STUDY GUIDE 4 Joshua 1 & 2

Study warm-up: Imagine yourself as an Israelite and Joshua announces you have 3 days to ready yourself to cross the Jordan and begin the conquest of Canaan. How do you prepare?

OBSERVATION – Lord, help me to discover it!

<u>Read</u> Joshua 1 - 2. Note that the Israelites are camped near Shittim (Joshua 2:1.)

- 1. Read Joshua 1:1-9 once more.
 - a. What instructions does God give Joshua?

b. What assurances does God give Joshua?

2. What is key for Joshua's success?

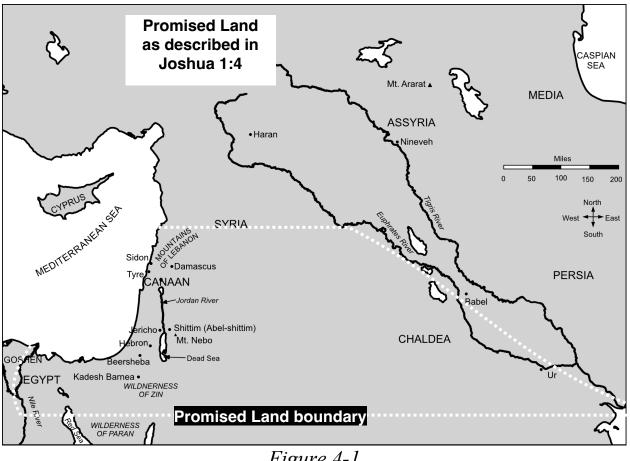
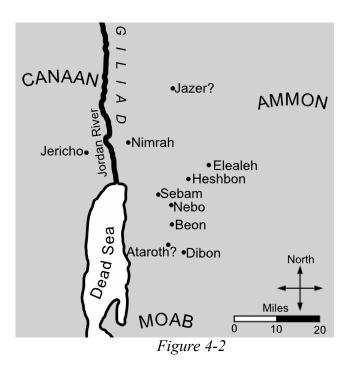


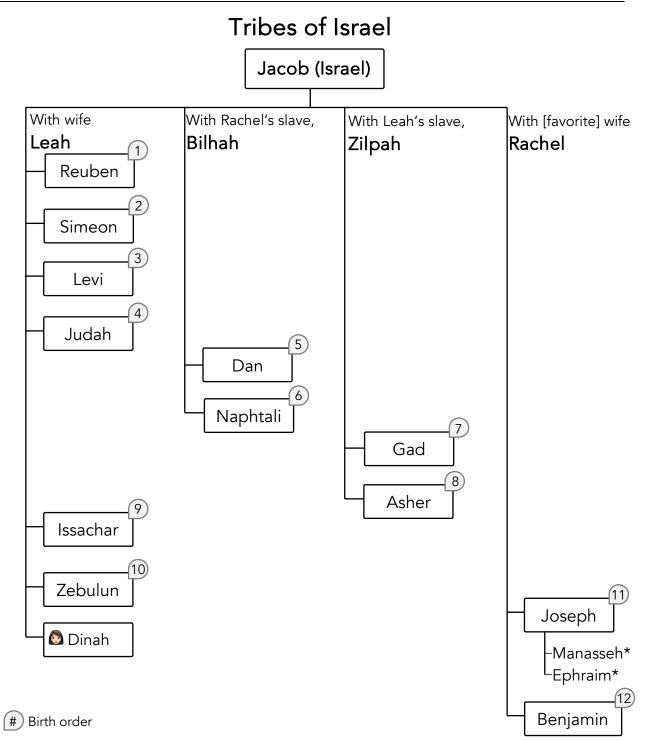
Figure 4-1

Read Joshua 1:10-18. Figure 4-3 (page 4) displays a family tree showing the twelve tribes of Israel, including the Reubenites, Gadites, and tribe of Manasseh that are mentioned in Joshua 1:12.

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3. What is noteworthy about the land for these two and one-half tribes? (See Numbers 32:1-5, 32:33 and the map in Figure 4-2.)





*Near the end of his life, Jacob adopts Joseph's sons and bestows the firstborn's blessing on them, in essence giving Joseph the double portion inheritance rights of a firstborn son. Despite Ephraim being the younger of the two and Joseph's protest, Jacob gives higher honor to Ephraim by blessing him with his right hand. This is a prevalent occurrence in the Old Testament, foreshadowing that a New Testament believer's <u>second</u> birth carries the higher honor. Figure 4-2 Read Joshua 2 once more.

4. Briefly describe what happens in chapter 2.

5. What is noteworthy about Rahab? (For now, stick to what is mentioned in chapter 2; we will catch up with her again in chapter 6!)

6. What do you observe about the spies?

7. How are the Israelites obtaining the Promised Land?



Watch for repeated words and phrases! (Did you notice all of these?)

Joshua ref.	Speaker:	To:	Repeated word, phrase, or concept:
1:1	The LORD	Joshua	cross this Jordan, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.
1:2	The LORD	Joshua	Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you,
1:6	The LORD	Joshua	for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them
1:11	Joshua	Officers of the people	you are to cross this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, to possess it

1:13	Joshua	Reubenites Gadites ¹ / ₂ Manasseh	The LORD your God gives you rest and will give you this land.
1:15	Joshua	Reubenites Gadites ¹ / ₂ Manasseh	possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them
2:9	Rahab	2 spies	I know that the LORD has given you the land ,
2:14	2 spies	Rahab	when the LORD gives us the land
2:24	2 spies	Joshua	"Surely the LORD has given all the land into our hands; moreover, all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before us."

INTERPRETATION – Lord, help me to understand it.

- 8. From the following cross-references (available at the end of this lesson,) what do you learn about the land and the Israelites' connection to it?
 - a. Numbers 34:1-2 (How does God view what He is giving to the Israelites?)
 - b. Deuteronomy 4:25-31

9. Review your answer to Study Guide 1, question 2 regarding the report on the Promised Land from the 12 spies. How do Rahab's words to the two spies in Joshua 1:8-13 compare?

- 10. Reflect a while on Rahab's faith.
 - a. Read James 2:24-26. What works demonstrated Rahab's faith?

 b. What connection(s) do you see between Rahab's situation and Moses' instructions to the Israelites in Egypt before the final plague? (Exodus 12:21-23) As our study of Joshua proceeds, watch for ways in which the Israelite's historical situation prefigures a believer's spiritual reality. Consider these initial thoughts:

- The Promised Land was the Israelites' inheritance. Believers are co-heirs with Christ. Our inheritance is eternal life in God's presence. Ephesians 1:3 states that God has given us <u>every spiritual blessing</u> in the heavenly places in Christ. We experience this now in part, and later in full.
- Moses, as a figure, represents the Law. Jesus Christ is the New Covenant Savior by His own blood. In Joshua's day, Moses [the Law] brought the Israelites to the edge of the Promised Land, but could not enter it. Joshua [in Greek, *Jesus*] is the one who leads God's people into their inheritance.
- The Law was a tutor which showed our need for a Savior; but in and of itself, it could not save us. Only Jesus' atoning work on the cross paid the price for our sins and restored us to a relationship with God.

APPLICATION – Lord, help me to live it!

11. The Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh were to help their brethren in the conquest of the Promised Land. What are the implications for believers, as members of a body, in helping one another realize the fullness of our spiritual inheritance?

12. Faith is only as robust as the object to which it directed. For example you have a high degree of faith in the stability of the chair in which you are seated, but you may have low faith that your airline flight will arrive on time. Rahab's faith was in God "in heaven above and on earth

beneath," and not in the red rope draped from her window, nor any of the gods worshipped by the people of her city. What attributes of God do you desire to keep at the forefront of your faith in Him? (Does anything about Rahab's example inspire your own faith?)

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OR CONTEMPLATION:

- The two spies' report to Joshua did not contain any specific reconnaissance – Joshua had asked them in Joshua 2:1 to "view the land, especially Jericho." They went to Jericho, lodged for a night at Rahab's and then hid in the hill country for another couple of days. Their report to Joshua (as recorded) does not mention Jericho's fortifications or armaments. What did the spies accomplish?
- II) Rahab's faith is touted in a couple of New Testament references. In Joshua 2, how does Rahab demonstrate her faith? Is the lie she tells the king's messenger aligned with this faith? How do we reconcile her faith and her lie? (Is it a lie? Some commentators argue it is not.)

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Additional Scripture for Study Guide 4

Numbers 32:1-5 Note: This exchange occurs near the conclusion of 40-years of wilderness wandering, after a number of military victories east of the Jordan River in which the Israelites had been attacked by Amorite kings, Sihon and Og, and later by Midianites.

Now the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had an exceedingly large number of livestock. So when they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, that it was indeed a place suitable for livestock, ² the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the congregation, saying, ³ "Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo and Beon, ⁴ the land which the LORD conquered before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock." ⁵ They said, "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession; do not take us across the Jordan."

□ Numbers 32:33

So Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben and to the half-tribe of Joseph's son Manasseh, the kingdom of Sihon, king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og, the king of Bashan, the land with its cities with *their* territories, the cities of the surrounding land.

□ Numbers 34:1-2

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Command the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance, *even the* land of Canaan according to its borders.

□ Deuteronomy 4:25-31

²⁵ "When you become the father of children and children's children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God so as to provoke Him to anger, ²⁶ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed. ²⁷ The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you. ²⁸ There you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. ²⁹ But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. ³⁰ When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice. ³¹ For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

□ James 2:24-26

²⁴ You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

□ Exodus 12:21-23

²¹ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover *lamb*. ²² You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.

²³ For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite *you*.

D Ephesians 1:3

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

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STUDY GUIDE 5 Joshua 3 & 4

Study warm-up: Do you have a favorite souvenir from a trip or vacation? Why is it special?

OBSERVATION – Lord, help me to discover it!

Read Joshua 3 and 4.

1. At what time of year did the events in these chapters take place? (There was also an indirect hint in Joshua 2:6.)

The Jewish [religious] Calendar And its position relative to our Gregorian Calendar

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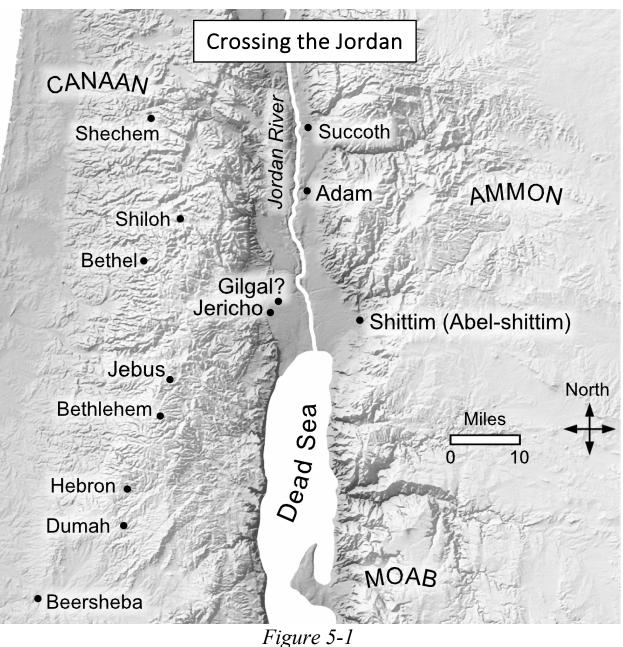
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2. Very briefly describe what happens in chapter 3:

3. Describe the role and position of the ark of the covenant in chapter 3.

4. What does God instruct Joshua to do in 4:1-3?

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5. What purpose will the stones from Joshua 4:1-3 serve? (Consider the entirety of chapter 4. Record any additional observations you have about these stones.)

6. What does Joshua do in Joshua 4:9?

7. As you did for chapter 3 in question 3, describe the role and movement of the ark in chapter 4.

8. Consider Joshua's words in Joshua 4:21-24 comparing the crossing the Jordan to the crossing of the Red Sea. What were the dual purposes of both crossings? (Can you think of any reasons crossing the Jordan River could have been especially meaningful in the eyes of the people following Joshua?)

INTERPRETATION – Lord, help me to understand it.

We read that the Jordan River crossing happened on the tenth of the first month. Flax and barley are harvested around this time. The Jordan River is at flood stage from the mountain snow melt. At flood stage the Jordan swells to a mile in width in the area where the Israelites crossed, whereas it is normally 100 feet across. 9. What event also took place on the tenth day of the first month? (See Exodus 12:1-13.)

In Study Guide 4, we began to consider ways in which Joshua prefigured Jesus, and the Israelites' acquisition of the Promised Land parallels a believer experiencing abundant life in Christ. Correlations we have seen so far:

account] may prefigure a believer's spiritual reality:				
	The Israelites	New Testament Believers		
Inheritance	The Land	Spirit-filled life in God's		
mernance		presence now and forever		
		The Law doesn't save us		
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Possession of the	Israelites into the Land;	us to our inheritance –		
Inheritance	Joshua (<i>Jehovah is</i>	Jesus does.		
	salvation) can.	(Recall that Joshua		
		in Greek is Jesus.)		

How the Israelites' Promised Land conquest [a historical, material account]

Let's consider another correlation that may be foreshadowed in Joshua.

10. Read John 1:26-34. (The John speaking is John the Baptist.) Bethany is about 2 miles east of Jerusalem, which was called Jebus at the time of the Israelites' conquest of the Land. (You may want to add

Table 5-2

a dot for Bethany on the map in Figure 5-1.) From the Text, on which side of the Jordan River was John baptizing?

11. What does baptism represent for a believer? (Galatians 2:20 and Romans 6:1-7 will help, but you are free to refer to other Scriptures as well.)

Deuteronomy 17:6 states the requirement of at least two witnesses concerning a crime carrying a death sentence. The two memorials of stone stood as witnesses to death [to the old life of wandering east of the Jordan] and new life of the Israelites as they entered the land of their inheritance west of the Jordan. God supernaturally provided the passage for both them and us.

12. Hang in there! Let's look at one more link in the connection! In Joshua 4:23, Joshua correlates God's provision for the Israelites to cross the Jordan River with His earlier provision to part the Red Sea. Now read 1 Corinthians 10:1-5, and note how passing through the Red Sea was likened into being "baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea." How was the supernatural passage across the Jordan River akin to believer's baptism?

APPLICATION – Lord, help me to live it!

13. Do you keep memorials of God's faithfulness? If so, share an example or two.

14. Consider the following quote from Irving Jensen:

The Christian's quest for the secret of victorious living is aided much by the experience of Israel crossing the Jordan. The major obstacle of the Christian's entrance into the rest-land of a victorious, abiding life is that which appears to be the impossible factor in his life. But the bigger the obstacle the greater the manifestation of God's might. God requires faith in the face of the obstacle, but He will always go before. According to the measure that one follows God's leadership, he will personally experience His might. And just as Joshua was God's representative leader, walking with his people and bringing them over, so Jesus, the Captain of our faith, invites the Christian to warm, intimate fellowship and sure, loving guidance by obeying His simple call, "Follow me."

Do you face an *obstacle* that is an *impossible factor* to *victorious living*? In your situation, what does it look like to *follow God's leadership* (to boldly cross the Jordan)?

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OR CONTEMPLATION:

- The number 12 is frequently mentioned of in these two chapters. Reflect on the unity this might symbolize and how it includes the tribes that are receiving their inheritance on the east side of the Jordan. Is there a connection between the 12 stones and Jesus' 12 apostles' names appearing on the foundation stones of the wall of future the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21:14?
- II) Why does Joshua set up the second memorial himself?

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Additional Scripture for Study Guide 5

□ Exodus 12:1-13

Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. ³ Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of

this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household. ⁴Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. ⁷ Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that *same* night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails. ¹⁰ And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste-it is the LORD'S Passover. ¹² For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will

pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

□ John 1:26-34

²⁶ John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, *but* among you stands One whom you do not know. ²⁷ It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.' ³¹ I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water." ³² John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. ³³ I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

□ Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

□ Romans 6:1-7

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

□ Deuteronomy 17:6

On the evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.

□ 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; ³ and all ate the same spiritual food; ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

□ Revelation 21:14

And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them *were* the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. •

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STUDY GUIDE 6 Joshua 5

Study warm-up: How has your prayer life changed as you have matured as a Christian?

OBSERVATION – Lord, help me to discover it!

Read Joshua 5.

As we learned in Study Guide 5, the Jordan River was at flood stage during the spring harvest. The kings west of the river may have felt confident that there was plenty of time to prepare before the roughly two million Israelites could enter the land from east of the river. They were wrong.

1. How did the Canaanite and Amorite kings feel about the presence of the Israelites?

2. What does God instruct Joshua to do in Joshua 5:2-9? Does God's command here raise any questions for you? If so, jot them here.

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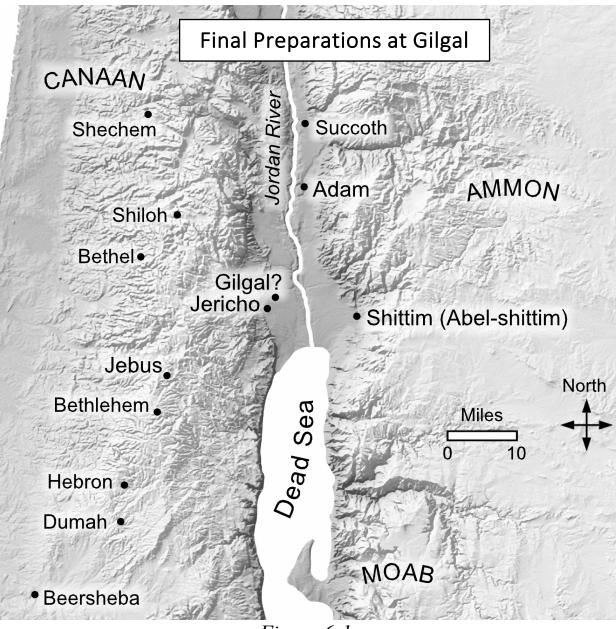


Figure 6-1

3. What happens in Joshua 5:10-12?

4. What do you observe about the man Joshua encounters in 5:13-15?

INTERPRETATION – Lord, help me to understand it.

5. Read Genesis 17:1-14. Why was it important for the Israelite men to be circumcised? (Why did it need to occur before any territory was gained?)

6. What additional insight does Exodus 12:43-49 offer regarding the need for the men to be circumcised?

 <u>Read</u> Exodus 12:23-27. Why is this the time for the Israelites camped at Gilgal to observe the Passover? (This is the third Passover observance – the second was at Mt. Sinai, as recorded in Numbers 9:1-14.) In chapter 5:1-12, Joshua has received two direct communications from the Lord:

- i. Instructions to circumcise the men
- ii. Acknowledgement that the reproach of Egypt has been removed

At this point, Joshua might be thinking, "Okay. Instructions for taking Jericho would come in handy about now."

In Joshua 1:1, Moses is referred to as the servant (*ebed*, Strong's H5650) of the Lord and Joshua calls himself Moses' servant (*sarat*, Strong's H8334.). As the author of his book, Joshua always puts forth Moses as an *ebed* of the Lord – it occurs 18 times. In Exodus and Numbers, both written by Moses, Joshua is specified as *sarat* [3 times.]

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8. Look at once more at Joshua 5:13-15. In question 4, you noted observations about the man with the sword. Now what do you see about Joshua? (In Joshua 5:14, Joshua says to the man with the sword, "What has my lord to say to his servant [*ebed*]?")

APPLICATION – Lord, help me to live it!

9. We have seen in chapter 5 that the Israelites had to get spiritually-right with God before taking action to possess their inheritance. Is the same true of believers? How do we miss out on the fullness of a Spirit-filled life due to persistent disobedience in our lives?

10. When our prayers are along the lines of, "Come on God, get onboard with me," we are asking a question to similar to Joshua's in 5:13, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?" God's answer is rightly, "No." What

is the better question to ask (and why)? (Hint: Joshua knew, once he discovered to Whom he was speaking!)

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OR CONTEMPLATION:

- I) Why might the practice of circumcision have been stopped during the Israelites' time in the wilderness? (Genesis 17:14 may suggest a possible answer.)
- II) When you think about the flow of events in this chapter (reestablishing the covenant relationship with God \rightarrow celebrating His provision and goodness \rightarrow affirming His presence going forward in your life,) do you see any parallels with taking the Lord's Supper?
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Additional Scripture for Study Guide 6

□ Genesis 17:1-14

Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him,

"I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless. ² "I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly." ³ Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, ⁴"As for Ma babald. My appropriate with

⁴ "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you,

And you will be the father of a multitude of nations.

⁵ "No longer shall your name be called Abram,

But your name shall be Abraham;

For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you. ⁷ I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. ⁸ I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

⁹ God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰ This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹ And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you. ¹² And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a *servant* who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants. ¹³ A *servant* who is born in your house or who is bought with your money shall surely be circumcised; thus shall My covenant be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

□ Exodus 12:43-49

⁴³ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the Passover: no foreigner is to eat of it; ⁴⁴ but every man's slave purchased with money, after you have circumcised him, then he may eat of it. ⁴⁵ A sojourner or a hired servant shall not eat of it. ⁴⁶ It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it. ⁴⁷ All the congregation of Israel are to celebrate this. ⁴⁸ But if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to the LORD let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it. ⁴⁹ The same law shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among you."

□ Exodus 12:23-27

²³ For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you. ²⁴ And you shall observe this event as an

ordinance for you and your children forever. ²⁵ When you enter the land which the LORD will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this rite. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, 'What does this rite mean to you?' ²⁷ you shall say, 'It is a Passover sacrifice to the LORD who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.''' And the people bowed low and worshiped.

□ Numbers 9:1-14

Thus the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, ² "Now, let the sons of Israel observe the Passover at its appointed time. ³On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall observe it at its appointed time; you shall observe it according to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances." ⁴So Moses told the sons of Israel to observe the Passover. ⁵ They observed the Passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did. ⁶But there were some men who were unclean because of *the* dead person, so that they could not observe Passover on that day; so they came before Moses and Aaron on that day. ⁷ Those men said to him, "Though we are unclean because of the dead person, why are we restrained from presenting the offering of the LORD at its appointed time among the

sons of Israel?" ⁸ Moses therefore said to them, "Wait, and I will listen to what the LORD will command concerning you."

⁹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰ "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If any one of you or of your generations becomes unclean because of a *dead* person, or is on a distant journey, he may, however, observe the Passover to the LORD.¹¹ In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ¹² They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it. ¹³ But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and yet neglects to observe the Passover, that person shall then be cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of the LORD at its appointed time. That man will bear his sin. ¹⁴ If an alien sojourns among you and observes the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so he shall do; you shall have one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land."

□ Genesis 17:14

But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."