

## Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

February 27, 2022

### Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Joshua 2:1-14 *Joe Albrecht*

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music: *Rachel Stalter*

Message: *Joshua Brings Down the Wall of Jericho*  
(Joshua 6:1-27)

### Announcements

**Berean Bible Fellowship's annual conference** will be held June 19-23 at *Community Bible Church* in Tipp City, Ohio. Brochures are available on the bulletin table.

**Pastor Kurth** will be speaking at the *Grace Bible Church* of Thomson, Georgia, on June 12<sup>th</sup>, to help them celebrate their homecoming 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church.

**Sue Ostrowski** would like to share Ed's neckties and tie clips with the men of our church. Please look them over, help yourself, and then thank Sue for her kindness.

**Our offering box** is located just left of the kitchen door.

**Pick up** today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone.

**Joshua 5:1-15** *The Second Circumcision of Israel*

The Jews *needed* circumcising (v.2) because they'd *stopped* it in the wilderness. God led them with a pillar (Ex.13:21), and sometimes moved them *suddenly*, "at night" (Num.9:17, 21), and newly circumcised boys shouldn't be moved.

But God waited until *after He parted the Jordan* to do it, because the "Amorites" (Josh.5:1) were the giant sons of the fallen angels (Gen.6:1-4 cf. Amos 2:9). 40 years earlier *they were afraid of the Jews* when they heard God parted the Red Sea for them (Josh.2:10,11), but most of that fear had worn off. So God parted *the Jordan* for them so the giants would not attack them when they were "sore" (Gen.34:24,25).

There will be *another* circumcision of Jews. Once the beast starts persecuting Jews, they'll head for the hills (Mt.24: 15,16) where they'll be *on the run*, once again making it impossible to circumcise their sons, lest they subject them to sudden moves. But God will part the Red Sea and Jordan *again* to strike fear into Antichrist's army so they won't attack them before God uses them to beat him (Ps.149:5-9).

The foreskins of 600,000 men (Num.26:51) would create a twenty foot high "hill" (Josh.5:3), a type of a hill Christ will create at Armageddon. We see another type of this when David created one to get his bride, the king's daughter (I Sam.18:17-26). The Lord will create one to get *His* bride, the King's daughter (Rev.21:9), a hill of "flesh" the birds will eat (Rev.19:17,18) as their bodies are burned (II Thes.1:8).

“Gilgal” (Josh.5:9) means “roll,” and “reproach” means *shame* (Ps.69:7). The “reproach of Egypt” was the shame of *idolatry* (Ez.20:6-8). When the Jews left Egypt, God told them to *leave behind their gods*, gods they’d fallen into worshipping, *but they didn’t*. They *combined* the worship of God with idolatry (Am.5:25,26), and claimed to be sacrific-ing to *God* when they were sacrificing to *them* (Acts 7:42).

But God *rolled that idolatry away* at Gilgal. When “roll” is used as a verb, it usually refers to rolling a *stone* (Gen.29:3,8, 10; Josh.10:18; ISam.14:33; Pr.26:27; Mt.27:60). The Jews had a stone they *shouldn’t* roll away, and one they *should* (Deut.32:3,4,5,15,17,31,36,37). *Saved* Jews worshipped the Rock of God; *unsaved* Jews worshipped the rock of God plus idols. *That’s* the “stone” that was rolled away at Gilgal.

How did circumcision roll it away? When Abram had a son that God didn’t ask for in Genesis 16, God told him to cir-cumcise the member that produced it in Genesis 17. So cir-cumcision means *death to what the flesh can produce*. And in the wilderness, the Jews produced a *false Judaistic mix-ture of the worship of God and idols*. Circumcision rolled that rock away. They fell back into idolatry, but this is a type of the kingdom, where idolatry will be rolled away *forever*.

Eating “the old corn” of the land was the beginning of the fulfillment of Deuteronomy 6:10,11. They ate corn *they hadn’t planted*, and soon they’d live in the city of Jericho that *they hadn’t built*. This is a type of entering the kingdom, when the same will be true then (Ps.37:9-11;Pr.13:22). That’s why the Lord said the meek would “*inherit*” the earth (Mt.5:5). When they ate that corn, *the manna stopped* (Josh.5:12), a type of how the manna that will come down in the Tribulation (Micah 7:14,15) will stop in the kingdom.

This commander of God’s host (Josh.5:13-15) had to have been *Christ*, for He accepted Joshua’s “worship” (Rev. 22:8,9). Michael was the commander of His angelic host (Rev.12:7). He took his shoes off because this was a type of the renewal of the kingdom in Gilgal (I Sam.11:14; Acts1:6).

God told the Jews to circumcise their *hearts* (Deut.10:16) and kill *all* the sinful works of their flesh. They couldn’t, so He promised to (Deut.30:5,6), *and will in the kingdom* (IJo.3:9;5:18). But in God’s eyes, *we have that now* (Col.2: 11) by the circumcision of Christ, i.e., His death (Isa.53:7).

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

*Thornton Harrison, Assistant Pastor Paul Balbach*

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Ricky Kurth*

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

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