



## Joshua Chapters 5 to 8 – 4 more Studies – Part 2

### **Please Note the following:**

1. It is not necessary to answer the Bible Study Questions before meeting together for the Bible Study. Some people like to prepare beforehand whereas others like to think through the Bible Passages in a group setting. It is also not compulsory to answer ALL the questions.
2. It is not necessary to look up all the Bible cross references listed in a particular question; your Growth Group Leader will summarize these Bible cross references for you.
3. Just a reminder that sometimes in our Growth Groups, people feel comfortable sharing very personal and sensitive things about their lives. This information **MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL and NEVER LEAVE THE GROUP**

**Study 1 – Marked by God, Led by the Commander****Joshua 5:1-15*****(Sermon on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026)*****Read Joshua 5:1-15**

1. What effect does Israel's crossing of the Jordan have on the surrounding nations (v1)?
2. Why had circumcision not been practiced in the wilderness? (vv2–8) What was the purpose of circumcision anyway?
3. Why is it significant that God says, "***I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt***"? (v9)? What's significant about the name ***Gilgal***?
4. What is the significance of celebrating Passover in the land? (v10)
5. Why did the manna stop? (vv11-12)
6. Who does Joshua meet and what is his response? (v13)

7. What is the significance of the commander's answer, "**Neither... but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come**"? (v14)
  
8. Why is the place where Joshua is standing holy? (cf. Exodus 3:5) (v15)
  
9. **Ponder:** Where might God be calling you to **spiritual preparation before action**?
  
10. **Ponder:** Where might you be trying to get God "**on your side**" or are you seeking to **submit to His purposes**?
  
11. **Ponder:** What "**old reproach**" or past identity do you need to leave behind in Christ?
  
12. Do you remember and celebrate God's past faithfulness in your life? List some examples...

Where is **JESUS** in **Joshua 5:1-15**?

13. How do the following New Testament passages relate to **Joshua 5:1-15**?

**John 6:30-35, 48-51**

**Acts 9:1-6**

**Romans 2:28-29**

**Colossians 2:6-15**

**1 Corinthians 5:6-8**

**Hebrews 4:8-11**

**Revelation 19:11-16**

What's the **BIG IDEA** of **Joshua 5:1-15**?



**What light globe moment did you have?**

What **questions** do you have about the passages in this study?

**Share the verse** that had a special meaning to you in this study?

**Finish in prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you that you prepare us and call us to belong to you. Forgive us for relying on our own strength instead of submitting to you. Thank you that in Christ our reproach is taken away and we are made new. Help us to walk in humility, to trust your ways, and to live aware of your presence. Prepare us for what lies ahead, and lead us under your authority. Amen.

## Study 2 – And the Walls Came Tumbling Down

Joshua 6:1-27

*(Sermon on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026)*

### Read Joshua 6:1-27

1. How is Jericho described at the start? Is that a problem? (v1)?
2. What does God declare before the battle begins? (v2)
3. What are the people commanded to do daily? (vv3-4)
4. What happens on the seventh day? (vv15-16)
5. Why is silence required on the seventh day? (v10)
6. What is the significance of the ark leading the procession? (v13)
7. What happens to Jericho? (v20)
8. What does it mean that the city of Jericho and all that is in it is “*devoted*”? (vv17-19)

9. What distinguishes Rahab from the rest of the city? (vv22-25)
  
10. **Ponder:** Why do you think Joshua made the solemn oath? (vv26-27)
  
11. **Ponder:** Humanly speaking, the way Jericho was destroyed didn't make sense. Where is God calling you to **trust Him in ways that don't make human sense?**
  
12. **Ponder:** Are there areas where you obey selectively instead of completely?
  
13. **Ponder:** Do you rely more on **your own strength** or on God's power?
  
14. **Ponder:** How does Rahab's story challenge your understanding of who can be saved?

Where is **JESUS** in **Joshua 6:1-27**?

15. How do the following New Testament passages relate to **Joshua 6:1-27**?

**Hebrews 11:30-31**

**James 2:25**

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

What's the **BIG IDEA** of **Joshua 6:1-27**?



**What light globe moment did you have?**

What **questions** do you have about the passages in this study?

**Share the verse** that had a special meaning to you in this study?

**Finish in prayer:** Heavenly Father, we thank you that you are the God who gives victory—not by our strength, but by your power. Help us to trust you, even when your ways seem strange or difficult, and to walk in faithful obedience to your word. Forgive us for the times we rely on ourselves instead of you. Teach us to depend on you fully, and to follow you with patient, persevering faith. Thank you for your mercy, shown even in Rahab's story—that you save those who trust in you. Help us to live as people of faith, and to give you all the glory in every victory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Study 3 – Sin, Defeat and Restoration

Joshua 7:1-8:29

*(Sermon on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026)*

#### Read Joshua 7:1-26

1. What problem do we discover in verse 1?
2. What plans does Joshua implement for taking Ai? What actually happened? (vv2-5)
3. How does Joshua initially interpret the defeat? (vv6-9)
4. What does God reveal is the true reason for the defeat (vv10-12)? See verse 1.
5. **Ponder:** What does that teach about corporate responsibility?
6. What process does God say must be followed? Why? (vv13-15)

7. How is Achan's sin uncovered? (vv16-19) – see Numbers 32:23.
  
8. What does Achan confess? (vv20-21)
  
9. What is the punishment for Achan? Why is the punishment so severe? (vv22-25) – see Joshua 6:18-19.

**Read Joshua 8:1-29**

10. What changes in Joshua 8 before attacking Ai again? (vv1-2)
  
11. What role does strategy (the ambush) play in this victory? (vv3-9)
  
12. Why does Joshua hold out his javelin until victory is complete? (vv18, 26) – see Exodus 17:8-12.

13. **Ponder:** 12,000 people from Ai were killed in the attack. The Lord God commands this judgment; what are to make of this? How should we respond? (see Luke 19:41-44).
14. **Personal reflection:** Are there “hidden sins” in your life that need to be brought into the light? Pray that God will bring to mind the areas in your life that displease Him [no need to share if uncomfortable]
15. **Personal reflection:** How have you seen sin affect others around you? [no need to share if uncomfortable]

Where is **JESUS** in **Joshua 7:1-8:29**?

16. How do the following New Testament passages relate to **Joshua 7:1-8:29**?

**Acts 5:1-11**

**Romans 6:23**

**1 Corinthians 5:6-7**

**2 Corinthians 5:10**

**1 John 1:9**

**The following are optional...**

**Romans 2:4-8**

**1 Corinthians 11:27-32**

**Hebrews 12:10-11**

**2 Peter 3:9**

What's the ***BIG IDEA*** of Joshua 7:1-8:29?



**What light globe moment did you have?**

What **questions** do you have about the passages in this study?

**Share the verse** that had a special meaning to you in this study?

**Finish in prayer:** Heavenly Father, you see what is hidden and you judge rightly. Guard our hearts from secret sin, and keep us from hardening ourselves against you. Give us honesty to confess, humility to repent, and faith to trust in your mercy. Thank you that you do not leave us in judgment, but restore and lead us forward again. Help us to walk in obedience, as your people, for your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Study 4 – Covenant Renewal****Joshua 8:30-35*****(Sermon on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026)***

1. **Before we begin:** What is a *covenant*?
2. Remind yourself what happened in the last study on Joshua 7-8.
3. **Read Deuteronomy 11:29-30.** What was Moses' instructions?
4. **Read Deuteronomy 27:1-26.** What was Moses' instructions (summarize)?

**Read Joshua 8:30-35**

5. Where does Joshua build the altar? Why? (v30)
6. What kind of stones are used and why? (v31)
7. What offerings are made and why? (v31)

8. What does Joshua write on the stones and why? (v32)
  
9. How is the assembly arranged and why? (v33) – see Deuteronomy 11:29; 27:12-13 and Deuteronomy chapters 28-29.
  
10. The mountains, **Ebal and Gerizim** sit on either side of the valley where **Shechem** is located. Why is **Shechem** important? (cf. Genesis 12:6-7; 33:18-20; 35:2-4)
  
11. What is read aloud? (v34)
  
12. Who hears the reading? Why is this moment important after the victory at Ai? (v35)
  
13. **Ponder:** As Christians, are we under the Old Testament curses? (Ephesians 1:3, 7-8a)

14. Where is **JESUS** in **Joshua 8:30-35**?

15. How do the following New Testament passages relate to **Joshua 8:30-35**?

**Matthew 5:17**

**Luke 11:28**

**Luke 22:20**

**Galatians 3:10-14**

**1 Timothy 4:13**

**Hebrews 8:1-13**

**Hebrews 10:1-18****James 1:22–25**

What's the **BIG IDEA** of Joshua 8:30-35?



**What light globe moment did you have?**

What **questions** do you have about the passages in this study?

**Share the verse** that had a special meaning to you in this study?

**Finish in prayer:** Thank you for your Word and for your covenant with your people. As Israel stood under your old covenant, we thank you that in Jesus Christ you have brought us into the new covenant by grace. Help us not only to hear your Word, but to obey it. Forgive us where we fail, and write your Word on our hearts. Shape us to live as your faithful people, for your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.