



# GOD'S DELAYS ARE NOT GOD'S DENIALS

Joshua 5:1-12

The Israelites had just crossed the Jordan River and settled within striking distance of Jericho. All the Amorite and Caananite kings were disheartened for they greatly feared the Lord (cf. 2:10-11). Israel was fully ready—logistically, militarily, and spiritually—to overrun Jericho but God had a different plan. Instead of attacking Jericho, the first thing Joshua must do was to circumcise all his fighting men! This act put the conquest of the Promised Land in great danger. They could have been easily annihilated by their enemies while the men were healing from circumcision. (5:1-9)

But God deemed it crucial for the men to be circumcised before going to battle. Circumcision reminded them of God's faithfulness to His promises to Abraham. What the Lord had sworn, He will surely do! It also served as their mark of being God's chosen people. (cf. Gen 17:1-14)

While at Gilgal, Israel celebrated their redemption from Egypt through the observation of the Passover. It was a perfect time to observe this feast because they just experienced God's might as He dried up the Jordan River like what He did with the Red Sea. Immediately the day after, God stopped providing manna and the Israelites started to eat the produce of the Promised Land. (5:10-12)

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### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

gracious giving	share a chair total	share a chair pledge
<b>61,490</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>104,220</b>

overall project noah	project noah
<b>7,594,921.85</b>	<b>30,090</b>

### ATTENDANCE

<b>147</b> adults	<b>12</b> kids
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