

# New Hebron Missionary

## Baptist Church

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## Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*

*(2 Tim. 3:15)*



### Consecrated Leadership

{Joshua 5:1-3}

After crossing the Jordan River the Israelites did not immediately attack the people of Jericho. Instead Joshua took care of some serious spiritual matters. They established a base at Gilgal {Josh. 4:19} and stayed there for approximately a week or so. Joshua wisely recognized that they needed to improve their spiritual condition before they took any military action. It is the faithful servant and also the wise leader that is aware of the fact that in order to conquer our enemies we must be consecrated to God who is our helper.

**v.1)** *“And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.”*

- The people of Canaan relied on the Jordan River being a natural barrier against any invasion by the Israelites. Especially since it was flood season {Josh. 3:15} and the banks of the Jordan could have been widened from 100 feet to around a mile.
- They didn't make it to Gilgal because of their strategy or their military might, but only because of God's power.
- God protected the Israelites and kept them safe in spite of the obstacles they faced. It's as if God will bless you in your enemies' faces. {Ps. 23:5a}
- The kings' heart's “melted” when they heard the news about Israel and Joshua getting closer.
- First the people heard about how God blessed the Israelites in the past {Josh. 2:9}, now the kings are aware of this as well. This is another example of how God can use our circumstances to give His name glory. {Matt. 5:16}

