

# The Book of Joshua

Bible Study – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Collinsville, Illinois

## Chapter Five

### 1. (5.1) Enemies Melt with Fear

Chapter five is an interlude between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The Jordan couldn't hold Israel back. God was leading them forward into battle. God still leads His people in the plan of His salvation:

Rom 8.31-39; Psalm 110; 1 Cor. 15.24-28; Phil 2.6-11; Heb 2.8



Notice the use of the word "we." The author is an \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. (5.2-9) Circumcision

**Why were the Israelites not circumcised in the wilderness?**

**Why did they use flint knives instead of metal?**

Background of Circumcision

Gen 17.12

Rom 4.11-12

Col 2.11-13

**What about the large numbers? Were there really 601,730 men fit for battle?**

## What about Gilgal?

### 3. (5.10-12) The Passover

#### How many Passovers have been celebrated so far?

The Passover was a remembrance of God's salvation in Egypt. The beautiful hymn of St. John of Damascus "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain," illustrates the significance of the Passover for all believers:

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness.  
'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ hath burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun hath risen.

Please see  
<http://www.lutheran-hymnal.com/lutheranworship/lutheranworship0cd.html> for  
midi files and lyrics.

"At the Lamb's High Feast"

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!

#### Why did the manna cease?

### 4. (5.13-15) Joshua Encounters the Commander

Probably while Joshua was surveying the area around Jericho, he encountered an extremely unusual being. Notice the progression:

- 5.13 –
- 5.14 –
- 5.15 –