

YOUTH WORSHIP

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Text: Joshua 6:1-27

Title: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand" Joshua 6:2

INTRODUCTION

1. Many battles are recorded in the Book of Joshua
2. The Battle of Jericho was the first major battle that Israel would face
3. What are some important things to bear in mind in a battle?

THE CITY OF JERICHO

Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.

Joshua 6:1

1. It was completely shut
2. No one came in or went out
3. It was preparing for battle

THE REVEALED PLAN OF GOD

² And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, *and* the mighty men of valour.

³ You shall march around the city, all *you* men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.

⁴ And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

⁵ It shall come to pass, when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

Joshua 6:2-5

1. Joshua was not asked to come up with a battle plan

2. The Lord gives a Word of Assurance

a) He is the Commander of the Lord's Army Joshua 5:14

b) He assures Joshua of complete victory

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Joshua 6:2

3. The Lord reveals the Battle Plan

a) A most unusual Plan

b) Unheard of Battle Plan

4. Involvement of the Following:

a) The men of war

b) The priests

c) The Ark of the Lord

d) Seven priests with rams' horns

5. Marching around the city of Jericho

a) Six days of marching around the city

b) On the Seventh Day, to march around seven times

c) The seven priests were commanded to blow their rams' horns

6. The walls of Jericho

a) On the Seventh Day, all involved were to shout very loudly

b) The walls of Jericho would fall down

c) The King and his mighty men would be defeated

JOSHUA'S OBEDIENCE

⁶ Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD."

⁷ And he said to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD."

⁸ So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

⁹ The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets.

¹⁰ Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout."

¹¹ So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around *it* once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.

¹² And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

¹³ Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets.

¹⁴ And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days.

Joshua 6:6-14

1. Joshua's response

- a) He heard
- b) He heeded
- c) He gave the command to obey God fully

2. Compliance is a necessity

- a) This is not an option
- b) This is of vital importance

3. What would it take to completely comply?

- a) Full faith in God
- b) Full trust in God's Plan
- c) Remembering how God had led the children of Israel so faithfully!

THE FALL OF JERICHO

¹⁵ But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times.

¹⁶ And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!"

¹⁷ Now the city shall be doomed by the LORD to destruction, it and all who *are* in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

¹⁸ And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

¹⁹ But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, *are* consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD."

²⁰ So the people shouted when *the priests* blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

²¹ And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

Joshua 6:15-21

1. A shout of victory

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Joshua 6:16-17;20-21

2. The city was doomed by the Lord to destruction

3. The city walls fell down flat

4. City was to be destroyed completely

THE SPOILS OF WAR

¹⁸ And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

¹⁹ But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, *are* consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.”

Joshua 6:18-19

1. They must not take any spoils of war

2. The spoils of war (silver, gold, bronze and iron) were consecrated to the treasury of the Lord!

KEEPING THE PROMISE MADE TO RAHAB

²² But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, “Go into the harlot’s house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her.”

²³ And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel.

²⁴ But they burned the city and all that *was* in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

²⁵ And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Joshua 6:22-25

1. Rahab had helped the two spies Joshua 2
2. She had asked for her family to be spared
3. The Two Spies gave a promise to spare Rahab and her family
4. This promise was honoured by Israel Joshua 6:25

CONCLUSION

1. Faith in the Lord
2. Fear to be cast aside
3. Follow through every detail given by the Lord
 - a) Obedience
 - b) No coveting the spoils of war
 - c) Honouring of promises
 - d) Dedicating the spoils of war to the Treasury of the Lord