

Timeline of Truth – Joshua Recommits the People to the Lord (Joshua 5)

<p>Joshua 5:1 So it was, when all the kings of the Amorites who <i>were</i> on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who <i>were</i> by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until we had crossed over, that their heart melted; and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel.</p>	<p>1. The Canaanites Are _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The news of what God had done was heard by all the kings b. The message was accurate c. They became dismayed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Their hearts melted ii. There was no spirit in them iii. Because of the children of Israel
<p>² At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time." ³ So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.</p>	<p>2. Joshua _____ the Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. God commands Joshua to circumcise all the sons of Israel. b. Joshua obeyed God c. Looking at point #1, God provided perfect timing for the men to be circumcised.
<p>⁴ And this <i>is</i> the reason why Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt <i>who were</i> males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt. ⁵ For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had not been circumcised. ⁶ For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people <i>who were</i> men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD -- to whom the LORD swore that He would not show them the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, "a land flowing with milk and honey."</p>	<p>3. The _____ Joshua Circumcised the Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The men of war who came out of Egypt were dead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Israelites practiced circumcision in Egypt ii. Genesis 17:10-14 ¹⁰ "This <i>is</i> My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; ¹¹ "and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. ¹² "He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. ¹³ "He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ "And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant." b. Those who were born in the wilderness were not circumcised Why? An explanation is not given. c. We are reminded of why all the men died <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Because they did not obey God ii. Therefore God promised that they would not enter the land
<p>⁷ Then Joshua circumcised their sons <i>whom</i> He raised up in their place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. ⁸ So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed.</p>	<p>4. The Men _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joshua circumcises these men b. The people stayed in the camp until they were all healed

<p>⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.</p>	<p>5. God _____ Israel's Reproach</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. God explains that he has rolled back the reproach <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. This day – after the men were circumcised ii. Rolled away – used of stones iii. Reproach – being uncircumcised iv. Of Egypt – like the Egyptians b. They named the place Gilgal – “circle of stones” or “rolled away”
<p>¹⁰ Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. ¹² Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.</p>	<p>6. Israel _____ the Passover and _____ from the Land</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Israel Keeps the Passover <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. On the 14th day of the first month ii. At twilight iii. On the plains of Jericho b. Israel Began to Eat from the Land <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The manna ceased the next day ii. The land now provided for them
<p>¹³ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"</p>	<p>7. Joshua _____ a Man</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joshua was by Jericho b. He was confronted by a Man <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Man stood opposite Joshua ii. With His sword drawn. c. Joshua asks an important question.
<p>¹⁴ So He said, "No, but <i>as</i> Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" ¹⁵ Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand <i>is</i> holy." And Joshua did so.</p>	<p>8. The Man _____ Joshua</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. He identifies Himself <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Commander of the army of the Lord ii. צָבָא , <i>tsava</i> - army, war, warfare -- 1. <i>army</i>, <i>host</i>: iii. Lord of Hosts – <i>adonai tsvaot</i> – used of God 279x in Old Testament. b. Joshua responds – what do you command? c. The Man answers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Take your sandals off ii. The place you stand is holy iii. Exodus 3:5 ⁵ Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand <i>is</i> holy ground."

Takeaways:

1. Obedience to God is _____ for Those Who Follow God.

1 Peter 1:13-16 ¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

2. It is Never too _____ to Obey.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 We then, *as* workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.