Israel conquering Canaan.

Finally, after their wilderness journey of forty years, the Israelites were brought to the Jordan, and shown where they were to cross over under the leadership of Joshua. Moses meantime, after blessing Joshua, had died in Mt. Nebo. (Deuteronomy 4: 21, 22; 9: 1; 33: 48-52; 34: 5, 9.) On this occasion, a stupendous miracle permitted the Israelites to pass through the bed of the Jordan into Canaan, the waters being cut off.

Antitypically, the crossing of Jordan would represent the fact that God’s people now pass from death unto life through faith in the blood of Jesus. The new life begun, they walk by faith, they live by faith, and by faith they fight the good fight, in the name of the Lord and under His guidance. And the name Joshua means Jesus, Savior, Deliverer.

Respecting the types and prophecies of the past the Apostles tell us that the Law was a shadow of better things coming after, and that those things were written for the special instruction of the Church. (Romans 15: 4; Hebrews 10: 1.) We should never forget, however, that the ultimate design of the present plan of God is the blessing of the world.