

1. Jordan River:

- Geographical boundary.
- Spiritual metaphor – to cross over as a new being.

2. Why did God take the Israelites east of the Dead Sea, so they had to cross the Jordan?

- God could have taken the Israelites from the south up the ridgeline to Jerusalem
 - Beersheba (Genesis 21:31)
 - Hebron (Genesis 23:19)
- There is more to crossing the Jordan than just getting to the other side.

3. Motif of Water at transformational moments:

- Transformation, potential, a new creation
- Water represents both chaos and potential at the same time:
 - The future is unknown (chaos)
 - We have the power to transform the potential into order

4. Genesis 1:

1. Water (both chaos and potential)	Genesis 1:2
2. Spirit (Heb. <i>Ruach</i> – wind)	Genesis 1:2
3. God Speaks	Genesis 1:3
4. Water (chaos) divided	Genesis 1:6
5. New Creation	Genesis 1 & 2
6. Temptation	Genesis 3
7. Sin (descent back into chaos)	Genesis 3

5. Noah –

- Noah is a de-creation event as the waters that had been divided in Genesis 1 are brought back together (Genesis 7:11-12)

1. Water (both chaos and potential)	Genesis 8:1
2. Spirit (Heb. <i>Ruach</i> – wind)	Genesis 8:1
3. God Speaks	Genesis 8:15
4. Water (chaos) divided	Genesis 8:2-5
5. New Creation	Genesis 9:1-3
6. Temptation	Genesis 9:20
7. Sin (descent back into chaos)	Genesis 9:21-24

6. **Exodus** – crossing the Red Sea

1. Water (both chaos and potential)	Exodus 14 (Red Sea)
2. Spirit (Heb. <i>Ruach</i> – wind)	Exodus 14:21
3. God Speaks	Exodus 14:15
4. Water (chaos) divided	Exodus 14:21
5. New Creation	Exodus 14:31
6. Temptation	Exodus 32:1-2
7. Sin (descent back into chaos)	Exodus 32:1-2

7. Wilderness wanderings are bracketed by two water events

Exodus 14	Joshua 3
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- What is the difference?
- Israel is going to have to participate through faith in the second (Joshua 3) crossing.

8. Joshua 3

1. Water (both chaos and potential)	Joshua 3:15 (Jordan River at flood-stage)
2. Spirit (Heb. <i>Ruach</i> – wind)	Joshua 3:15-16
3. God Speaks	Joshua 3:8
4. Water (chaos) divided	Joshua 3:16-17
5. New Creation	Joshua 4 (Passover celebration – 4:19, 5:10)
6. Temptation	Joshua 7:1-2
7. Sin (descent back into chaos)	Joshua 7:1-2

9. **Jesus**

1. Water (both chaos and potential)	Mark 1:9
2. Spirit (Heb. <i>Ruach</i> – wind)	Mark 1:10
3. God Speaks	Mark 1:11
4. Water (chaos) divided	Mark 1:10
5. New Creation	Mark 1:11
6. Temptation	Mark 1:12
7. Sin (descent back into chaos)	NO SIN

- Our baptism ceremony represents entering the watery chaos and coming out a new creation.