

Joshua 6  
Lesson 5  
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Largo-Seminole Women's Bible Study



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JERICHO "tightly shut" Josh 6:1  
"fortified and very large" Num 13:2  
"city of palms" II Chron 28:15  
Lower wall 40 ft, Upper wall 46 ft  
Approx 9 acres. ½ mile walk around  
Fell in 1406 BC  
Archeological digs and findings  
German team—early 1907-09  
John Garstang—1930-36  
Kathleen Kenyon—1952-58  
Dr. Bryant Wood—1990s  
Evidence for the Biblical account:  
+Fallen mud brick walls  
+North side wall portion not fallen  
+Burnt bricks and household items  
+Pottery dating to Late Bronze Age  
+Burnt grain still in clay jars



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Psalm 44:1-8

"O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, the work that Thou didst in their days, in the days of old. Thou with Thine own hand didst drive out the nations; then Thou didst plant them; Thou didst afflict the peoples, then Thou didst spread them abroad. For by their own sword they did not possess the land; and their own arm did not save them; but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy presence, for Thou didst favor them. Thou art my King, O God; command victories for Israel. Through Thee we will push back our adversaries; through Thy name we will trample down those who rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, nor will my sword save me. But Thou has saved us from our adversaries, and Thou has put to shame those who hate us. In God we have boasted all day long, and we will give thanks to Thy name forever."

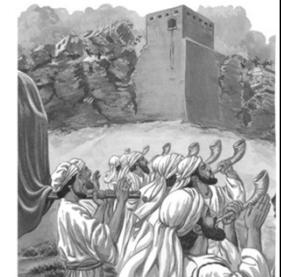
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SYMBOLS

7—whole, complete  
7 trumpets, 7 priests, 7 days  
Rev. 5:6 The Lamb: 7 horns, 7 eyes, 7 Spirits  
Rev.—7 seals of judgement, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls, 7 churches, 7 stars, 7 lampstands, 7 years of tribulation.  
Gen.—7 days of the creation story

Josh. 6:10 Silence—Rev. 8:1 Silence ½ hour at the breaking of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal. Ps. 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God."  
Ex. 14:14 "The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent."

Ark of the Covenant—God's presence, power, and glory  
Many ask, "where is it now?" Rev. 11:19 "in the temple of God." We will see it!



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Joshua 6:17 "And the city shall be under the ban" Hebrew "herem" devoted to destruction, excommunication, shunning, given over to the Lord. It can refer to people, places, or things.  
 The Canaanite culture & people were devoted to God's destruction.  
 Why? Their iniquity was full. They were ready for God's judgment.  
 Lev. 18:3 "you shall not do what is done in the land of Canaan where I am bringing you"  
 vs.4 "you are to perform My judgements."  
 Incest (lewdness)  
 Polygamy  
 Adultery (defiled)  
 Child sacrifice to Molech (Ammonite deity)  
 Idolatry  
 Profanity  
 Homosexuality (abomination)  
 Beastiality (perersion)  
 vs.24 "Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled."  
 Lev. 20:23 "You shall not follow the customs of the nation which I shall drive out before you; for they did all these things, and therefore I have abhorred them."  
 Josh.6:21 "So they utterly destroyed everything in the city..."

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Josh 6:25 "However, Rahab the harlot and her father's household and all she had, Joshua spared."  
 A beautiful, valuable red thread of redemption weaves through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation—the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ—purchasing our salvation.  
 Gen 3:15 "He would be bruised"  
 Isa 53:5 "He was pierced, crushed"  
 Matt 27:35 "They crucified Him"  
 Eph 1:7 "redemption through His blood"  
 Rev 5:9 "Thou wast slain"  
 Rev 19:13 "Robe dipped in blood"  
 Jericho was burned with fire, but Rahab found mercy.

Rahab &amp; the scarlet cord



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Heb 11:30 "By FAITH the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been encircled for seven days."  
 God's battle plan for Jericho was a few symbolic acts to show Israel and the Canaanites how powerful He is.  
 Militarily, the 7 days of marching demanded nothing. Psychologically it demanded courage. The scheme was embarrassing to Israel and utterly preposterous to the Jerichonians. This isn't the way cities are conquered! Faith looks foolish to the world.  
 Josh 6 records no complaining or doubt. They faithfully marched.  
 God delights in slaying men's pride. He slew the pride of Jericho by making the walls collapse in the most foolish way. Israel's pride was demolished knowing they could take no credit for the victory. All God wanted was faith. And they gave it.  
 4 types of faith:  
 Receives (empty-handed for salvation)  
 Reckons (counts on God to undertake)  
 Risks (battle of Jericho)  
 Rests (a life lived in God's arms)

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