

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
Joshua 5:1-15
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Joshua 5:1-7

Joshua 3 – Israel takes her first step and crosses the Jordan.

Joshua 4 – Israel sets up a memorial from her crossing.

Before **Conquest** must come **Preparation**.

Joshua 5 – Israel renews her covenant with God, reminded of their past, remembering God’s goodness, seeing God’s presence with Israel.

1. Verses 1-9 – Renewing The Lord’s Covenant:

2. Verses 10-12 – Remembering God’s Goodness:

3. Verses 13-15 – Recognizing God’s Presence:

1. Verses 1-9 – Renewing The Lord’s Covenant:

Joshua 5:1

(Map)

They realized that they are up against God.

Joshua 5:2-3

Circumcised – This of course was the cutting away of the flesh of the males. It was instituted by God with Abraham. It was a covenant relationship that God set up, that symbolized the cutting away of the old heart.

Acts 7:8

“Covenant of Circumcision” was a contract that...

1. Guaranteeing The Everlasting Continuation of Abraham’s Seed.
2. The Everlasting Possession of The Land.
3. It Was a Sign, or Symbol of a Contract Between God and His People. Gen. 17:7-8, 23-27

Deut. 10: 16

Deut. 30: 6

Jer. 4: 4

The Israelites Needed To Learn That They Were A "Marked People"

Col. 2: 11

"at Gibeath-haaraloth" – "the hill of the foreskins"; Two miles from Jericho.

Joshua 5: 4

How many people think they are Christians because their parents were, or their spouse is?

Joshua 5: 5-9

"Gilgal" – means "the reproach has been rolled away"; Also means "circle"

2. Verses 10-12 – Remembering God's Goodness:

Joshua 5: 10

Phil. 3: 13

"they observed the Passover" – this feast could not be celebrated without first being circumcised. Exodus 12: 44, 48

"Passover" – was Israel's salvation from slavery and death. Israel was delivered from the angel of death through the blood of the lamb. A spotless lamb had to be slaughtered and the blood applied to the door post; this would ensure salvation to the household.

1 Cor. 5: 7

The Passover at this point was recorded 3X.

1. Leaving Egypt – Exodus 12: 1-20
2. At Mount Sinai ready to move into Canaan – Numbers 9: 5
3. Now here at Gilgal, Joshua 5: 10, after circumcision.

Joshua 5:11

Deut. 8:8-9

Joshua 5:12

“manna” – “what is it?” This was bread that God provided from heaven. (Num. 11:6-9)

John 6:49-51

3. Verses 13-15 – Recognizing God’s Presence:

Joshua 5:13

1. To Abraham the pilgrim, Jesus came as a traveler to share a friendly meal: Gen. 18:1
2. To Jacob the schemer, Jesus came as a wrestler, to bring him to the place of submission: Gen. 32:24-30
3. To the three Hebrew men, Jesus was their companion in the furnace: Dan. 3:25
4. To general Joshua, Jesus came as the Captain:

Joshua 5:14

No! Joshua you got it all wrong, It is not if God is on their side or if God is on our side, it is “I am the Lord!”

Neh 4:20

Prov 21:31

Joshua 5:15

2 Kin. 6:15-17

Notice that God did not answer Joshua’s question as to who’s side He was on. God Does Not Come To Take Sides But To Take Over!

Application:

1. The Israelites Were Circumcised, Signifying That They Were In A Covenant And Belonged To God. We Need To Ever Be Reminded That We Too Are A Marked People.
2. The Previous Generation Had Been Circumcised So The New Generation Must Also Be Circumcised. Each Person Must Personally Choose Jesus Christ For Himself.
3. It Was Only After Israel Was Circumcised, And Celebrated The Passover, That Jesus Happens To Show Up With His Sword Drawn.
4. Joshua Asks Jesus Who's Side Is He On? Jesus Does Not Answer Because God Does Not Come To Take Sides But To Take Over.

