

## **V.    ADVANCEMENT       RELEASES       A       NEW ENCOUNTER**

*Joshua 5:13-15 AMP – (13) When Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up, and behold, a Man stood near him with His drawn sword in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, Are you for us or for our adversaries? (14) And He said, No neither, but as Prince of the Lord's host have I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, What says my Lord to His servant? (15) And the Prince of the Lord's host said to Joshua, Loose your shoes from off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy. And Joshua did so.*

Waiting on the other side of their advancement was a fresh and new encounter.

The shift in their assignment – wandering to warfare – required a fresh and new revelation.

*Micah 2:13 AMP – The Breaker (the Messiah) will go up before them. They will break through, pass in through the gate and go out through it, and their King will pass on before them, the Lord at their head.*

The Church is coming into a fresh encounter with the presence of God according to the assignments we have been given.

## **VI.    ADVANCEMENT REALIZES A NEW VISION**

*Joshua 6:2 AMP – And the Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho, its king and mighty men of valor, into your hand.*

They were no longer gathering manna to survive but now they were looking at mountains to conquer.

# **AWAKE! ARISE! ADVANCE!**

## **Part 3: Advancing in the New**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

*Joshua 4:18-19 AMP – (18) And when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord had come up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of their feet were lifted up to the dry land, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and flowed over all its banks as they had before. (19) And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month and encamped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.*

### **I.    ADVANCEMENT RUINS THE ENEMY**

*Joshua 5:1 AMP – When all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the Israelites until we had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no spirit in them any more because of the Israelites.*

*Joshua 6:1 AMP – Now Jericho was tightly closed because of the Israelites; no one went out or came in.*

Instead of being pursued and overtaken by the enemy the Church is now rising up in pursuit of the Kingdom and the promises and in her advancement will overtake the enemy.

## II. ADVANCEMENT REQUIRES COVENANT

*Joshua 5:2, 8, 9 AMP – (2) At that time the Lord said to Joshua, Make knives of flint and circumcise the new generation of Israelites as before. (8) When they finished circumcising all the males of the nation, they remained in their places in the camp till they were healed. (9) And the Lord said to Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you. So the name of the place is called Gilgal (rolling) to this day.*

*Genesis 17:8-11 AMP – (8) And I will give to you and to your posterity after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. (9) And God said to Abraham, As for you, you shall therefore keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. (10) This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your posterity after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. (11) And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a token or sign of the covenant (the promise or pledge) between Me and you.*

God is calling forth a new generation today to walk in covenant with Him. It will require the cutting away of the flesh – a circumcision of the heart.

*Galatians 5:16 AMP – But I say, walk and live habitually in the Holy Spirit (responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit); then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh.*

## III. ADVANCEMENT RENEWS CELEBRATION

*Joshua 5:10 AMP – And the Israelites encamped in Gilgal; and they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho.*

Here on the ground of the Promised Land they partake in the Passover – a celebration of an accomplished salvation.

The Church fights not to gain the victory but fights to enforce the victory the Christ has already gained.

*Romans 8:37 AMP – We are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.*

*Colossians 2:15 AMP – God disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it (the cross).*

## IV. ADVANCEMENT PROVISIONS RELEASES NEW

*Joshua 5:11-12 AMP – (11) And on that same day they ate the produce of the land: unleavened cakes and parched grain. (12) And the manna ceased on the day after they ate of the produce of the land: and the Israelites had manna no more, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.*

The Israelites were coming into the time of abundance as they began to eat the fruit of the promises of God.