

Scripture

Joshua 5:9-15 (NLT)

Israel Reestablishes Covenant Ceremonies

- 9 *Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt.” So that place has been called Gilgal to this day.*
- 10 *While the Israelites were camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month.*

- 11 *The very next day they began to eat unleavened bread and roasted grain harvested from the land.*
- 12 *No manna appeared on the day they first ate from the crops of the land, and it was never seen again. So from that time on the Israelites ate from the crops of Canaan.*

The Lord's Commander Confronts Joshua

13 *When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, "Are you friend or foe?"*

14 *"Neither one," he replied. "I am the commander of the Lord's army."*

At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. "I am at your command," Joshua said. "What do you want your servant to do?"

15 *The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy."*

And Joshua did as he was told.