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The Battle of Jericho

1) Joshua's strange encounter – 5:13-6:5.

Joshua 5:13-15

¹³ Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us or for our adversaries?”

**All verses from 1995 New American Standard*

Joshua 5:13-15

¹⁴ He said, “No; rather I indeed come now *as* captain of the host of the LORD.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, “What has my lord to say to his servant?”

Joshua 5:13-15

¹⁵ The captain of the LORD's host said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Joshua 6:1-5

¹ Now Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel; no one went out and no one came in.

Joshua 6:1-5

² The LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king *and* the valiant warriors.

Joshua 6:1-5

³ You shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days.

Joshua 6:1-5

⁴ Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

Joshua 6:1-5

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

2) Day 1 – 6:6-11.

Joshua 6:6-11

⁶ So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD.”

Joshua 6:6-11

⁷ Then he said to the people, “Go forward, and march around the city, and let the armed men go on before the ark of the LORD.”

Joshua 6:6-11

⁸ And it was so, that when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward and blew the trumpets; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

Joshua 6:6-11

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

Joshua 6:6-11

¹⁰ But Joshua commanded the people, saying, “You shall not shout nor let your voice be heard nor let a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell you, ‘Shout!’ Then you shall shout!”

Joshua 6:6-11

¹¹ So he had the ark of the LORD taken around the city, circling *it* once; then they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

3) Days 2-6 – 6:12-14.

Joshua 6:12-14

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

¹⁴ Thus the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp; they did so for six days.

4) Day 7 – 6:15-21.

Joshua 6:15-21

¹⁵ Then on the seventh day they rose early at the dawning of the day and marched around the city in the same manner seven times; only on that day they marched around the city seven times.

Joshua 6:15-21

¹⁶ At the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.

Joshua 6:15-21

¹⁷ The city shall be under the ban, it and all that is in it belongs to the LORD; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in the house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

Joshua 6:15-21

¹⁸ But as for you, only keep yourselves from the things under the ban, so that you do not covet *them* and take some of the things under the ban, and make the camp of Israel accursed and bring trouble on it.

Joshua 6:15-21

¹⁹ But all the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD.”

Joshua 6:15-21

²⁰ So the people shouted,
and *priests* blew the trumpets; and
when the people heard the sound of
the trumpet, the people shouted with
a great shout and the wall fell
down flat, so that the people went up
into the city, every man straight ahead,
and they took the city.

Joshua 6:15-21

²¹ They utterly destroyed everything in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

Genesis 15:16

¹⁶ Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”

Deuteronomy 18:9-12

⁹ “When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. ...

¹² For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you.

5) Saving Rahab, burning
the city – 6:22-25.

Joshua 6:22-25

²² Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the harlot’s house and bring the woman and all she has out of there, as you have sworn to her.”

Joshua 6:22-25

²³ So the young men who were spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and her mother and her brothers and all she had; they also brought out all her relatives and placed them outside the camp of Israel.

Joshua 6:22-25

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

Joshua 6:22-25

²⁵ However, Rahab the harlot and her father's household and all she had, Joshua spared; and she has lived in the midst of Israel to this day, for she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

6) Joshua's curse on the city – 6:26-27.



Joshua 6:26-27

²⁶ Then Joshua made them take an oath at that time, saying, “Cursed before the LORD is the man who rises up and builds this city Jericho; with *the loss of* his firstborn he shall lay its foundation, and with *the loss of* his youngest son he shall set up its gates.”

Joshua 6:26-27

²⁷ So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

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Hebrews 11:30

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

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1) When God says He has something, let Him have it.

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2) Trust God,
even above our
own
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean on your own
understanding.

When the Bible says “do not lean on your own understanding,” the Bible is being serious. Your heart is deceitful, your emotions fluctuate, your understanding does not see the overall, big picture. God never lies, God never changes, God knows all. Trust Him.

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3) An important biblical concept: “the obedience of faith.”

Romans 1:5

⁵ through whom we have received
grace and apostleship to bring
about *the* obedience of faith among all
the Gentiles for His name's sake,

Romans 16:26

²⁶ but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading to obedience of faith*;

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- This passage shows us the connection of grace, faith, & obedience.



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➤ May we
always
“trust and
obey.”