

“Standing At Our Jordan” – Part 4
Joshua 3:1-5
“TOMORROWLAND”
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INTRODUCTION – OUR NOW...IS NOW!

Tomorrowland is a 2015 American science-fiction mystery adventure film. The film star George Clooney, who plays a disillusioned genius inventor along with a teenage science enthusiast, embark to an unclear alternate dimension known as "Tomorrowland", **where their actions directly affect the world and themselves.**

Welcome to Israel’s’ “Tomorrowland”

Note Our Text In Joshua 3:5

I. REVIEW

A. ISRAEL IN TRANSITION

B. A FEW THINGS ABOUT TRANSITION TIME

Transition time is for the most part bittersweet experience. It can be freedom and fear all at the same time. It is scary to go from trusting our own resources and ourselves for life, to trusting God for life. From our own do-it-yourself projects to trusting God to do it for us and through us.

C. “WE HAVE TO “KNOW”

D. Certainty –

A sure knowledge or conviction that **what is believed is true and trustworthy.**

E. Consecration - Joshua 3:5

The setting apart of people, things, times or places as sacred, for God to use. (Note Joshua 7:10-13)

TODAY

II. ISRAEL’S TOMMORROWLAND – Joshua 3:5

A. Nature of miracles

Miracles may be performed directly by God or through a human agent. Those recorded in Scripture include healing, raising the dead, miracles of nature and the casting out of demons.

1) Miracles demonstrate God’s greatness and power

Psalm 77:14 (NASB)

You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples.

Job 5:9 (NASB)

Who does great and unsearchable things, Wonders without number.

2) Miracles bringing God’s judgment - Genesis 19:24–26; Leviticus 10:1–2; Acts 5:1-10

3) Miracles which meet human need

The provision of food and water

Healing

Miraculous births

4) Miracles involving military victory - Joshua 10:12–14

5) Miraculous help in trouble

Psalm 91:11–12 (NASB)

For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. 12 They will bear you up in their hands, That you do not strike your foot against a stone.

6) Miracles are part of God’s plan of redemption

7) Miracles are God’s gift

8) They are given by God’s sovereign will - 1st Corinthians 12:8–11

9) They can be counterfeited

Matthew 24:24 (NASB)

“For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

B. Responses to miracles

Miracles often depend upon faith on the part of those who will benefit from them. Human responses to miracles take various forms. Some respond in faith and obedience, whilst others are confirmed in their unbelief and rebellion.

- 1) Faith and obedience required in the working of miracles - Note Joshua 3:13–17**
- 2) Miracles limited by lack of faith - Turn To Matthew 13:53-58**
- 3) Positive responses to miracles**

a: Faith

Exodus 14:31 (NASB)

When Israel saw the great power which the LORD had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

b: Amazement

Matthew 15:31 (NASB)

So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

c: Praise and worship

Acts 3:8 (NASB)

With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

Matthew 15:31 (NASB)

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d: A closer attention paid to the word of God

Acts 8:6 (NASB)

The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.

4) Negative responses to miracles

a: Fear - Mark 5:15–17; Acts 5:5-11; Acts 19:17

b: Disbelief - Acts 12:14–15

c: Hardness of heart

Psalm 78:32 (NASB)

In spite of all this they still sinned And did not believe in His wonderful works.

John 15:24 (NASB)

“If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.

d: Opposition - John 11:47–48; Acts 6:8–9; Acts 16:19–21

e: Disobedience

Psalm 106:7 (NASB)

Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember Your abundant kindnesses, But rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.

f: Jealousy - Acts 8:13; 18–19

CLOSING – Joshua 3:5

Confidence in and commitment to God and Jesus Christ. These attitudes remain sure even though the objects of faith are unseen. True faith is seen in obedient action, love and continuing good works.

Hebrews 11:1-6

21st Century King James Version

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

²For by it the elders obtained a good report. ⁶But without faith it is impossible to please Him. For he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Your “Tomorrowland”, what will it look like?