

- iii. The Lord says to the people of Israel at Gilgal, "I want you to circumcise all the men."
  - a. Why did the men need to be circumcised?
  - b. There has been 40 years of wilderness wanderings and not one person who was a male born in that 40 year period had been circumcised and circumcision was a sign of the covenant.
  - c. Now the Lord is about ready to take these people into the land of Canaan and so he says, "Now what I want you to do is circumcise all the males, all the ones who had been in the desert and not circumcised. When you do that the reproach of Egypt will be rolled away."
    - 1) What was the reproach of Egypt?
    - 2) The Egyptians had said, "The Lord brought these Israelites out here to die in the desert. He hasn't taken them into any promised land. Look at them. They are dying off like flies."
    - 3) The Egyptians had reproached Israel for 40 years.
- iv. The next thing they do is to celebrate the Passover.
- v. The very next day they have their manna in the morning as per usual.
- vi. That day (the day after they celebrate the Passover) is the first day they eat any food from Canaan and once they started to eat the food from Canaan, the manna stopped.
- vii. The day after the Passover was the last day that the children of Israel had manna.
- viii. Two days after, there is no manna because from now on they are going to live off the food that comes from the land.
- ix. While they are eating, a man appears to Joshua with a sword drawn.
  - a. That man was deity in human form.
  - b. This was probably a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ.
  - c. He says that he is the one who is the commander of the Lord's army.
  - d. Unfortunately, there is a chapter break because this one in his presence Joshua is standing is clearly deity.
    - 1) Notice that he says to Joshua, "Take off your sandals because the place where you stand is holy."
    - 2) A similar thing was said to Moses.
  - e. Notice 6:2 says, "then the Lord said.." so that the one who is speaking to him is the Lord in human form.