

Chapter 4

In memorie of their miraculous paffage, twelue chief men, of the twelue tribes, take fo manie great ftones from the middes of Iordan, 9. and put other twelue, where the prieftes ftood with the arke. 18. The waters returne to their former courfe. And the twelue ftones are erected for a monument.

V Who being paffed ouer, our Lord faid to Iofue: ² Choofe twelue men one in euerie tribe: ³ and command them that they take vp out of the middes of the chanel of Iordā, where the feete of the prieftes ftoode, twelue moft hard ftones, which you fhall put in the place of the campe, where you fhall pitch tentes this night. ⁴ And Iofue called twelue men, whom he had chofen out of the children of Ifrael, one of euerie tribe, ⁵ and he faid to them: Goe before the arke of our Lord your God to the middes of Iordan, and carrie from thence euerie man a ftone on your fhoulders, according to the number of the children of Ifrael, ⁶ that it may be ^aa figne among you: and when your children fhall afke you to morrow, faying: What meane thefe ftones? ⁷ You fhall anfwer them: The waters of Iordan decayed before the arke of the couenant of our Lord, when it paffed ouer the fame: therefore were thefe ftones fet for a monument of the children of Ifrael for euer. ⁸ The children of Ifrael therefore did as Iofue commanded them, carying out of the chanel of Iordan twelue ftones, as our Lord had commanded him, according to the number of the children of Ifrael, vnto the place, wherein they camped, and there they fet them. ⁹ Other twelue ftones alfo Iofue put in the middes of the chanel of Iordan, where the prieftes ftoode, that caried the arke of the couenant: and they be there vntil this prefent day. ¹⁰ But the prieftes that caried the arke, ftoode in the middes of Iordan, til

^a Is not the forme of a croffe as conueniēt a figne, to put chriftians in mind, how our Sauour redemed vs, as thefe ftones were to the Iewes, how God brought their fathers ouer Iordan?

al thinges were accomplifhed, which our Lord had commanded Iofue, to fpeake to the people, and Moyfes had faid to him. And the people made haft, and paffed ouer. ¹¹ And when they had al paffed ouer, the arke alfo of our Lord paffed ouer, the prieftes alfo went before the people. ¹² The children of Ruben alfo and Gad, and the half tribe of Manaffes, went armed before the children of Ifrael, as Moyfes had commanded them: ¹³ and fourtie thousand fighting men by troupes, and bandes, marched through the plaine and champion countrie of the citie of Iericho. ¹⁴ In that day our Lord magnified Iofue before al Ifrael, that they fhould feare him, as they had feared Moyfes, whiles he yet liued. ¹⁵ And he faid to him: ¹⁶ Command the prieftes, that carie the arke of the couenant, that they comme vp out of Iordan. ¹⁷ Who commanded them, faying: Come ye vp out of Iordan. ¹⁸ And when they that caried the arke of the couenant of our Lord, were come vp, and begane to treade on the drie ground, the waters returned into their chanel, and ranne as they were wont before. ¹⁹ And the people came vp out of Iordan, the tenth day of the firft moneth, and camped in Galgal againft the Eaft fide of the citie of Iericho. ²⁰ The twelue ftones alfo, which they had taken out of the chanel of Iordan, Iofue fette in Galgal, ²¹ and faid to the children of Ifrael: When your children fhall afke their fathers to morrow, and fhall fay to them: What meane thefe ftones: ²² You fhall teach them, and fay: By the drie chanel did Ifrael paffe ouer this Iordan, ²³ your Lord God drying the waters therof in your fight, vntil you paffed ouer: ²⁴ as he had done before in the readfea, which he dried til we paffed through: ²⁵ that al the people of the earth may learne the moft ftrong hand of our Lord, that you alfo may feare our Lord your God.