

No More Manna

Joshua 5:10-17 (NLT)

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.

Background

Joshua chapter 5 marks an important moment in the Israelites' journey towards the Promised Land. After forty years of wandering in the wilderness, the new generation of Israelites finally reach borders of the promised land.

Circumcision of the Israelite males (Joshua 5:1-9)

- A. God's command to circumcise all males born in the wilderness
- B. Circumcision performed at Gilgal
- C. Symbolic renewal of the covenant and separation from other nations

"Gilgal" is derived from the Hebrew root "galal," which denotes "to roll." "Gilgal" stems from the practice of rolling away the reproach of Egypt, **signifying a fresh start for the Israelites.**

Gilgal served as a central location for the Israelites during their initial stages of occupying Canaan and symbolizes the transition from a nomadic existence to a settled nation.

II. Observation of the Passover (Joshua 5:10)

- A. Israelites celebrate the Passover, which was not observed during their time in the wilderness
- B. Reaffirmation of their identity as God's chosen people and remembrance of deliverance from Egypt

- III. Cessation of manna and consumption of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:11-12)
 - A. Manna ceases after the Passover
 - B. Israelites start eating the produce of the land, signifying their settlement in the Promised Land
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What was Manna and Why was it important?

Manna means - What Is It?

In Exodus Chapter 16 God's provided food called manna to sustain the Israelites in the wilderness. After the people complained to and against Moses about their hunger, God was faithful to provide food every day for the Israelites to eat.

Moses tells the people to eat the manna for six days and gather double on the sixth day for the Sabbath. No Manna would be provided on the Sabbath.

Why did God stop the Manna?

To give a new generation an appetite to experience in all that God promised their ancestors.

No More Manna signals three important shifts that are necessary

A Paradigm Shift - Seeing from God's perspective.

Q: When it comes to seeing from God's perspective, what steps are you taking to shift your mindset and gain a deeper understanding of His ways?

A Proactive Shift - Be proactive in God's plan for your life.

Q: How have you been proactive in aligning your life with God's plan for you? What specific actions or choices have you made to facilitate this proactive shift?

A Progression Shift - Notable improvement, growth, advancement.

Q: In what areas of your life have you noticed a notable improvement or growth recently? How do you plan to continue this progression shift?

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