

# Joshua 5

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## Circumcision at Gilgal

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

<sup>3</sup> And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

<sup>4</sup> And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

<sup>5</sup> Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.

<sup>6</sup> For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

<sup>7</sup> And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

**8** And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

**9** And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

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### **The Commander of the Lord's Army**

**10** And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

**11** And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.

**12** And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

**13** And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

**14** And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

**15** And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Forgive** — נָשָׂא / סָלַח (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (סָלַח) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

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### **Holy** — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

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### **Lord** — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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### **Spirit** — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Joshua 5:1**    **Parallel theme:** Numbers 13:29. **Spirit:** 1 Kings 10:5

### **Joshua 5:2**

**References Lord:** Deuteronomy 30:6. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 4:25; Deuteronomy 10:16

**Joshua 5:4**    **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 2:16; 1 Corinthians 10:5

**Joshua 5:6**    **Parallel theme:** Numbers 14:23; Deuteronomy 8:4; Ezekiel 20:15; Hebrews 3:11.

**References Lord:** Deuteronomy 1:3; 2:7; 2:14; Jeremiah 2:2. **References Egypt:** Exodus 3:8

**Joshua 5:7**    **Parallel theme:** Numbers 14:31; Deuteronomy 1:39

**Joshua 5:8**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 34:25

**Joshua 5:9**    **Parallel theme:** Joshua 4:19; Genesis 34:14; Leviticus 24:14; 1 Samuel 17:26

**Joshua 5:10**    **References Israel:** Exodus 12:6

**Joshua 5:11**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 23:14

**Joshua 5:12**    **References Israel:** Exodus 16:35. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 13:22; John 4:38

**Joshua 5:13**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 18:2; Exodus 23:23; Judges 13:11; Daniel 10:5;  
Zechariah 1:8; Acts 1:10. **Word:** Numbers 22:23; 22:31; 1 Chronicles 21:27; 21:30

**Joshua 5:14**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 17:3; Isaiah 55:4; Daniel 10:13; 12:1; Revelation 12:7.  
**References Lord:** Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 22:44; Luke 20:42; John 20:28. **Worship:** Matthew 8:2

**Joshua 5:15**    **Holy:** Exodus 3:5

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