**CIRCUMCISION AND PASSOVER AT GILGAL**

Joshua 5:1-15

Key Verse 5:9 “Then the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.’ So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.”

1. Review the covenant of circumcision given to Abraham. (Genesis 17:10-12) What is the significance of circumcision? Why was circumcision neglected during the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness? (4-8)

2. Why was it foolish from a military point of view for the men to be circumcised at this time? (8) Why was it necessary? (cf. Exodus 19:6)

3. What does it mean that the Lord rolled away the reproach of Egypt? (9) [NLT translation: “Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt.”]

4. What is the significance of the Israelites celebrating the Passover at this time? (10-11; Exodus 13:5) Why did the manna stop the day after they ate the produce of Canaan? (12)

5. What does the commander of the Lord’s army mean when he said that he was on neither side? (13-14) What does he mean that Joshua was standing on the holy ground? (15) How did these events prepare the Israelites to conquer the Promised Land?