

## REVIEW OF JOSHUA

### EXPOSITION

After Israel crossed the Jordan, God told Joshua to send one man from each of the twelve tribes to take a stone from the midst of the river to their night's lodging (4:1-3)

Joshua so commanded, explaining that Israeli parents were to tell their children about these stones: that the LORD cut off the Jordan (4:4-7)

The twelve men obeyed what the Lord had commanded through Joshua (4:8)

Joshua himself also placed twelve stones where the priests had stood in the Jordan; the memorial remained until after Joshua wrote (4:9)

Recap 1: The priests had remained in the Jordan until the people hurriedly had crossed, then the priests also crossed (4:10-11)

Recap 2: 40,000 fighters from the eastern tribes crossed first to the plains of Jericho and the LORD exalted Joshua before the people (4:12-14)

The LORD told Joshua to command the priests to come out of the Jordan; when the priests stood on dry ground, the river returned to flood stage (4:15-18)

On the 10th day of the month Israel came up from the Jordan, camping at Gilgal (4:19)

Joshua set up the twelve stones in Gilgal as a memorial (4:20)

Deuteronomy 11:30; a new meaning for a new circle of stones

$G\_L\_L$  = to roll       $G\_L + G\_L$  = circle      Cylinder (related root) starts w/  $K\_L$   
Wave in Heb literally means a *roller*. One of the words for *hill* is  $GaL$  = a roll.

**Joshua told them that they were to teach future generations about God delivering Israel over the Jordan as He had done with the Red Sea (4:21-23)**

**The stones also declared the Lord's mighty hand to other nations and were to cause the assembly to fear the Lord forever (4:24)**

**God's drying the Jordan and Israel crossing made the kings of the land lose heart (5:1)**

**The LORD commanded Joshua to circumcise the sons of Israel; he did so (5:2-3)**

**The older disobedient generation (that did not see the land of Israel) had been circumcised [as they left Egypt] but they failed to circumcise their sons (5:4-7)**

Genesis 17 and the sign of the Abrahamic Covenant

Why was circumcision the sign of being part of the nation of Israel?

Circumcision was only required for Israel; never required for Gentiles.  
Circumcision never was a heaven/hell issue.

**They stayed in their camp while healing; the LORD told Joshua that He had rolled away the Egyptian reproach from them that day; so its name continued as Gilgal (5:8f)**

**Israel kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month (5:10)**

Exodus 12:2 and 6

Exodus 12 and Numbers 9

**Israel ate of the land's produce the day after Passover; the manna ceased (5:11-12)**

Which grain ripens at Passover?

**CONCLUSION**