

Bible Study on Joshua
JOSHUA 5: PREPARATION FOR BATTLE

Five things happened after the Israelites first arrived in the land of Canaan after the river miracle.

- 1. Joshua 5.1. All the kings of the Amorites and Canaanites lost heart (v.1)**

- 2. Joshua 5.2-9. The circumcision at Gilgal of the second generation**
 - The first generation that came out of Egypt were circumcised, but their sons born in the wilderness were not circumcised.

 - How did the Egyptians reproach or insult the Israelites?

- 3. Joshua 5.10-11. Israel celebrated the Passover at Gilgal**

- 4. Joshua 5.12. Manna ceased the day after they ate of the land's produce**

- 5. Joshua 5.13-15. The Commander of the LORD's army appears to Joshua**
 - The Angel of the Lord (Num. 22:23; Exodus 3:2-5; 23:20-23).

 - Here comes the pre-incarnate Christ to lead the Lord's army into battle (Heb. 2:10)

 - "Ultimately, it was God Himself who would be waging the war. The important question was not whether He was on their side but whether they were on His side in the impending conflict" (Table Talk, Jan. 2019, p.42).

APPLICATION

- "This encounter shows us that when we fight the battles God has commissioned us for, God Himself is fighting the war. As we trust in Him and follow His ways, we can be sure that we will share in His final victory" (Table Talk, Jan. 2019).