



Joshua 5:1

God's Covenant & Others

1. **A covenant people:** Will cause their enemies to tremble because of God's mighty presence, power, and provision. (V:1)
2. **Matthew 3:9** And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

Joshua 5:2-5

Covenants & Battles

1. **Spiritual battles:** Yes, Israel was to enter the land to fight physical battles against the Amorites. (The spiritual battle precedes the physical in the Kingdom of God.)
2. **The men of the nation:** Represented a people out of covenant with God. They were uncircumcised.
3. **The Covenant Maker:** The last thing you want to do to men who will be going into battle is to circumcise them.
4. **Covenant Battles:** The people of God greatest challenge are not their physical ability, but their spiritual readiness. Joshua took a huge physical risk to be spiritual.

Joshua 5:6-10

Removing the Reproach

1. **Cut away:** circumcise the flesh and adjust your focus toward God.
2. **Create a daily reminder** of your covenant. Circumcise your heart. **Romans 2:29** No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.

3. **V:9 Receive Christ provision** for your reproach. (The stone has been rolled away.)
4. **Communion is celebrating** with God the feast. (The Passover meal is the symbol of what God did for humanity.)

Joshua 5:11-12

5-Day Grace Period

1. **Manna** there was always just enough, they never went hungry because God is a good father.
2. **Manna** was given to the people in the promise land as a 5-day window of Grace.
3. **5 is the number value** of Grace. God gave a comfort zone in their transition.
4. **Passover: Numbers 9:5** God's feast is a reminder of God's eternal provision.
5. **Next level:** They ate of the promise of God for forty years and now they are eating the fruit of the promise land. This is next level provision. **Psalm 23:5** He prepares a table in the presence of the enemies of Jericho. (Is Psalm 23 the process used in the promise land?)

Joshua 5:13-15

An Encounter Before the Battle

1. **A Language pattern:** Take off your sandals was a familiar story with Joshua. (Moses) **Exodus 3:5**
2. **Sandals or shoes** in Joshua's life. They did not wear out for 40 years. (Holy provision) **Deuteronomy 8:4**
3. **This commander** of the Lord's army is Jesus himself. (He commands Joshua to worship Him.) **Joshua 5:15**
4. **Angels refuse** to let humans worship them. Unless they are a fallen angel. **Rev. 19:10 & Revelation 22:9**
5. **See the Patterns: Zechariah 14:3** Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle.