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(Ad'am) [Earthling Man, Mankind, Humankind, from a root meaning red]

- A city mentioned at,
- Then the waters descending from above began to stand still. They rose up as one dam very far away at **Adam**, the city at the side of Zarethan, while those descending toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were exhausted. They were cut off, and the people passed over in front of Jericho. (**Joshua 3:16**)
- As being at the side of Zarethan. It is generally identified with **Tell ed-Damiyeh**, **Tel Damiya**, a site East of the Jordan River about 1 kilometers (0.6 miles) South of the confluence of the Jordan and the torrent valley of Jabbok. It is about 28 kilometers (17 miles) North-Northeast of Jericho. The name of the city may be derived from the color of the alluvial clay, which is abundant in that region.
- In the District of the Jordan it was that the king cast them in the clay mold, between Succoth and Zarethan. (**1 Kings 7:46**)
- The Bible record indicates that the damming up of the Jordan's waters at the time of Israel's crossing the river took place at **Adam**. The Jordan Valley narrows considerably, beginning at the site of **Tell ed-Damiyeh**, **Tel Damiya** northward, and history records that in the year **1267 C.E.** a blockage of the river occurred at this very point due to the falling of a lofty mound across the river, stopping the flow of water for some 16 hours.
- In modern times, earth tremors in the summer of **1927 C.E.** again caused landslides that dammed up the Jordan so that the flow of water was cut off for 21 1/2 hours. (*The Foundations of Bible History: Joshua, Judges, by J. Garstang, London, 1931, pp. 136,137*) If this was the means God saw fit to employ, then such a damming of the river in the days of Joshua was miraculously timed and effected so as to synchronize with the crossing of the Jordan on the day previously announced by Yehowah through Joshua.
- Joshua now said to the people; Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow Yehowah will do wonderful things in your midst. (**Joshua 3:5**)

- **Then Joshua said to the priests; Take up the ark of the covenant and pass before the people. So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people. (Joshua 3:6)**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to say to Joshua; This day I shall start to make you great in the eyes of all Israel, that they may know that just as I proved to be with Moses I shall prove to be with you. (Joshua 3:7)**
- **And you, you should command the priests carrying the ark of the covenant, saying; As soon as you have come as far as the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you should stand still in the Jordan. (Joshua 3:8)**
- **And Joshua went on to say to the sons of Israel; Approach here and listen to the words of Yehowah your God. (Joshua 3:9)**
- **After that Joshua said; By this you will know that a living God is in your midst, and that he will without fail drive away from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites. (Joshua 3:10)**
- **Look! The ark of the covenant of the Lord of the whole earth is passing before you into the Jordan. (Joshua 3:11)**
- **And now take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe. (Joshua 3:12)**
- **And it must occur that at the instant that the soles of the feet of the priests carrying the ark of Yehowah, the Lord of the whole earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, the waters descending from above, and they will stand still as one dam. (Joshua 3:13)**