

Study Notes and Questions for Joshua 5-8

Chapter 5

- What was the emotional condition of the Canaanites and why do you think that that information was included in the narrative?
- Why was Joshua told to make flint knives and how does that command from the Lord create tension in the narrative?
- Read **Deuteronomy 10:16 and 30:6**. What was God trying to communicate to Israel about the meaning of circumcision?
- Why do you think God wanted Israel to be circumcised before going into battle?
- What was the importance of Israel observing the Passover before engaging the enemy in battle?
- How do we know that the man with the drawn sword was the Lord Himself?

Chapter 6

- What commands did God give to Joshua about attacking Jericho?
- What warnings did God give about the plunder from Jericho?
- Why was the battle of Jericho a miracle?
- Why is Rahab a symbol of God's grace and mercy?

Chapter 7

- What did Achan do and why does the Lord call it a "transgression?"
- How did Joshua determine who committed this act of disobedience?
- What lessons can we apply today from Achan's failure?

Chapter 8

- How did the Lord encourage Joshua after their failure at Ai?
- Describe the battle plan that God gave Joshua for defeating Ai.
- How did Joshua renew the covenant between Israel and God?
- What was the most important aspect of this study for you personally?