

Doctrine of the Brook Kidron

1. The Brook Kidron is located in the Valley of Kidron which runs along the East side of Jerusalem.
2. The Brook Kidron is dry much of the year but it does have a rich history. David crossed the Kidron while fleeing from his rebellious son Absalom.
 - *2 Samuel 15:23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.*
3. When Solomon spared the life of Shimei, he warned him not to cross the Kidron upon penalty of death.
 - *1 Kings 2:37 For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head.*
4. Asa, the third king of Judah, burned idols at the Brook Kidron (1 Kings 15:13; 2 Chronicles 15:16) as did Josiah (2 Kings 23:4, 6, 12) and Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 29:16; 30:14).
 - *Asa. 1 Kings 15:13 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.*
 - *Josiah. 2 Kings 23:4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.*
 - *Hezekiah. 2 Chronicles 29:16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.*
5. When Hezekiah fought the Assyrian forces, he stopped by the Brook Kidron in order to deny his enemy a water supply.
 - *2 Chronicles 32:4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?*

6. Nehemiah went by the Brook Kidron to view the state of the walls of Jerusalem.
 - *Nehemiah 2:15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.*
7. Jeremiah referred to the Brook Kidron when he prophesied the permanent rebuilding of Jerusalem.
 - *Jeremiah 31:38 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner.*
- 39 And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath.
- 40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the Lord; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.
8. Jesus crossed the Brook Kidron when He went out of the city after the Last Supper to enter the Garden of Olives.
 - *John 18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.*
9. During His ministry Jesus must have looked often across the Kidron Valley "as He sat on the Mount of Olives" (Matthew 24:3; Mark 13:3) and crossed it on His triumphal entry to Jerusalem. Study Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19.
 - *Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*
 - *Mark 13:3 And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately.*