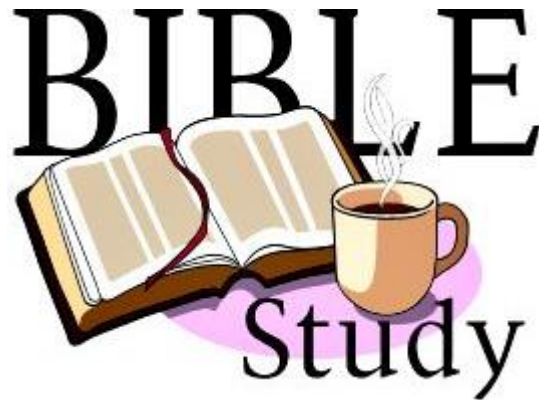


# Joshua – The man and the message

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STUDY 14

Readings: Joshua 5:1-12



## *Renewal before Conquest*

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 3rd/Wednesday 4th February 2015

**Chapter 5 begins a new section in the book of Joshua and takes us through to the end of chapter 12. It deals with the taking of the land of Canaan.**

**Read: Joshua 5:1**

- 1) You might expect the armies occupying the land of Canaan to be waiting to repel the Israelites as soon as they step into their land. *How do you explain what actually happens here in verse 1?*

**It would surely seem a perfect time for Joshua to attack. However, these early days in the land of Canaan became times of renewal with two major rites being reintroduced: circumcision and the Passover.**

**Read: Joshua 5:2-9**

- 2) What was the significance of circumcision? Why had this not been carried out during the wilderness years?
- 3) What does God mean in verse 9 when He declares that He has rolled away the reproach of Egypt?

**Read: Joshua 5:10-12**

- 4) Why was observance of the Passover so important to the Israelites?
- 5) What would be the significance of the Passover now that the people were in Canaan rather than in Egypt?
- 6) In the course of verses 11-12 we are told no fewer than three times that the people ate the produce of Canaan. *What is the significance of these verses?*