

# The Wars of the Lord

The Flight Path | Keith Blades | Enjoy the Bible Ministries®

Study Overview & Lesson Summaries

## About This Teaching

Clip from "Israel's Blessed Hope" — Lesson 3

This teaching traces the literal route the Lord Jesus Christ will take when He returns in wrath to fight the battles of the wars of the Lord on behalf of Israel. Drawing from Habakkuk 3, Isaiah 63, Joshua 4, and Psalm 68, Keith Blades maps out the "flight path" from the Red Sea, up through Edom, across the plains of Moab, and into the land of Israel. The session connects typological events in Israel's history with their literal prophetic fulfillment at the Second Coming — equipping the Body of Christ to understand in advance what will unfold on the earth during the Tribulation.

Watch online: <https://enjoythebible.org/the-flight-path/>



www.enjoythebible.org

## Lessons at a Glance

Lesson	Core Focus
Flight Path	The literal route of the Lord's return — from the Red Sea through Edom, Moab, and into the land of Israel

## Lesson Summaries

L1

### Flight Path *The Lord's Route of Return*

- Habakkuk 3 contains a prophetic vision of the exact route the Lord will take when He returns to fight for Israel — given in advance so Israel (and we) can know what is happening.
- The Lord begins at the Red Sea — this time not walking through the waters but obliterating them entirely.
- The sea and rivers harbor foul spirits and demonic powers; the Lord is routing them out, herding them toward one place.
- Habakkuk's question "Was your anger against the sea?" was asked for Israel's education, not because Habakkuk didn't know the answer.

### Selah — A Doctrinal Cross-Reference Signal

- Every "Selah" in Habakkuk 3 is a doctrinal pause — signaling Israel to stop and cross-reference scriptures already in their possession (Deuteronomy 33,

Isaiah 63).

#### Through Edom and Moab

- The Lord approaches from the south, through Teman (Edom) — the land of Israel's ancient hated enemy; Israel in the land will first catch a glimpse of Him coming from that direction.
- Isaiah 63:1 — "Who is this coming from Bozrah with his garments stained in blood?"
- The Lord moves through the plains of Moab — territory He specifically reserved for Himself when He told Moses, "Don't touch them, I'm going to deal with them."

#### Crossing the Jordan — Joshua 4

- He crosses the Jordan River at the precise spot Joshua crossed — marked by 12 memorial stones placed in the riverbed, typologically preserving the entry point.
- Two sets of 12 stones: one set on the banks (visible), one set submerged in the river — permanently marking the crossing point for the antitype.
- Once Joshua entered the land, the ark of the covenant disappeared from the record — because the Lord Himself was now standing in the land.

#### In the Land — Psalm 68 and the Valley of Decision

- Once in the land, He fulfills Psalm 68 — driving out the enemy from within the land and taking possession.
- The sun and moon will stand still again during this campaign, as they did in Joshua's day (Joshua 10) — history repeating in fulfillment.
- The demonic powers are herded by the Lord's two-edged sword to the Valley of Decision (Joel 3:14) — described as a great cattle roundup.

---

## Key Doctrinal Distinctions

### Type and Antitype: Joshua's Crossing Prefigures Christ's Return

Every detail of Joshua's crossing of the Jordan River in Joshua 4 was divinely engineered to foreshadow the Lord Jesus Christ's literal entry into the land at His return. The two sets of memorial stones, the parting of the waters, the disappearance of the ark, and Joshua standing in the land all point forward to their fulfillment when the Lord Himself crosses that same river at that same spot.

### The Sea and Rivers as Spiritual Battleground

The Lord's wrath against the sea and rivers in Habakkuk 3 is not against water itself but against the demonic powers inhabiting them. Foul spirits and dragons are driven from their hiding places by the Lord's two-edged sword and herded together to the Valley of Decision (Joel 3:14), where they are judged.

## Selah as a Doctrinal Cross-Reference Signal

In Habakkuk 3, every Selah functions as an instructional flag — calling Israel to pause and consult related Old Testament scriptures before continuing. It is not merely a musical notation but a doctrinal signal pointing back to passages such as Deuteronomy 33 and Isaiah 63 that provide essential background for understanding the vision.

---

## Key Scripture References

<b>Habakkuk 3</b>	The prophetic vision of God's route of return — the battles of the wars of the Lord from the Red Sea into the land
<b>Isaiah 63:1–3</b>	"Who is this coming from Bozrah?" — Israel's first glimpse of the returning Lord approaching from the south through Edom
<b>Joshua 4</b>	The 12 memorial stones in the Jordan River marking the crossing point the Lord will reuse at His return
<b>Deuteronomy 33</b>	Cross-reference for the Lord's coming from Teman/the south — pointed to by the first Selah in Habakkuk 3
<b>Psalms 68</b>	The Lord's triumphal progression once He enters the land of Israel
<b>Joel 3:14</b>	The Valley of Decision — where demonic powers are herded and judged
<b>Matthew 24</b>	"Except those days be shortened, no flesh would be saved" — the urgency behind Habakkuk's prayer for mercy in wrath

---

*For further study visit [www.enjoythebible.org](http://www.enjoythebible.org)*