3:5 [One day it happened] [that Joshua spoke] to the people, “[Sanctify yourselves], because [on the morrow] [there will be accomplished] [by YHWH] [in your midst], [wondrous things].”

6 [Then further] [spoke Joshua] to the priests, [saying this]: “[Take up] the ark of the covenant, [and cross over] before the people.” [And they carried] the ark of the covenant, [and they went up] before the people.

7 Then said YHWH to Joshua, “Today—[this very day]—[I will begin] [to exalt you] [in the eyes] [of all Israel], so that [they may know] [that it is surely true]: [just as I] [had been in fact] with Moses, I shall be with you.

(Sephardim begin here)

5:2 It was [at that time] that spoke YHWH to Joshua, “Make for yourself knives [out of flintstone], [and—once again]—circumcise the Israelites, [a second time].”

3 So he made for himself —Joshua—made knives [out of flintstone], and he circumcised the children of Israel [at the hill] [called Araloth] (“Foreskins”).

4 Now this is the reason [davar] [that he circumcised them]—Joshua: [all of the people] [who had come out] of Egypt—all the males: [all of whom in fact] [were] [men of war] had died in the desert on the way, [when they came out] from Egypt.

5 [Since circumcised] they were—[all the people] [who did come out].

[But as for all of the people] who were born in the desert [along the way] when they came out of Egypt—[they were not circumcised].

6 [For indeed] [for a full] [forty years] they walked—[the children of Israel walked on] [in the wilderness], until they perished—the whole nation—men of war, [who had come out] of Egypt, who had not heeded the voice of YHWH of whom there swore YHWH [to them] [that He would not] [let them] [see the land]: [the land that been] sworn by YHWH [to their fathers] to be given [to them]; [it being a land] [that flowed with milk and honey].
5:7 [As for their sons], [God raised them] [in their stead]. [They are the ones] that were circumcised by Joshua, since uncircumcised they were, [because of the fact] that they had not been circumcised [along the way].

8 [And it was] when finished was the whole nation [from being circumcised], [they remained there] [in their place] [until such time] [as they were healed].

9 Then said YHWH to Joshua, “[On this very day] [I have rolled away] the reproach of Egypt [from off of you]. [Thus it is that they call it] — [they gave it a name] — the place [where this happened], Gilgal (“wheel”), until [the present day].

10 So they camped—the children of Israel—at Gilgal. [They performed] [the rite of the Passover] [on the four and tenth]—the fourteenth day [of the month] [in the evening] on the plains of Jericho.

11 And they did eat [from the produce] [of the land] [from the day after observing the Pesach] (Passover). [They ate matzah] (unleavened bread) [and roasted grain] [on that very same day].

12 There ceased the manna [on the day after] [they first ate] [from the produce of the land]. [And there was not] [any longer], [for the children of Israel], manna.

13 [And then it happened], [when he came]—[Joshua had arrived at] [the town of Jericho], he lifted his eyes and saw: [there was a man] standing [before him], his sword unsheathed in his hand. [He went over]—Joshua [went to him], and asked of him, “Are you one of us, [or of our enemies]?”

14 [And the man replied] “[Neither of these]. [This is who I am]: I am captain of the host of YHWH, who now [have arrived]. [He then fell down]—Joshua [fell on his face] to the ground in prostration, and said [to the man], “What does my master command his servant?”

15 [And he replied]—the captain of the host of YHWH—[to the words of Joshua], “[Remove your sandals] from your feet, because [this very place]—[of which] [you in fact are standing upon it]—holy [it truly is]. And so Joshua did so.

6:1 [Now Jericho] [was shut up] tightly, [because of] [the children of Israel]. None went out, and none came in. 27 And it was that YHWH [was with Joshua] [end melody] [and his renown] [was spread throughout the country].