

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship  
Worship in Music  
Worship in Parent Dedication  
Worship in Message  
Worship in Giving

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### The Wall Collapsed

*Joshua 6:20-27*

*The Conquest Of Obedience Series*

Life Change: We trust God for our salvation and legacy.

#### Surprising staying power

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Falls.

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#### The wall (and the city it houses):

Is devoted to God in a negative sense.

Leaves a cursed legacy.

#### The woman (and the family she houses):

Is a prostitute.

Stands.

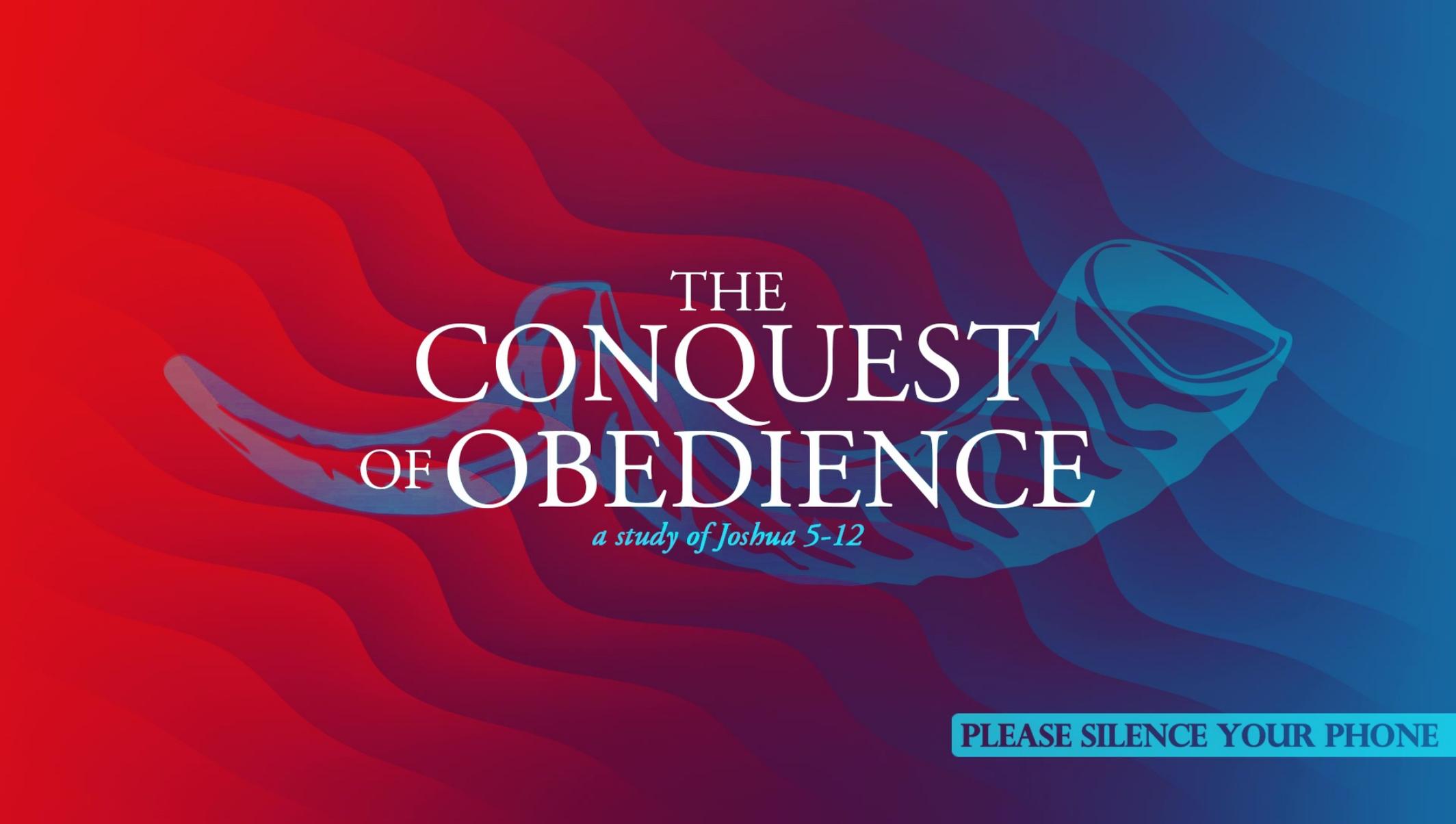
Is set apart for God in a positive sense.

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The background features a stylized illustration of two hands, one in red and one in blue, holding a scroll. The scroll is white with blue text. The background is a gradient of red and blue with wavy, abstract patterns.

# THE CONQUEST OF OBEDIENCE

*a study of Joshua 5-12*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE

*Staying*  
**POWER**

a sustainable life of stewardship

**King Herod (called the Great) – an Idumean, in Hebrew, his name sounds like “one always afraid.”**

**Jeshua (called Jesus) – a Jewish baby, his name comes from the hero Joshua, meaning “God saves.”**

***King Herod  
orders the  
massacre of  
the innocents  
Winchester  
Psalter  
mid-12<sup>th</sup> c.***



***King Jesus the  
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Mausoleum of  
Galla Placidia  
A.D. 425***





# Matthew 1

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CSB

***Rahab***

**Sarah Beth Baca**

**2020**

I will say it, "unexpected staying power is a family tradition."

# Joshua 6

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**27 And the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread  
throughout the land. <sup>CSB</sup>**

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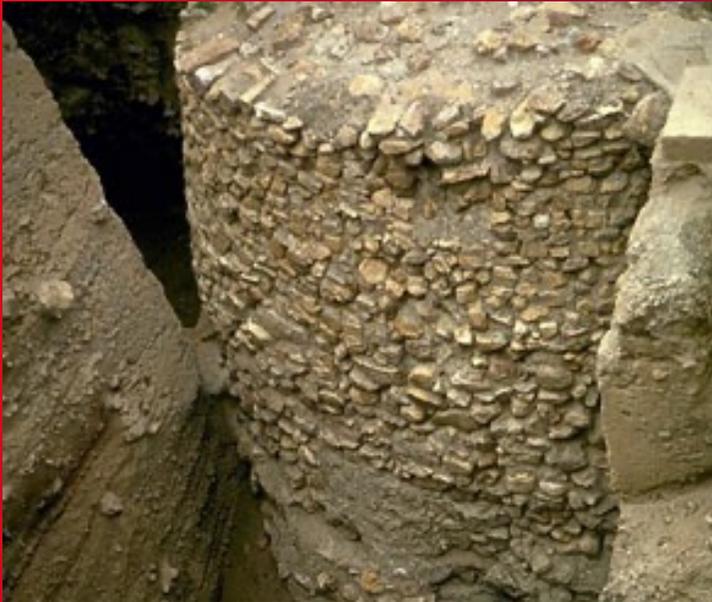


the woman





**Looking down on collapsed section of the outer wall of Jericho – 20 feet of stone with built-in cisterns, grain storage, and some houses**



**Outer wall – topped  
by backed clay 6' high**



**Inner wall – baked  
clay 20' high, 6' thick,  
atop a steep  
embankment**

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**Ramp  
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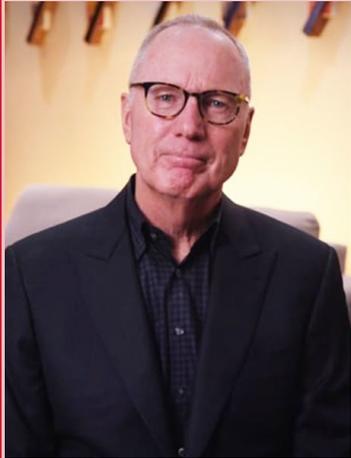
**Joshua didn't bring the walls down. Joshua's soldiers never swung a hammer. His men never dislodged a brick. They never rammed a door or pried loose a stone. The shaking, quaking, rumbling, and tumbling of the thick, impervious walls? God did that for them.**

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**Eternal rewards,  
not mere firewood**

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**Bitterness**

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you are forgiven**

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**Insecurity/Pride**

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# Romans 8

**31 What then shall we say to these things?  
If God *is* for us, who *can stand* against us? NKJV**

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**17 “But the city and everything in it are set apart to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and everyone with her in the house will live, because she hid the messengers we sent. 19 For all the silver and gold, and the articles of bronze and iron, are dedicated to the LORD and must go into the LORD’s treasury.” CSB**

# **Canaanites offered freedom in YHWH, even though**

- 1) The peoples in Canaan knew that Abraham had purchased and developed the land and that it was promised to Abraham's offspring through Isaac.**
- 2) No other ancient conquering force offered complete acceptance. When invaded, the best outcome possible was slavery.**

- **Normal sacrifices [many types of offerings] – given freely according to God’s general directions. They could be taken back any time before they were either burned or put in the tabernacle treasury. The human steward has all rights re: what & when to give.**
- **Something dedicated to God – set aside according to a specific & direct command of God. Such things must never be taken because the person never has any rights to the offering.**

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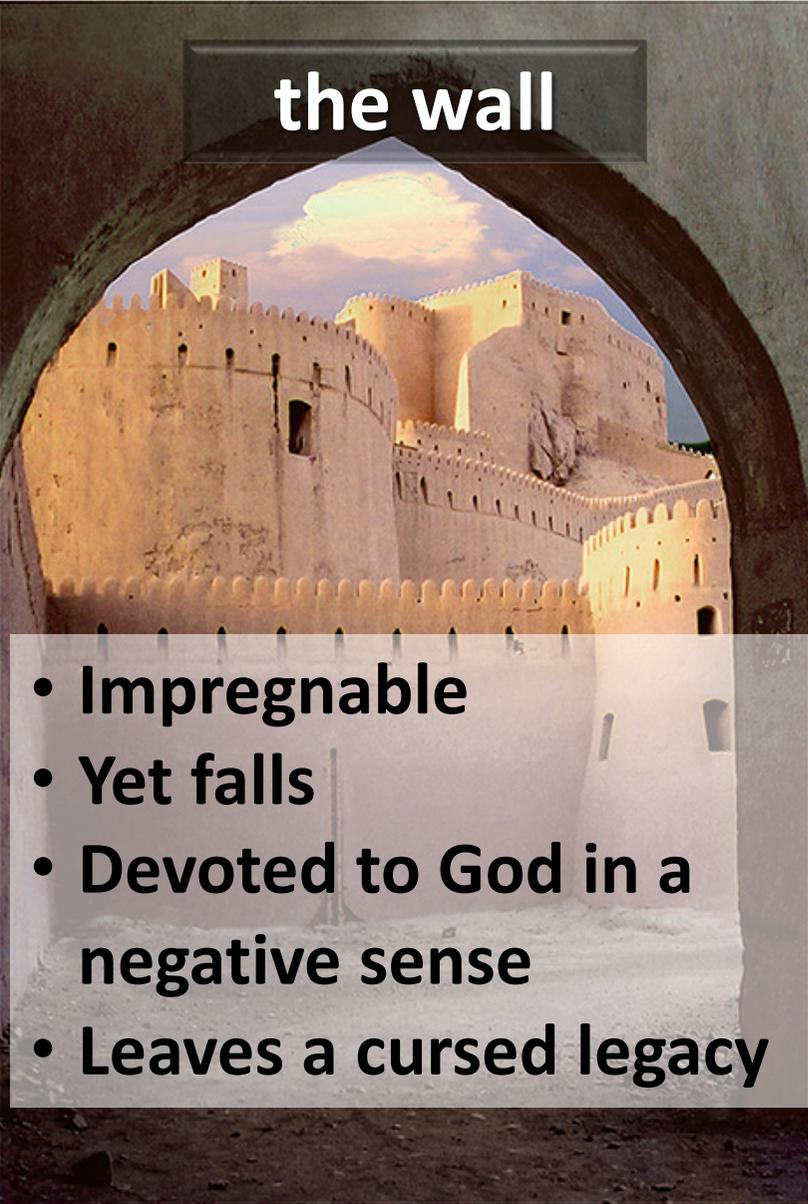
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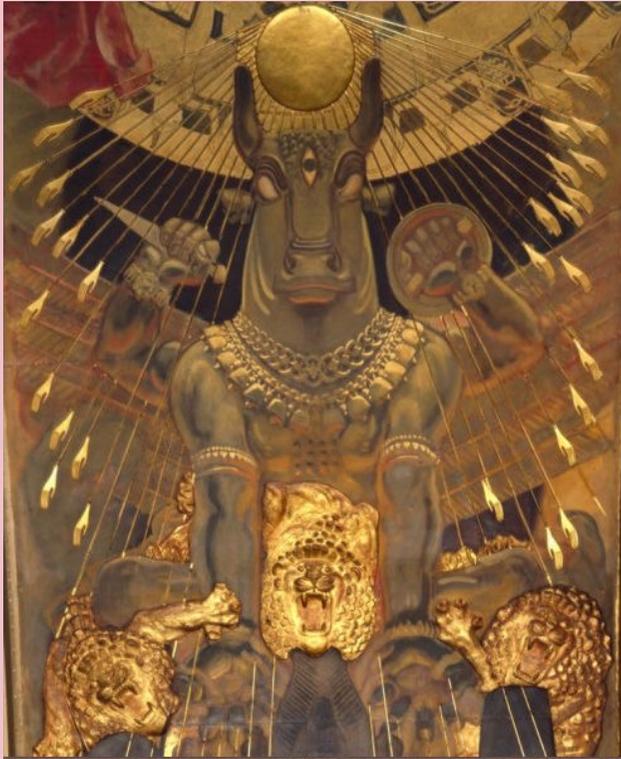
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*Moloch imagined*  
Bilaszcki  
2008



**Ancient NE: earthquakes  
come from underground**



**Ancient Greece: they  
come from the sea**



**First MOLOCH, horrid King besmear'd with blood  
Of human sacrifice, and parents tears,  
Though, for the noyse of Drums and Timbrels loud,  
Their children's cries unheard that passed through fire  
To his grim Idol...**

**And black GEHENNA call'd, the Type of Hell.**

**– John Milton, *Paradise Lost***

*John Milton, man of letters*

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**God-ordained prophecy: no one should rebuild Jericho's defenses. People might live there, but if in the future someone resets the walls and gates, it will be a sign that he has engaged in pagan superstition and will kill his own children to protect his business.**



**Now, friends, surely  
no one would ever  
be that wicked!**

# 1 Kings 16

**33 Ahab...did more to anger the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.**

**34 During his reign, Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. At the cost of Abiram his firstborn, he laid its foundation, and at the cost of Segub his youngest, he finished its gates, according to the word of the LORD he had spoken through Joshua son of Nun. <sup>CSB</sup>**



courtesy thegrio

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**WB reply:**

**I love you but not your illogic. By that reasoning, we shouldn't stop people from poking other's eyes out. Until we can address every eye disease and eliminate any need for glasses, we must never prohibit eye-gouging.**

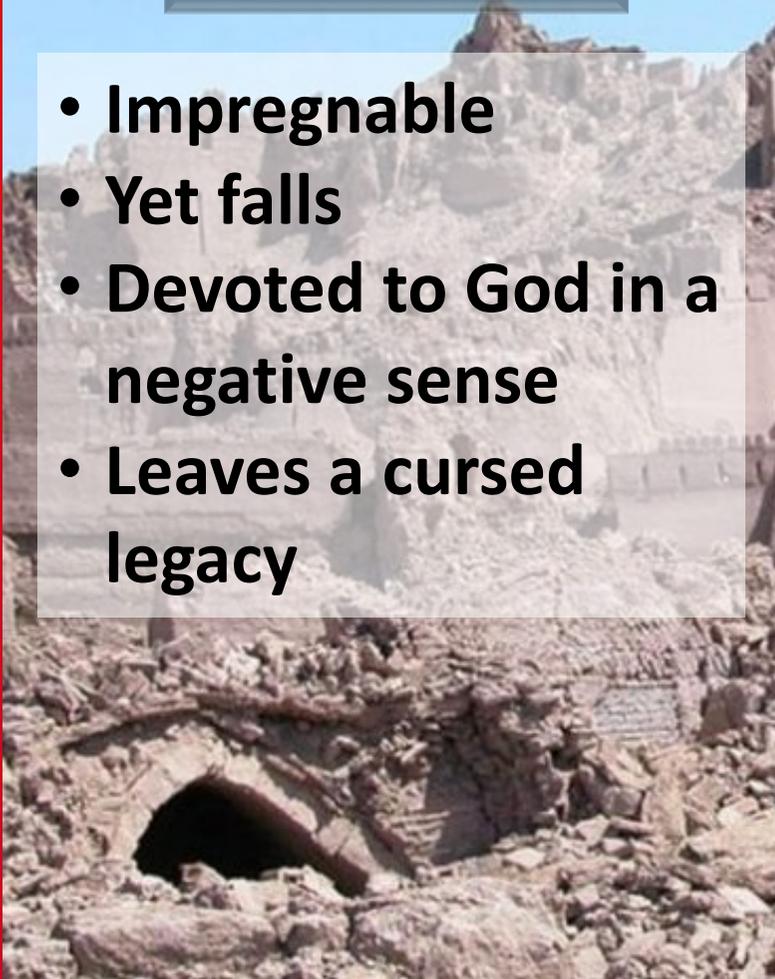


**No matter how strong & invulnerable it may appear, any people that kills children to further its own ends will fall. And it will leave behind a cursed legacy.**



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- Prostitute
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# 1 Corinthians 1

**27** God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. **28** God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. **29** As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God. **30** ...Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. **31** Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD.” NLT

# Joshua 2

**15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, since she lived in a house that was built into the wall of the city. <sup>CSB</sup>**

**The one standing section  
– as discovered in 1909**



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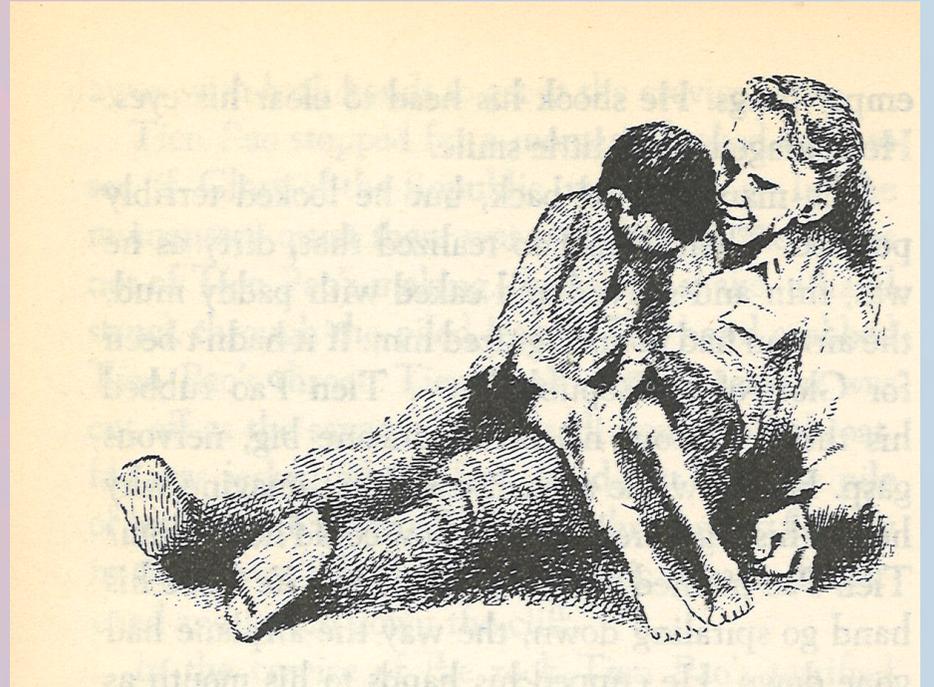


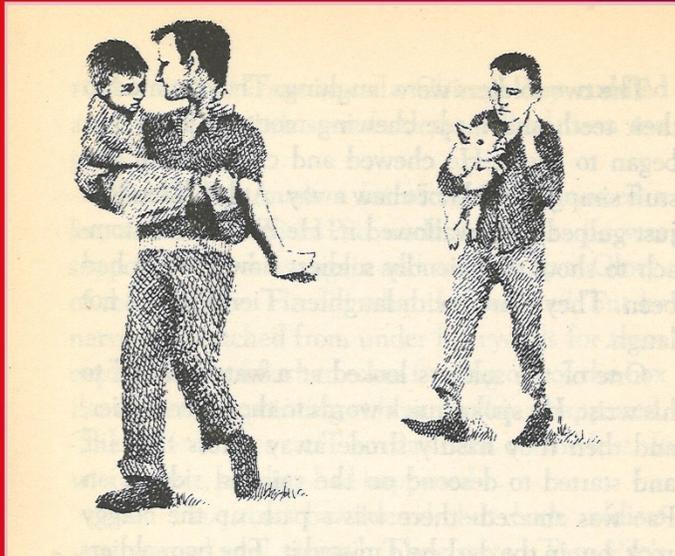


**Summary: Tien Pao is a boy caught up in war. The raping Japanese advance has separated Tien Pao from his family. He scrambles into the mountains to try and stay alive, joined only by his pig, “Glory of the Republic.”**

**An American Airman, Lieutenant Hamsun, is shot down. Tien Pao helps the wounded pilot get into a cave, where they avoid Japanese patrols.**

**Providentially, they find Chinese guerillas, and the Lieutenant is taken to a US Army hospital.**





**Tien Pao and Glory of the Republic are rewarded with a place in the Army Air Corps barracks. 60 airmen take care of them as one of their own.**

**When millions perish,  
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**Lieutenant Hamsun gets out of the hospital and makes it his quest to find Tien Pao's mother and/or father. Yes, that is akin to a needle in a haystack. The American uses a jeep and an aircraft to search with Tien Pao.**





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<sup>1</sup> James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ: To the twelve tribes dispersed abroad.

Greetings. <sup>CSB</sup>

↓  
**Hebrew thought**  
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## Justification before God

- Is empowered by God's grace
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## Justification before people

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**Legends made with faith that's strong**

**No time to bleed**

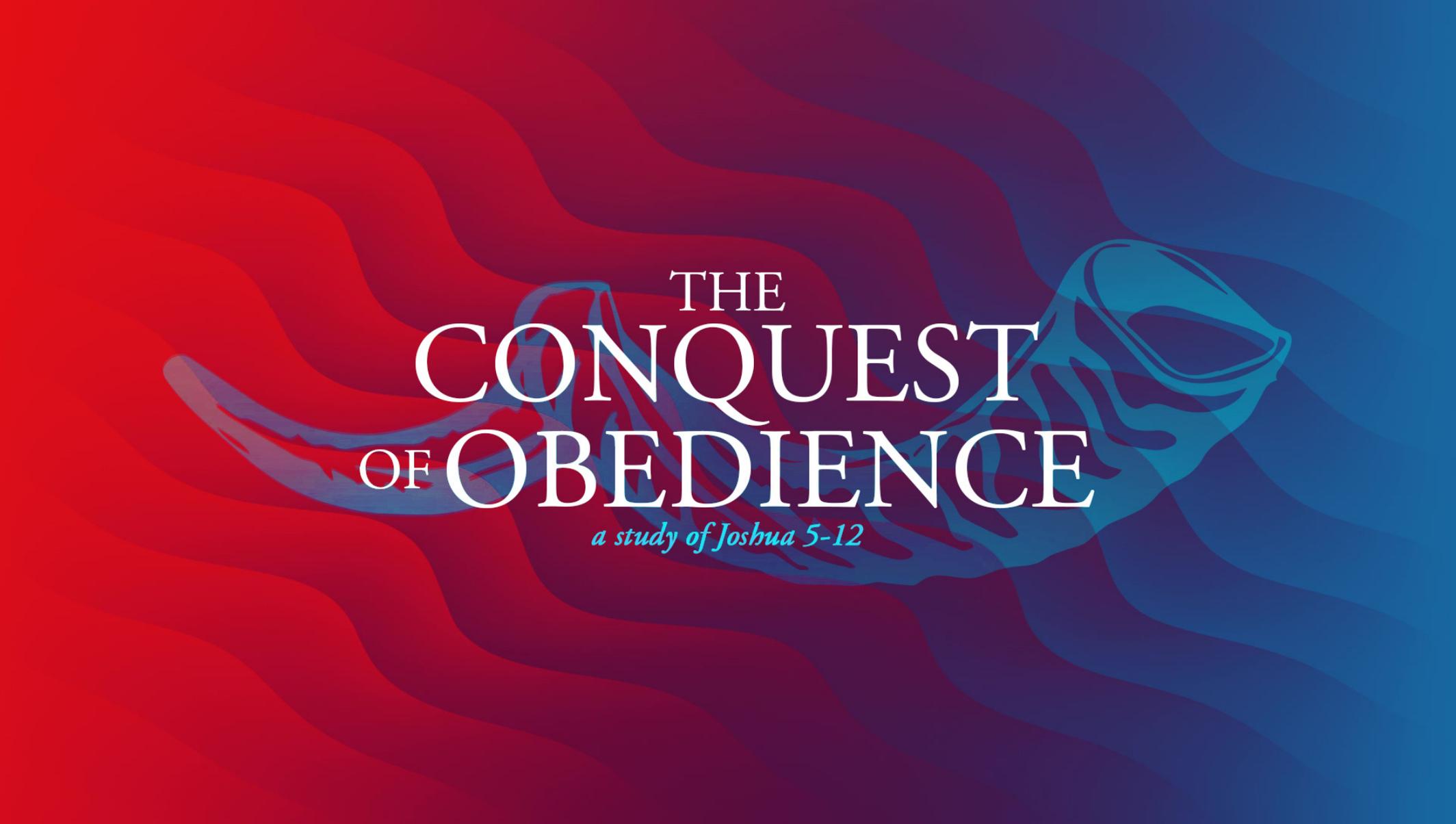
**I'm conquering**

**While I'm alive**

**I'll push through the pain, I'll run for the prize**

**– Korey & John Cooper “Legendary”**





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