begin to conquer.
- The first required obedience to slaughter the passover Lamb, the second required courage, tenacity, and circumcision as they arose to take the promises of God!
- In other words, it's always from faith to faith (Romans 1:17). This never stops being progressive.
- Let's go to Joshua 4

- **Joshua 4:21-23 (ESV)**

21 He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 22 tell them,

‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’**23** For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over.

We touched on this earlier, but these connections to passover, cross over, and the **Identity** of the Jewish people is about to become even more beautiful and instructive for us as we continue. The Hebrew root “avar”—to pull along, to go on one’s way, to move through, to pass over, to pass by, to overstep—appears thirteen times in Joshua chapter four alone. That concentration is not accidental. The ESV renders it as “passed over” ten of those thirteen times, once as “pass on,” once as “bring over,” and once as “carried over.” Every verse is saturated with this language of crossing, of identity defined by the act of passing through. Israel is the people who pass over. They are the “ivrim”—the ones who crossed. Their identity is embedded in their movement, in their obedience, in their willingness to face the flood and walk through it.

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## *The Root Word “Avar” 13 Times in 24 Verses*

Joshua 4:1 (ESV) When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan

Joshua 4:3 (ESV) bring over

Joshua 4:5 (ESV) pass on

Joshua 4:7 (ESV) ...When it **passed over** the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.

Joshua 4:8 (ESV) carried over

Joshua 4:10 (ESV) ...The people passed over in haste.

Joshua 4:11 (ESV) And when all the people had finished passing over, the ark of the LORD....

Joshua 4:11 (ESV) ... and the priests passed over before the people.

Joshua 4:12 (ESV) ...passed over armed....

Joshua 4:13 (ESV) About 40,000 ready for war passed over before the LORD for battle...

Joshua 4:22 (ESV) ...‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’

Joshua 4:23 (ESV) ...until you passed over...

Joshua 4:23 (ESV) ...until we passed over

Consider the density of this language across the chapter: “When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan” (v. 1); “the waters of the Jordan were cut off... when it passed over the Jordan” (v. 7); “the people passed over in haste” (v. 10); “when all the people had finished passing over, the ark of the Lord and the priests passed over before the people” (v. 11); “the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the people of Israel” (v. 12); “about 40,000 ready for war passed over before the Lord for battle” (v. 13); “Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground” (v. 22); “the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over” (v. 23).

Can you tell that the scripture is shouting the peoples identity. It may be missed to a Western reader with little to no knowledge of the Hebrew

Language, but not to the people of the book. Their Identity is being shouted to them through this chapter! We are those who cross-over! Red-Sea! Don't matter... Imperial Egypt... Don't Matter! Jordan River... Don't Matter... We are those who cross-over!

13x in this chapter alone... That's an interesting number

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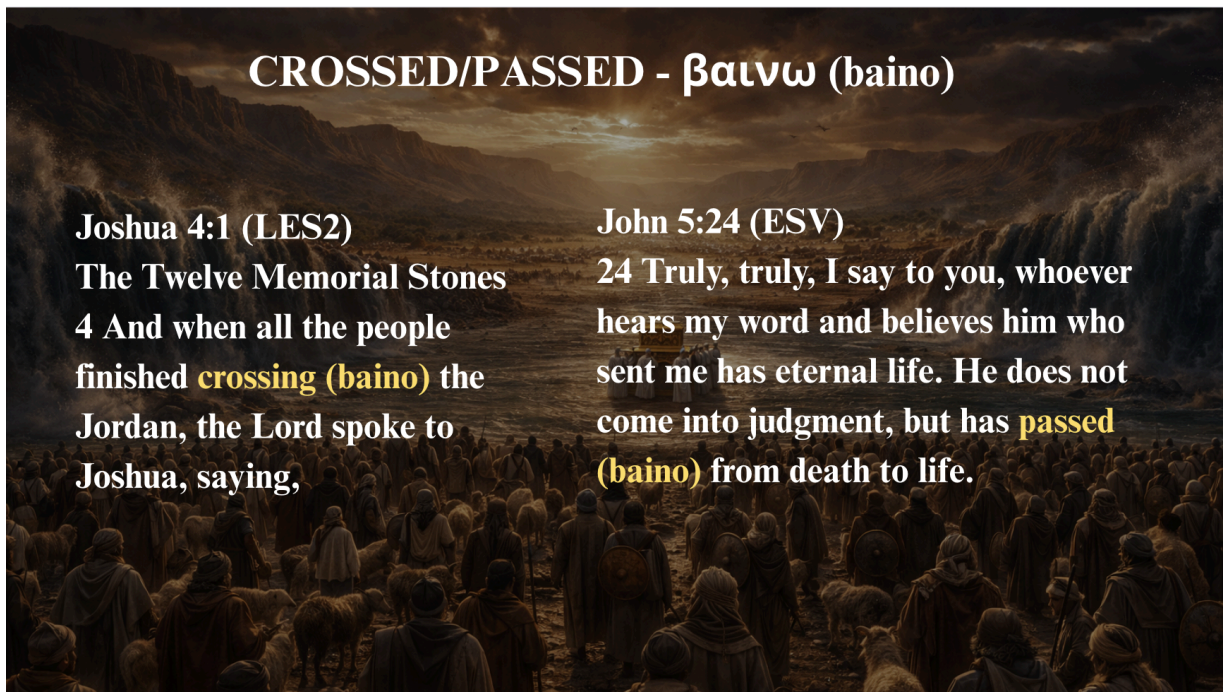


Thirteen occurrences of the same root in just twenty-four verses—Scripture is deliberately telling us who these people are. They are the people who passed over. While there are fourteen names associated with the tribes, there are exactly thirteen coequal tribes; they are still spoken of as “the twelve” because they began as twelve and only twelve received territorial inheritances. Is it really accidental, then, that Joshua chapter four contains precisely thirteen uses of *avar*? The number matches the people

themselves. And if you belong to the God of Israel through Messiah Jesus, then this identity now includes you as well—you are also one who has passed over.

We want to re-read John 5 to you. And assure you we did not pull it out of thin air. In fact, it is the same word that is used in Joshua in the Septuagint—*Baino*

(Read Slide)



**CROSSED/PASSED - βαίνω (baino)**

**Joshua 4:1 (LES2)**  
The Twelve Memorial Stones  
4 And when all the people finished **crossing (baino)** the Jordan, the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying,

**John 5:24 (ESV)**  
24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has **passed (baino)** from death to life.

We are those who pass from death to life. We will do this many times throughout our life. And we do not fear the day when we cross over into the life to come, because of our assurance in the resurrection.

- **John 6:40 (ESV)**

40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Today we are not just celebrating Jesus resurrection, but ours as well. We will be raised on the last day and this is our identity!

- **Hebrews 2:5-9 (ESV)**

5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor 8 and put everything under their feet.” In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. 9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

We don't see everything subject to Jesus at the moment, neither do we see everything subject to us. But we do see him exalted as the King of Israel. We do see that he has put death under foot. & our identity is secure.

We were never delivered merely *from* something, but always *to* something. Even when we take our final breath, we are not simply delivered out of this world into a vague, blissful place called heaven. As 2 Corinthians 5 says, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We do believe that when we die, we go to be with Him.

But that is not the end of the story.

We are ultimately being delivered into the life to come—the reign of Christ on the earth. A time when we will have immortal bodies, completely free from the burden of sin, and will rule with Jesus Himself.

There will be purpose—conquest, judgment, and meaningful work that we will take part in alongside Him. This is what we are being delivered TO when we die.

With this hope, our attitude in this life should be the same as that of Jesus.

- **John 12:27-28 (ESV)**

27 “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.  
28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

Jesus was not merely looking for be saved from difficulty, but saw it as his *purpose* to pass through.

You've learned that there are many pass-overs in the nation of Israel, and in our lives as followers of Yeshua. We want you to know that for the original pass-over, there were pre-conditions that had to be met.



## Circumcised on the way OUT and IN

**Exodus 12:48 (NIV)**  
<sup>48</sup> “A foreigner residing among you who wants to celebrate the Lord’s Passover **must have all the males in his household circumcised**; then he may take part like one born in the land. **No uncircumcised male may eat it.**

**Joshua 5:8–10 (NIV)**  
<sup>8</sup> And **after the whole nation had been circumcised**, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed.  
<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to Joshua, “**Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.**” So the place has been called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup> On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, **the Israelites celebrated the Passover.**

Whether its during the deliverance from something—or the entrance into something new, circumcision is required both times. A cutting away of what does not belong, so that you can be who you truly are. According to Jesus in John 15, if you're going to abide in him and be fruitful, it necessitates that we are pruned. Because you are one is defined by that act of passing over, crossing over, this pruning does not bury you but it only magnifies the glory of God within you! Your walk was never meant to be just a deliverance from sin, its always been about entering into a holy campaign for Adonai where you carry the identity as one who has crossed over from death to life and are helping others cross that same divide. **From blood on the door post to feet in the river!!**

The only part of your identity that you are supposed to carry is this very thing: one who passes over. Most Christians are carrying around all sorts of false identities *or reproaches* you were never meant to carry. The solution is rolling them away and focusing all our energy and resources on what we are called to carry.

- **Galatians 6:2 (NIV)**

2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

You were not designed to carry the burden of sin. *It is not who you are in Christ*, which is why our sin entangles us and holds us back. This is what Passover frees us from. Lets keep reading.

- **Galatians 6:4-5 (NIV)**

4 Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, 5 for each one should carry their own load.

If your burden is to see the glory of God on the earth... If you done and finished with the burden of sin, selfish ambition, or carnal competition... But instead are being compelled to see will of God accomplished in your

generation... Now is your time to "pass on" with us... Every man to cross-over and go straight up into the promises of God..

**Joshua 4:10–11 (ESV)**

10 For the priests bearing the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. The people passed over in haste. 11 And when all the people had finished passing over, the ark of the LORD and the priests passed over before the people.

You should remember from Foundations the importance and significance of what these priests are carrying. In fact, you should remember that the ark was actually designed from the Heavenly pattern FOR CARRYING

- **Exodus 25:13–15 (NIV)**

13 Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

14 Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry it.

15 The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed.

We know what our identity is.

There are many holy things, weighty things that we are called to carry. Your faith and identity is MEANT to be carried on your shoulders from deliverance to victory over and over again.

Now here at the Jordan as Israel crosses...The reproaches of Egypt are not among them. They are crossing over carrying divinity and identity.

We are those who pass over, pass through every difficulty, every impossibility to stand in the promises of God.

You are called to carry, and pass through hardship with the very presence of God. The priests did so with the Ark of God on their shoulders. How much more you, with the hope of resurrection as your identity, and the very Spirit of God living within you. This is what you were designed by God, in Christ, to do. AND it requires a cutting away of what doesn't belong.

You have everything you need. He gave this to you when he shed his blood for you. Our question to you is what are you carrying that you don't need? What NEEDS to be cut away in your life so you can pass over into the promises of God?

\*hit examples...

Your identity has been bestowed to you by covenant. You carry the very glory of God. Victorious resurrection power lives within you. You have the greatest hope of all mankind. In light of that, lets come down to the alter and cut away everything that is getting in the way.