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Chapel - 4/29/58 - Dr. MacRae

I think the next week though when I was speaking in a Bible conference in January and a man who had been a good many previous years at which I had spoken was asked to introduce me. And he came up and he led the first hymn and then he said, "Our speaker today needs no introduction to you. He has been here various times before. But in case there are any of you who do not know him I will say our speaker today is Dr. ^{MacRae} ~~XXXXXXXX~~" So I felt duly introduced. This morning I would like to look with you at the fourth chapter of the Book of Joshua. I don't want to take time to read this whole chapter but I want to bring out one or two thoughts that run clear through it. So we'll try to skim over reading some of the verses. "And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying, Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, and command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night. Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever." And then we find practically the same thing told us in the last few verses of the chapter. We read in verse 21, "And He spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land." A book was published about 26 years ago by Professor ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Burrows ~~XXXXXXXX~~ of Yale University, entitled "What Mean These Stones?" He took his title from this chapter. And what Professor Burrows meant by it was the stones, their remains are connected with events contained in the Bible. What do they mean? What do they indicate? And Professor Burrows is in a peculiar position trying to explain what they mean because he on the one hand is a very careful scholar, a very accurate student of the