

THREE MOMENTS OF ENCOUNTER

Joshua 5:1-12

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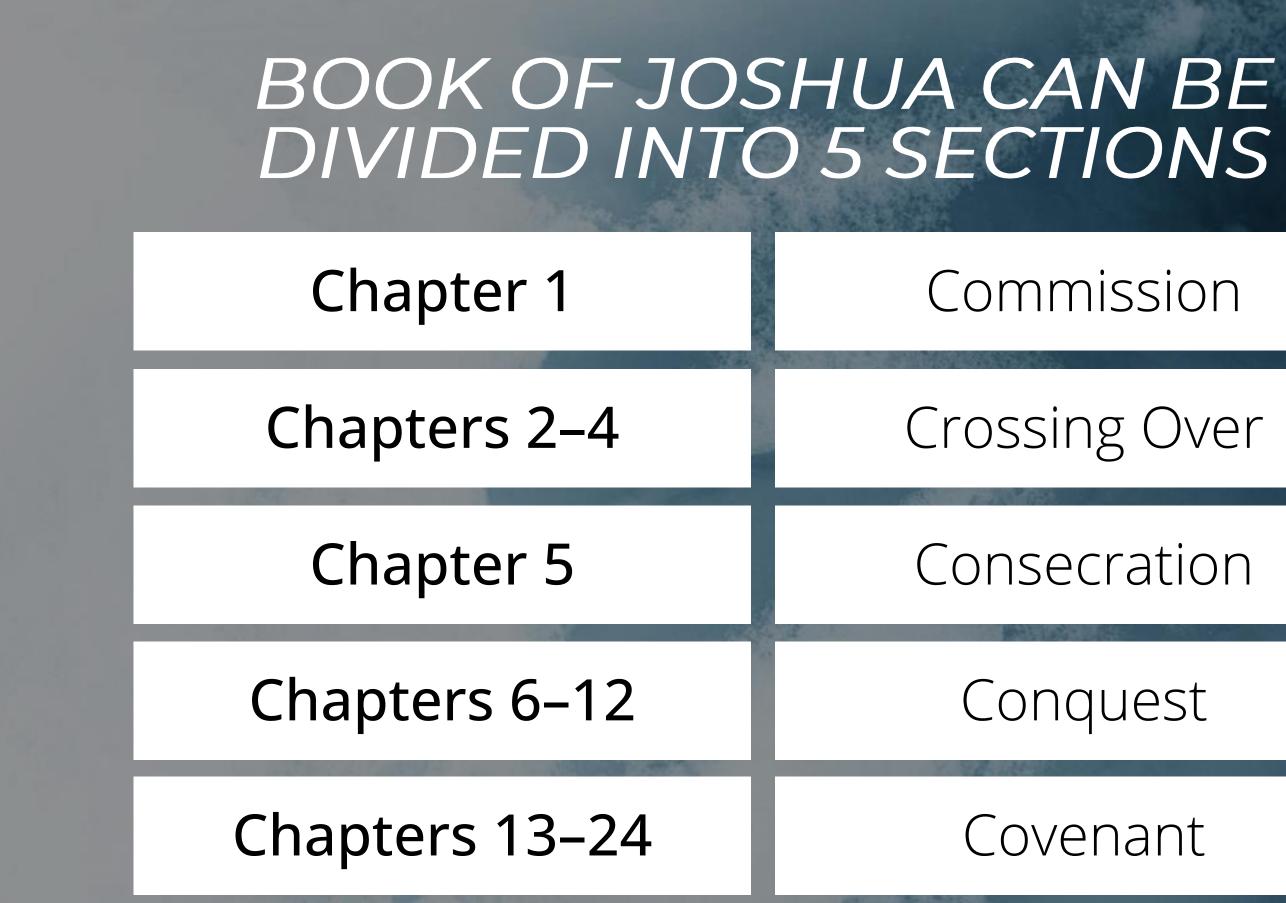
³ So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.⁴ And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they had come out of Egypt. ⁵ Though all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised.

⁶ For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD; the LORD swore to them that he would not let them see the land that the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷ So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised. For they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

⁸ When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. ⁹ And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho.

¹¹ And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

⁴⁵ Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass. JOSHUA 21:45



Commission

Crossing Over

Consecration

Conquest

Covenant

PRINCIPLE CONSECRATION PRECEDES CONQUEST



HOW GOD ACCOMPLISHED THE CONSECRATION OF THEIR LIVES

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THREE KEY MOMENTS

Circumcision (v.3)

Passover (v.10)

Manna (v.12)

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1. The Moment of Trust (Circumcision)

2. The Moment of Thanksgiving (Passover)

3. The Moment of Truth (Manna)

1. THE MOMENT OF TRUST (CIRCUMCISION)



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² At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time." JOSHUA 5:2

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THREE THINGS THAT SEEMED WRONG

Wrong Timing

Wrong Place

Wrong People

PRINCIPLE

CIRCUMCISION DEALS WITH THE CONSECRATION OF THE HEART

¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. DEUTERONOMY 10:16

⁵ And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. ⁶ And the LORD your **God will** circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

DEUTERONOMY 30:5-6

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

PRINCIPLE TRUSTAND OBEY...THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!



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³ Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" ⁴ And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

NUMBERS 14:3-4

APPLICATION DON'T HOLD BACK FROM OBEYING GOD



2. THE MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING (PASSOVER)

¹⁰ While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho.

⁴⁸ If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

EXODUS 12:48

PRINCIPLE THE INNOCENT HAS DIED, SO THE GUILTY CAN GO FREE

CHRIST OUR CIRCUMCISION ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

COLOSSIANS 2:11

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7

⁶ But if it is **by grace**, it is **no longer on the basis of works**; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. **ROMANS 11:6**

APPLICATION DON'T TAKE GOD'S GRACE FOR GRANTED



3. THE MOMENT OF TRUTH (MANNA)



¹¹ And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.

JOSHUA 5:11

¹² And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

JOSHUA 5:12

³ And the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

EXODUS 16:3-4

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, **I am about to rain bread from heaven for you**, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion **every day**, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.

EXODUS 16:3-4

APPLICATION DON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH THE METHOD GOD USED



³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? **ROMANS 8:32**

³² Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. LUKE 12:32

¹⁸ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

DEUTERONOMY 8:18

CHRIST OUR MANNA

³² Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

JOHN 6:32-35

PRINCIPLE CONSECRATION PRECEDES CONQUEST



FIRST THINGS FIRST GIVE YOUR LIFE TO WHOLLY TO JESUS

<u>REFLECTION QUESTIONS</u> What aspect of your life is God asking you to consecrate today? Is there a "reproach of Egypt" in your life? What season are you currently in? Is it a season of miracles or blessing? How is God leading you to honour Him in this season?