

CROSSING OVER

Introduction: The Crossing of Berezina (River in Belarus, previously Russia) – in the year 1812

- Napoleon's "Grande Armée" (20 Nations) invasion of Russia – 600000 people – June 1812 – **MAP**
- 3 different battalions of the Russian army caused the retreat of the Grand Armée (A)
- Illness, starvation, extreme hypothermia took plenty of lives (B)
- Battle of Berezina – November 1812 – more than 50000 of Grande Armée died in 2 or 3 days
- By Return in December 1812 – more than half of the 600000 died (25% from A, 75% from B)
- To France, 'Berezina' is not a name on a map; it stands for complete disaster – **PAINTINGS**
- How radically different this crossing was, compared to the crossing of the Red Sea!

1 Crossing over from bondage of sin, tradition and false teaching, to a place that is extremely attractive, based upon a proven record of promise and fulfilment.
Jos 23:14 Nie een woord van al die goeie woorde wat Yahweh julle Elohiem oor julle gesê het, het onvervuld gebly het nie; alles het vir julle uitgekom.

2 Crossing over from perceived security and a comfort-zone network (touching many areas of your life) to a lifestyle of trust and obedience.
Ps 23:1-3 Yahweh is my herder; niks sal my ontbreek nie. Hy laat my neerlê in groen weivelde; na waters waar rus is, lei Hy my heen. Hy verkwik my siel.

3 Crossing over from the way it has always been to the already revealed, and the yet to be revealed ways of Yahweh.
Jes 43:18-19 Dink nie aan die vorige dinge nie ... Kyk, Ek gaan iets nuuts doen. Dit sal uitspruit en julle sal dit raaksien. Ek maak 'n pad in die woestyn, riviere in die wildernis.

4 Crossing over from a pattern of anger, unforgiveness, addiction and disfunction to a pattern set in motion by the healing plan of Yahweh.
Eseg 36:26 Ek sal julle 'n nuwe hart gee en 'n nuwe gees in jul binneste gee; en Ek sal die hart van klip uit julle vlees wegneem en julle 'n hart van vlees gee.

5 Crossing over from the expectations of family and entrapment of friends, to the eternal values designed by Yahweh and revealed throughout his Word.
Gal 1:10 Soek ek dan nou die guns van mense, of van Elohiem? Of probeer ek om mense te behaag? As ek nog mense behaag, sou ek nie 'n dienskneg van die Messias wees nie.

6 Crossing over from the disillusionment of belief and the world-wide Zeitgeist of unbelief and disbelief, to a compelling new reason for belief.
1 Pet 1:3 Geseënd is Elohiem wat na sy groot barmhartigheid ons die wedergeboorte geskenk het tot 'n lewende hoop deur die opstanding van Y'shua die Messias uit die dode.

7 Crossing over from a culture of humiliation, rejection, fear and oppression, to a culture of voluntary subjection to the One who truly restores, protects and loves.
Mat 11:28-30 Kom na My toe, almal wat vermoeid en belas is, en Ek sal julle rus gee ... leer van My ... en julle sal rus vind vir julle siele; want my juk is sag en my las is lig.

Soul Searching

1. Is there perhaps an Egypt that I am currently trying to return to, just because the food is familiar?
2. Is there perhaps unremoved "leaven" of human approval I am still allowing to puff up my identity?
3. Is there perhaps an area where Yahweh wants me to step into the water before it parts (**NACHSHON**)?