

## **Preview:**

The covenant is renewed. (1-9)

The Passover is celebrated. (10-12)

The captain of the Lord appears. (13-15)

*God's people must be prepared for victory before they can be trusted with victory. Joshua 5 describes how the Lord prepared Israel for victory in a new land.*

## **The Covenant Is Renewed. (1-9)**

- V1. Israel's two enemies were the Amorites & the Canaanites, but these nations had heard how God was fighting for His people. Both of these nations had no more courage to fight against Israel.
- V2. Instead of immediately conquering the new land, God instructed Joshua to circumcise the men of Israel for the 2nd time. (The first time took place in Gen. 17:9-14) Circumcision represented Israel's covenant with the Lord.
- a. What is a covenant?
  - b. What was the purpose of the covenant?
  - c. What determines the blessings/cursing of a covenant?
- V6. Why did the old generation of Israelites die in the wilderness? (Num. 14:20-35)
- V7. Why did Joshua circumcise the new generation?
- V9. What was the "reproach of Egypt"? Some possible explanations are:
- The shame of being slaves in Egypt.
  - Israel's shame because they worshipped idols while in Egypt.
  - The ridicule of the enemy when Israel failed to trust God at Kadeem Barnea.

## **The Passover Is Celebrated. (10-12)**

- V10. The Passover was celebrated on the 14th day of the first month. What was the purpose of the Passover celebration? Name and explain the elements of the Passover meal.
- V12. What did the manna represent, and what did the fruit of Canaan symbolize?

**The Captain Of Lord Appears. (13-15)**

V13. Why did the Captain of the host of the Lord appear to Joshua?

- Who was the Captain of the host of the Lord?

V14. What caused Joshua to worship?

V15. Joshua had a similar experience to Moses when he was at the burning bush.