

JOSHUA No.5 CIRCUMCISION AT GILGAL

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They have crossed the Jordan river, and are heading towards Jericho.

(1) The enemy is frightened because of the people of God. (vs.1)

Ex. 23:27I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run.

Josh. 2:11 ..When we heard of it, our hearts sank and everyone's courage failed because of you.

2. Chr. 17:10 The fear of the Lord fell on all the surrounding lands.

Mark 1:22 Jesus spoke with AUTHORITY

1 John 4:4 the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.



(2) The Israelites are circumcised. (vs.3)

(verses 4-8 explain why!)

Numbers 14:28 God said that He would do the very things that He heard them say.

Josh. 5:7 God raised up sons in their place.

CIRCUMCISION -

It was a command to Abraham in Gen. 17:9-11 a sign of his Covenant People.

It also had Spiritual significance cf. Jer. 4:4; Rom. 2:29; Phil. 3:3

Col. 2:11,12 .. circumcision of the heart !!

Circumcision has to do with..

THE COVENANT.....

.Gen.17 + Gen.15 Abraham

.Dt.7:9 God keeps his covenant

.Ps.89:28 God's covenant will never fail.

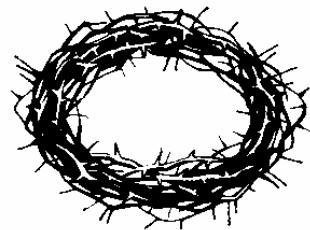
.Ex.2:24 God remembers his covenant

DAVID AND JONATHAN

1 Sam.18:4; 1 Sam.20:16; 1 Sam.23:18.

2 Sam.9:4+5 Mephiboseth at Lo Debar (= pastureless).

David remembered his covenant with Jonathan and brought Mephiboseth to the King's palace (2 Sam.9:11).



Heb.9:15-18 New Covenant

Mt.26:28 blood of the new covenant. When God sees Christ, He remembers His covenant. cf. God's Covenant Name...JEHOVAH...

1.TSIDKENU = Righteous. (Jer.23:6+33:16) (1Cor1:30;2Cor5:21)

2.JIREH = Provider. (Gen.22:14) (Phil4:19; 2Tim4:17)

3.SHALOM = Peace. (Jdgs.6:23,24) (Rom.5:1; Phil.4:7)

4.NISSI = Banner. (Ex.17:15-16) (Rom.8:37)

5.RAPHA = Healer. (Ex.15:26) (Ps.103:3; Jn.11:25)

6.RAAH = Shepherd. (Ps.23:1; Ezk.34:15) (Jn.10:11)

7.SHAMMAH = 'is there' (Ezk.48:35) (Mt.18:20)

Phil.2:9 God exalted Jesus, and gave him the Name that is above all names.

If David remembered his covenant, how much more will God remember His New Covenant, because of Jesus.

(3) The Past is completely behind them. (vs.9)

The Lord rolled away the reproach of Egypt. Complete healing.

See how the sin & disobedience of a generation effected all. God wiped it all away. cf. 2 Cor. 5:17 .. a new creation !

(4) They celebrated the Passover. (vs.10)

A wonderful picture of Deliverance from the enemy. They were to repeat it every year. What a picture of Calvary ! 'This do in remembrance of me' Again they could be feeling that they were losing the opportunity but God was having them to wait and prioritise...put Him first.

(5) They ate the Produce of the Land. (vs.11)

for the first time. The Just shall live by Faith (Rom 1:17);without Faith it is impossible to please God (Heb 11:6).



