

# **MEMORIAL DAY IN HONOR OF OUR HEROES**



# THE TOLL OF WAR

U.S. deaths in wars:

Revolutionary War	4,435
War of 1812	2,260
Mexican War	13,283
Civil War	625,000
Spanish-American War	2,446
World War I	116,516
World War II	405,399
Korean War	36,574
Vietnam War	58,220
Persian Gulf War	383
Afghanistan War	2,349
Iraq War	4,424
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,271,289</b>

SOURCE: Congressional Research Service,  
Defense Department

Frank Poppo, USA TODAY



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**It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
Who has given us freedom of the press.**

**It is the soldier, not the poet,  
Who has given us freedom of speech.**

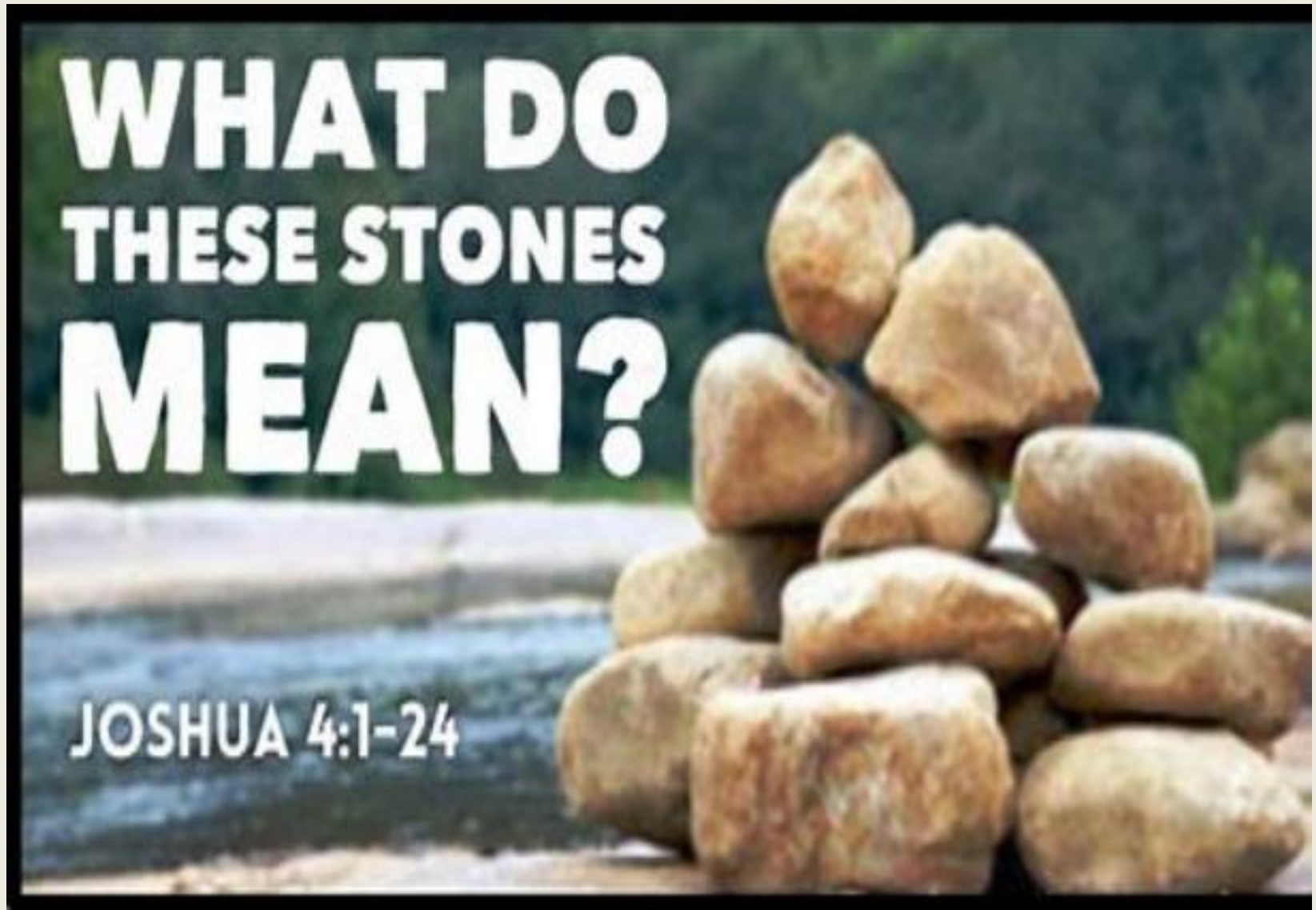
**It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.**

**It is the soldier, Who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
and whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.**



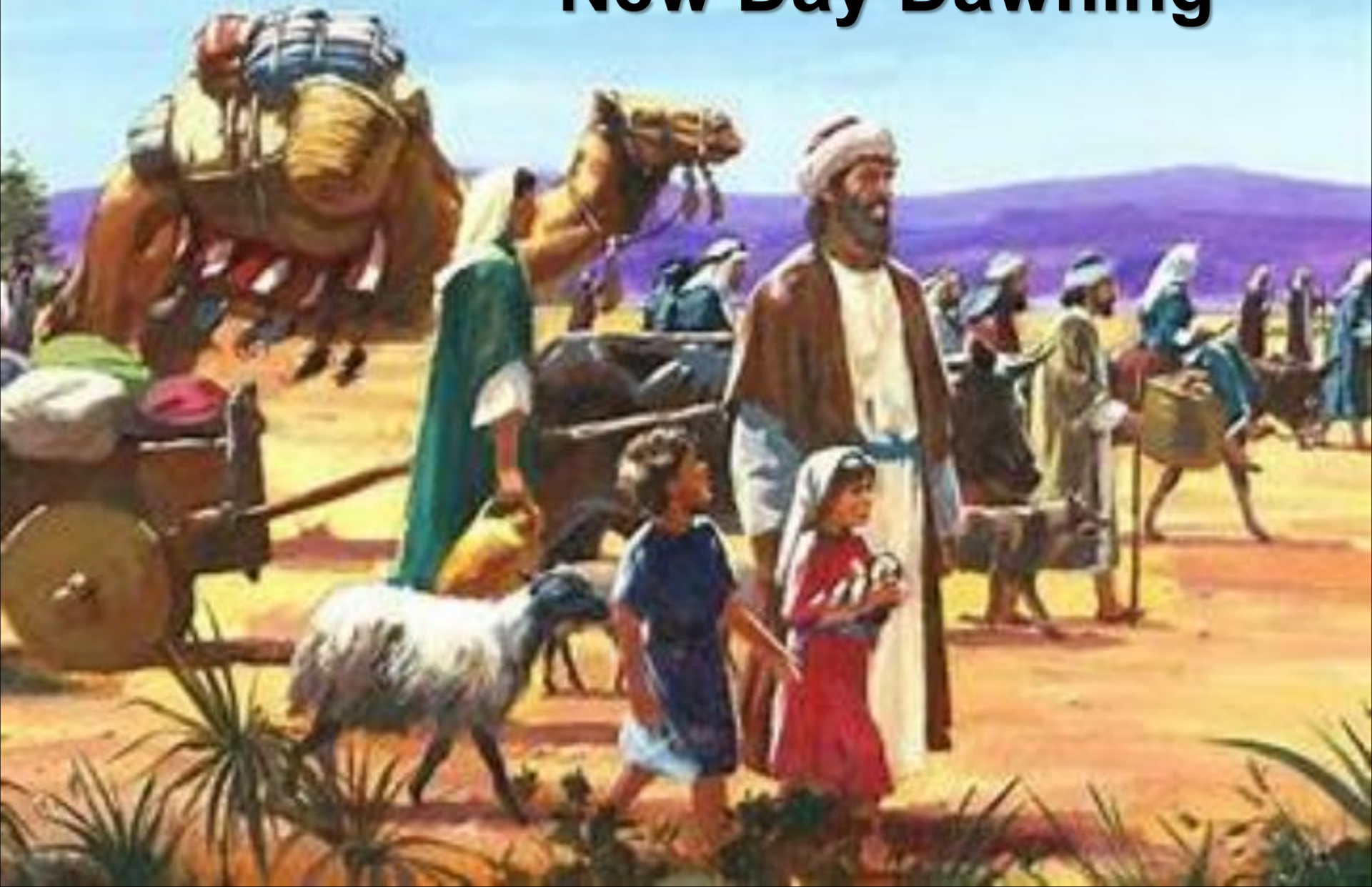
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**Memorial Day 2025**

# New Day Dawning





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**Behind Them was 40 yrs of :**

- **Wandering**
- **What If's**
- **Could Have Beens**
- **The Known**

**This Day ...**

**They Would Leave it all Behind!**

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**In Front of Them Continuous:**

- **Unknown**
- **Challenges**
- **Battles**
- **Victories**

**They Would Need a Forward Look!**

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**There was the...**

**❑ Promise**

**❑ Path of the Promise (*swollen*)**

**❑ Power of the Promise (*20 miles*)**

**❑ Picture of the Promise (*12 stones*)**



# Picture of the Promise “Memorial”



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## **Twelve Men Took 12 Stones:**

- **From Jordan's Floor**
- **Piled Them Together**
- **In the Promised Land**
- **Unmistakable Marker**
- **At Place where God Demonstrated**
- **His Power to Overcome Any Obstacle**

# Crossing of the Jordan

- Not Just A Physical River...
  - ...But a Spiritual One As Well
- Leaving Behind a Past...
  - ...Filled With Trials And Tribulations
  - ...Stepping Into an Unknown Future
  - Yet Filled with Promise.
- The stones were reminders
  - God Can Bring You
    - Through
    - Out
    - Up