

THE
CONQUEST
OF OBEDIENCE

a study of Joshua 5-12

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You Want
ME TO DO
WHAT

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The last few years, there has been a proliferation of Christianity. Their belief in God makes no more sense than believing in the Tooth Fairy. These



people are dangerous and cannot be tolerated, or they will soon be shooting us in the streets.

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Joshua 5

13 When Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua approached him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” **14** “Neither,” he replied. “I have now come as commander of the LORD’s army.” CSB



Joshua

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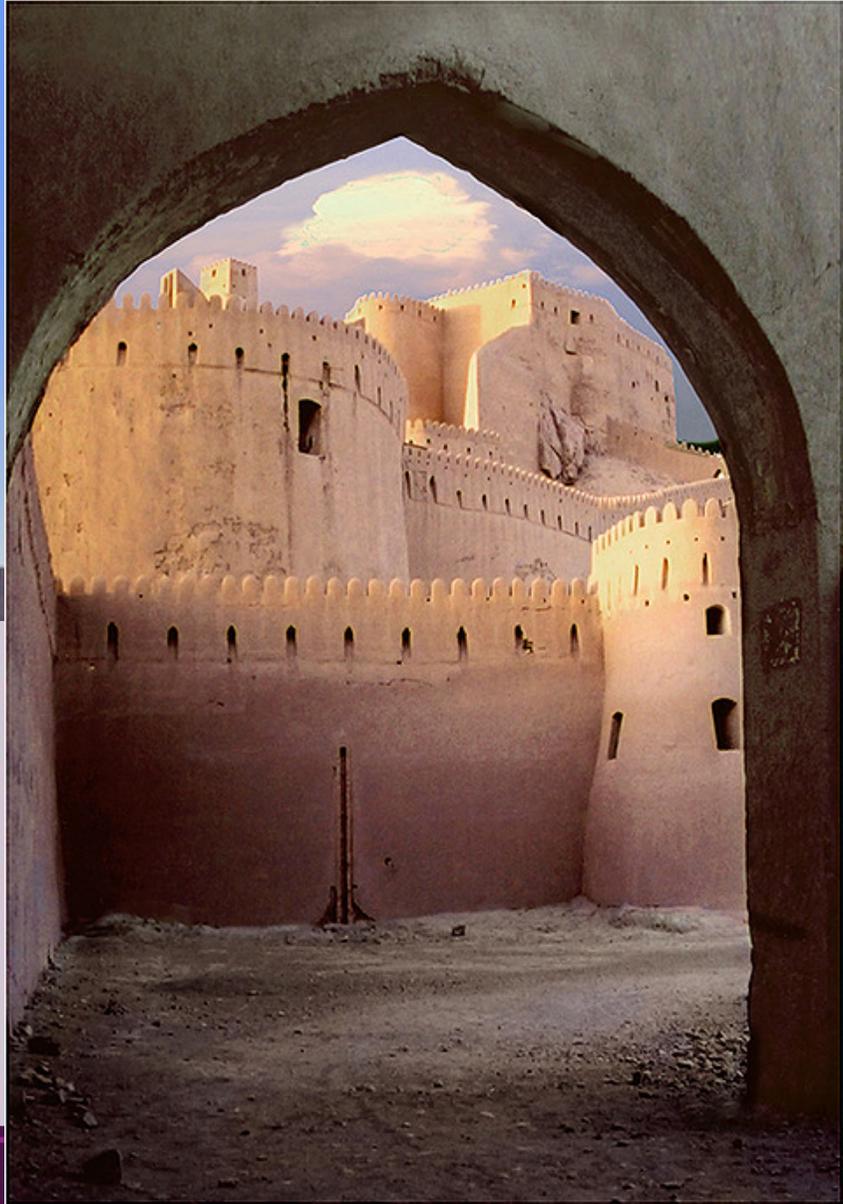
Wayne, I have often imagined that the c. 5 encounter continued, that Joshua and Christ continued to discuss plans. Perhaps “the LORD said to Joshua” in chapter 6 describes those plans drawn out into narrative. [Regardless], we are meant to understand from this episode that the Holy God went before Joshua, that the LORD was indeed the Warrior in His plans, and that the task of Joshua and his men was to simply obey.

I'm especially reminded of this episode today as a good friend of mine is in court in California fighting for [right]...Perhaps my friend would be comforted, not scared, to be met by Christ on the way into that courtroom; to be told that he is not the fighter of this fight, but that his job is to simply obey. I hope, like with Joshua at Jericho, my friend watches the Lord be victorious, and that good prevails.
– Matthew Monroe





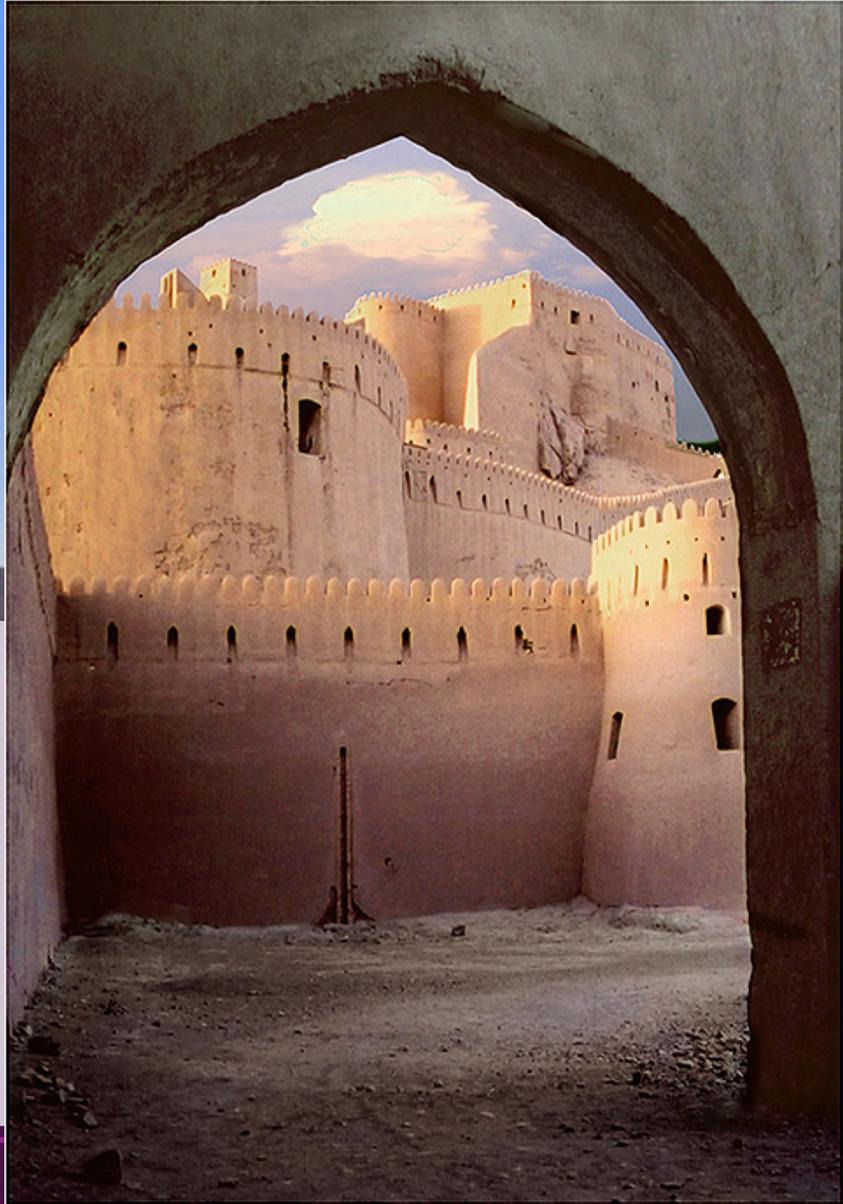
2000-year-old city of Bam in Iran. Before being destroyed by earthquakes, this was the closest thing to Jericho's walls still standing.



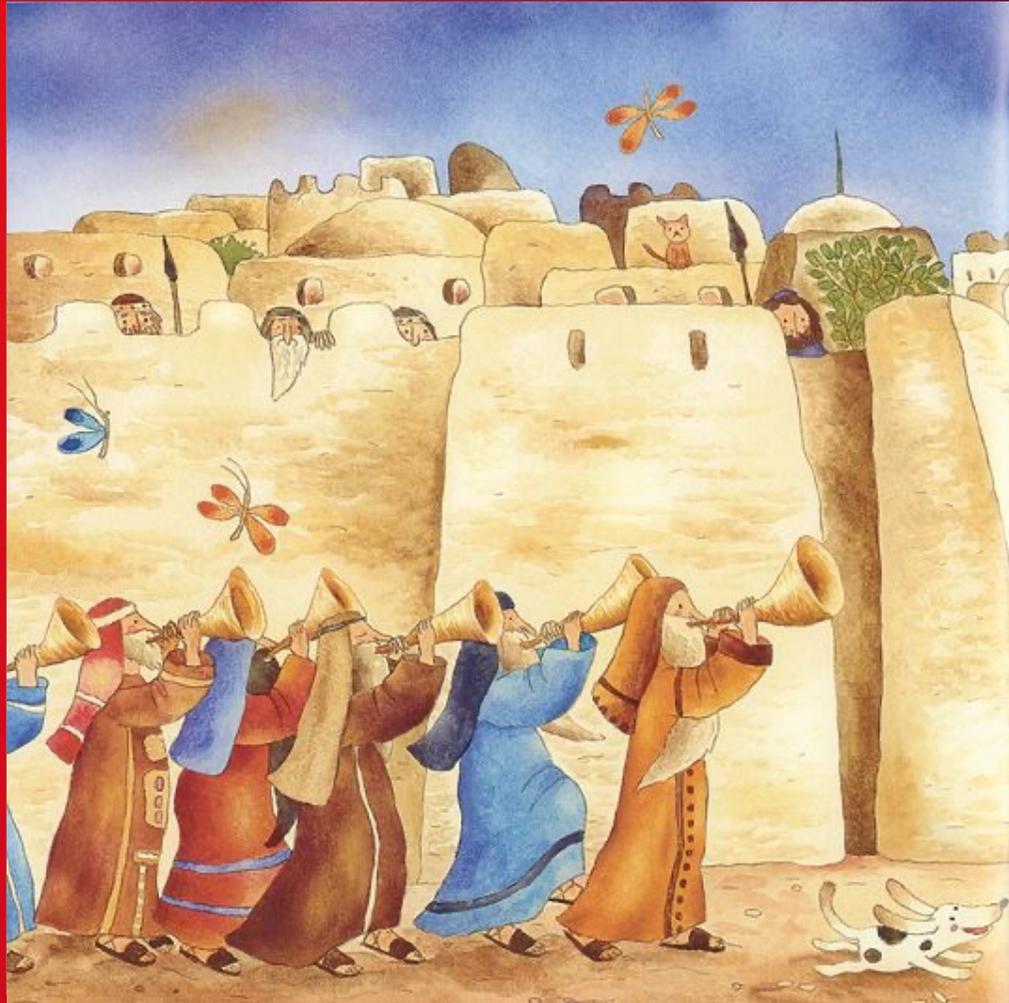
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Trumpets preceding the ark
Sue Tornai
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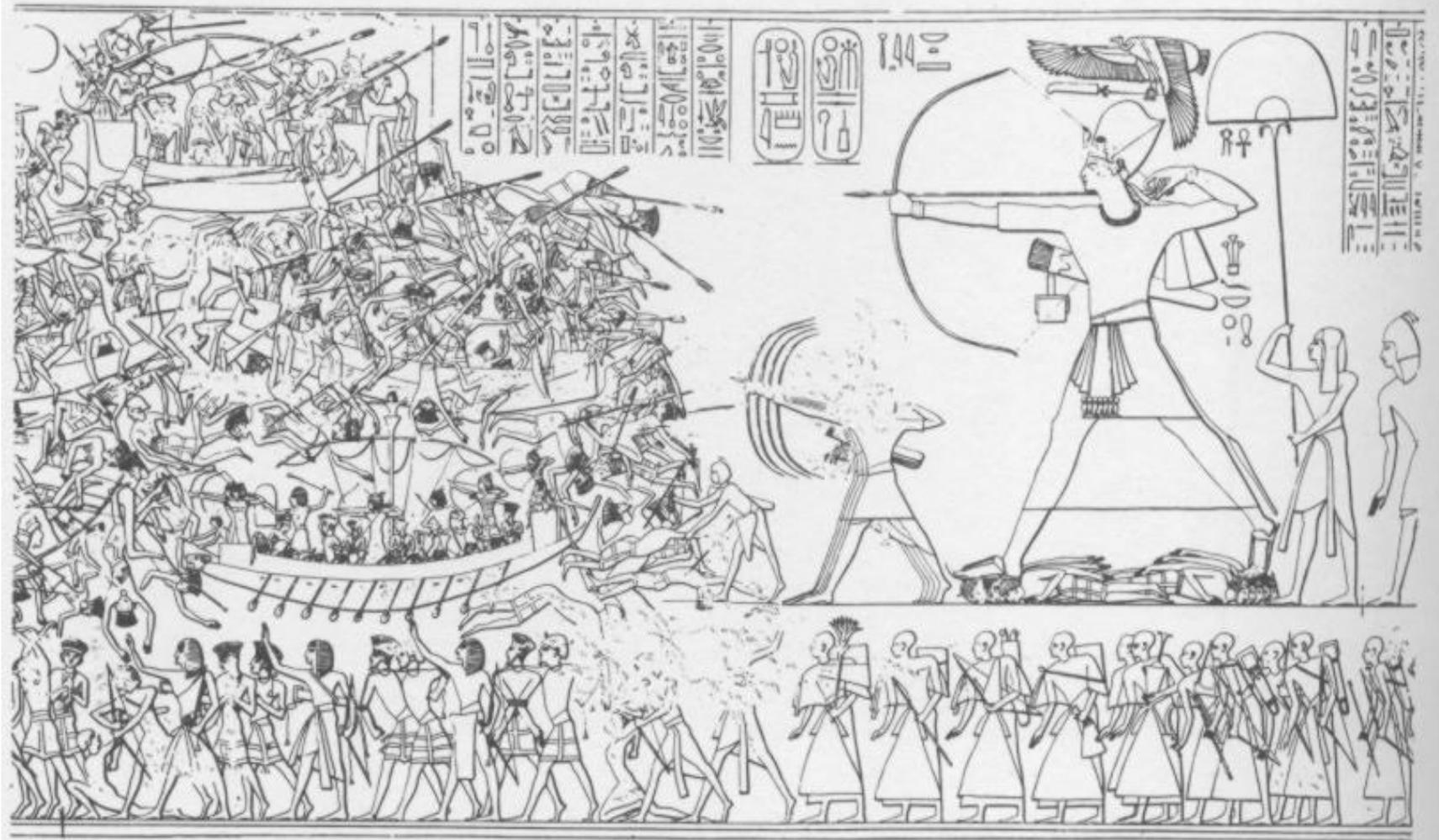
**Siege
equipment**

**Egyptian
bowman picks
off defenders**

**Slave bring food
to Egyptians**

***Taking of Tabor*
Ramses II
ca. 1295 B.C.**





Battle Against the Sea Peoples
Ramses III ca. 1170 B.C.

What one expects God to command Israel to do



courtesy Doubleday

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The Seven Trumpeters of Jericho

James Tissot

1889

Joshua 2

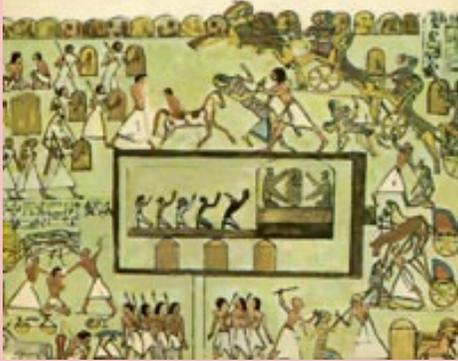
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THE ART OF WARFARE
IN BIBLICAL LANDS
in the light of archaeological discovery
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5 ways to take an ancient city

- **Going over the wall using ropes, ladders, etc.**
- **Digging a tunnel under the wall.**
- **Smashing a hole through the wall.**
- **Starving the city into submission.**
- **Decoy, ambush, or subterfuge (like the Trojan horse).**

Exodus 14

¹² “It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ^{CSB}

Moving backward into slavery

Joshua 6

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Emphasizes “moving forward”



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Philippians 3

13 Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead,

14 I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus. ^{CSB}

Never turn back and never believe that an hour you remember is a better hour because it is dead. Passed years seem safe ones, vanquished ones, while the future lives in a cloud, formidable from a distance. The cloud clears as you enter it. I have learned this, but like everyone, I learned it late. – Beryl Markham, *West with the Night*



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⁸ After Joshua had spoken to the troops, seven priests carrying seven rams' horns before the LORD moved forward and blew the rams' horns; the ark of the LORD's covenant followed them. ⁹ While the rams' horns were blowing, the armed men went in front of the priests who blew the rams' horns, and the rear guard went behind the ark. ¹⁰ But Joshua had commanded the troops, "Do not shout or let your voice be heard. Don't let one word come out of your mouth until the time I say, 'Shout!' Then you are to shout."

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¹¹ So the ark of the LORD was carried around the city, circling it once. They returned to the camp and spent the night there.

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¹⁴ On the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

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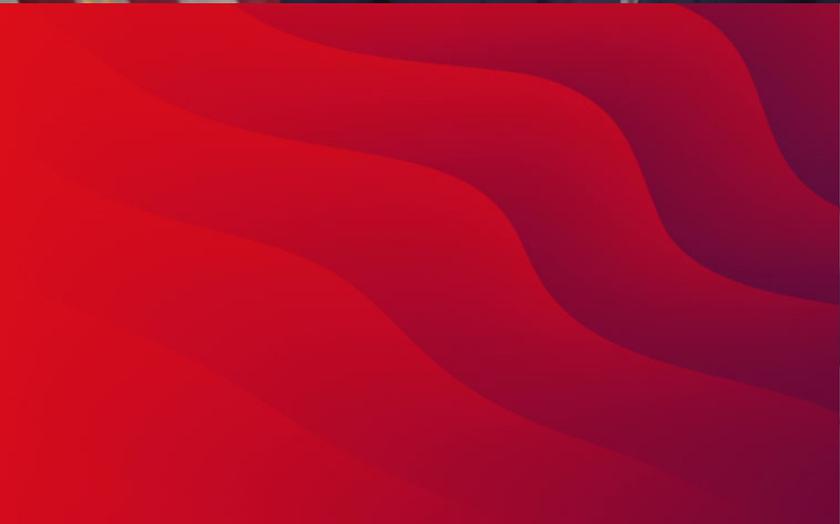


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**CORONAVIRUS
PANDEMIC**

Newsom Warns Of Another Shutdown

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3 key questions for leaders

- Am I obedient in personal preparation or hypocritical? That is, am I expecting those around me to prepare in ways I am not personally preparing?
- Is this [activity/lack of activity] different from what led to me prior success?
- What would I think if this [activity/lack of activity] landed on the front page of the Wall Street Journal?

adapted from work by Martin Moore

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Trust in the Lord and submission by obedience comes before victory. It is interesting that this generation did not rebel as their fathers did at Kadesh-barnea. Possibly 40 years in the wilderness prepared them in a way similar to the way that suffering can prepare us for trusting obedience.

– David Wade

Joshua 1

¹⁶ They answered Joshua, “Everything you have commanded us we will do, and everywhere you send us we will go.”

¹⁷ We [possibly emphasized, as in “unlike our parents”] will obey you, just as we obeyed Moses in everything.” ^{CSB}

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For six days the good burghers of Jericho sprang to their weapons and manned the ramparts, at first in uneasy expectancy, afraid both of the marching columns and the possible magic involved in this procession headed by the priests and the Ark of the Covenant. But after the first terror and anxiety had subsided, the people of Jericho grew accustomed to the strange performance and relaxed. Precisely at this moment on the seventh day, after the Israelites had begun their customary maneuver, at a sign from their leader, the silent, tranquil procession suddenly changed into a column of frenzied assault. – Chaim Herzog and Mordechai Gichon, *Battles of the Bible*

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¹⁶ After the seventh time, the priests blew the rams' horns, and Joshua said to the troops, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city. 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.

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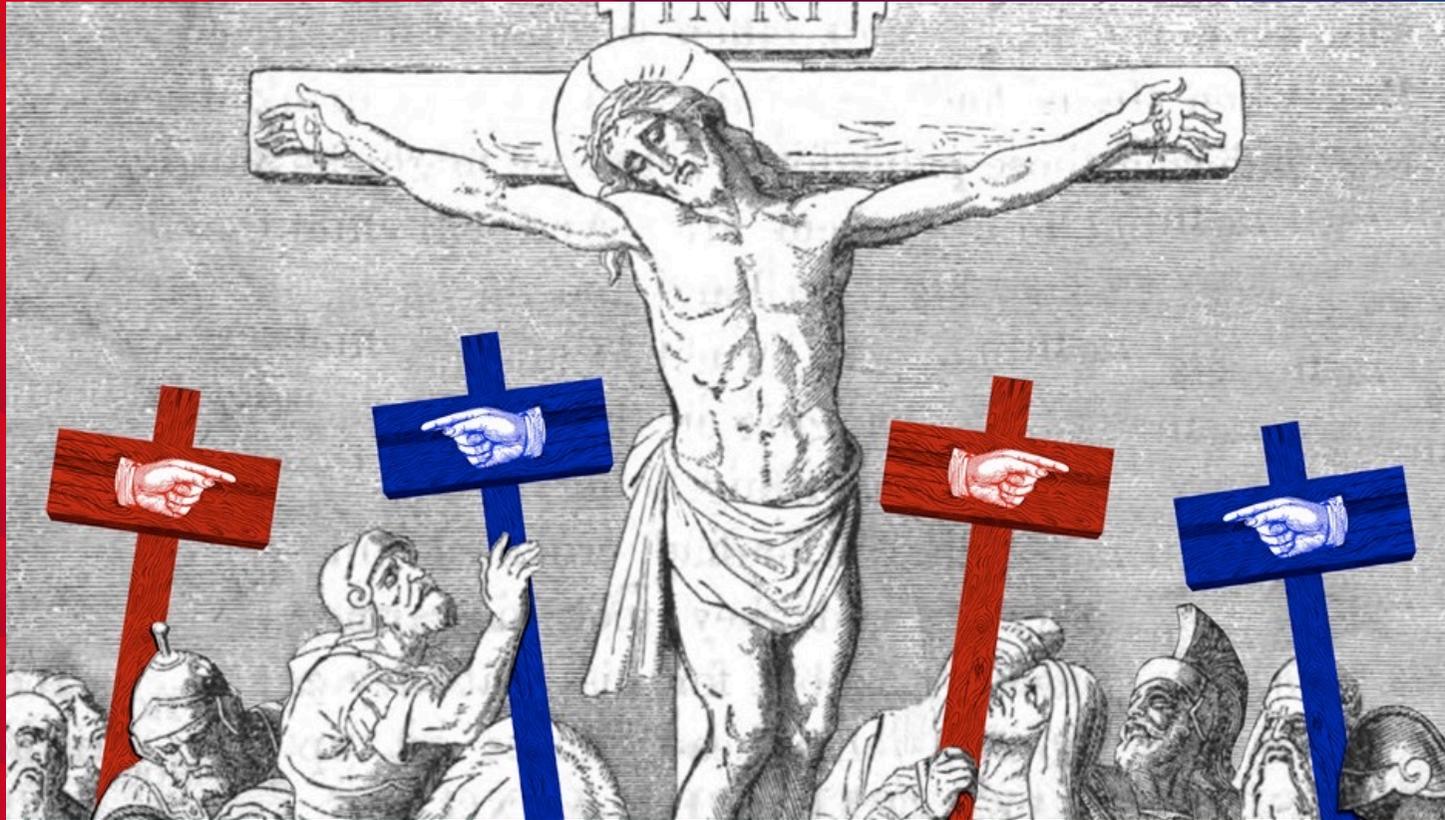
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Good observations: envy, rage, and hate are fueled just to build up leaders' own protection or empire.

Mistake: implies that any evangelical engaging in any cultural battle is de facto akin to the rebels building the tower of Babel. Any fighter is assumed to be seeking self-glorification and self-protectionism.

Abigail Dodds

Believers wage a spiritual war in light of 2 Corinthians 10:3–5, “For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God...”

Abigail Dodds

Surely women at pregnancy care centers providing free ultrasounds and discouraging abortion (while also sharing the gospel to clients) are on the front lines of the culture war. Surely when they post on Facebook about pro-life legislation, they ought not be accused of platform-building or revenge-seeking. Surely the man who...retweets a video about the insidiousness of gender ideology being forced upon young children ought not be accused of fueling the outrage cycle. Does the cross contradict these culture wars? No. The cross is what makes them possible.

Abigail Dodds

If one's concept of culture war means leaving the gospel behind while we muck around in worldly political outrage, then all Christians should reject it, but that idea is based on a false separation of political from spiritual. At heart, the culture war is spiritual—a war of words, logos, truth...following the Apostle Paul's example to “destroy ... every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God.”

Christians sometimes have to fight. Some folks hate the idea of warfare, even spiritual warfare. The only fight they want is an internal war for personal piety, which indeed matters (we do and must fight our own sin). But we also battle against worldly strongholds with words, logic, arguments, and love. – Abigail Dodds, “Faithfully Fighting the Culture War”



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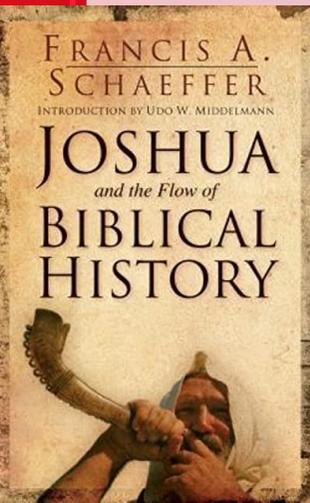
Wayne's very unauthorized direct-from-Hebrew: Only you keep away from what is set apart [to the Lord] so that you might not, as you are setting apart, take some of what is set apart and make the camp of Israel set apart [from the Lord] and bring trouble on it.



courtesy General Grain

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The city of Jericho was a sign of the first fruits. In all things the first fruits belonged to God. Jericho was the first fruits of the land; therefore, everything in it was devoted to God. The tithe, the first fruits, goes back at least to Abraham. It is another continuity which stretches through the Old Testament to us in New Testament times (in the sense that the New Testament commands proportional giving). Just as Abraham brought his tithes, so Jericho was to be the first fruits. – Francis Schaeffer, *Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History*



Matthew 5

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for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

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for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
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for they will be filled.

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**⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
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**⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
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**⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
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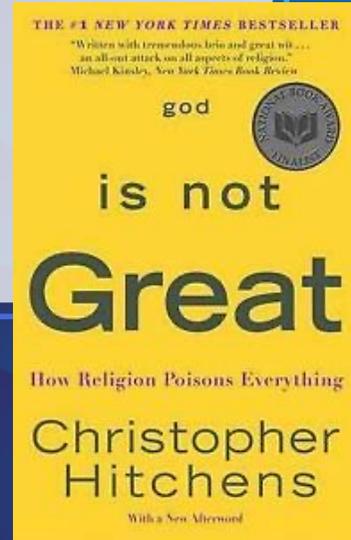
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- Religion has retarded the development of civilization.
- Saint Augustine was a self-centered fantasist and an earth-centered ignoramus.
- Mother Teresa was “The Ghoul of Calcutta.” (A ghoulish digger of dead bodies to rob them.)



courtesy ebay; If you enjoy flamboyantly bad reasoning, read this book.

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FOR THE SON OF MAN



CAME TO **SEEK & SAVE** THE LOST.

LUKE 19:10

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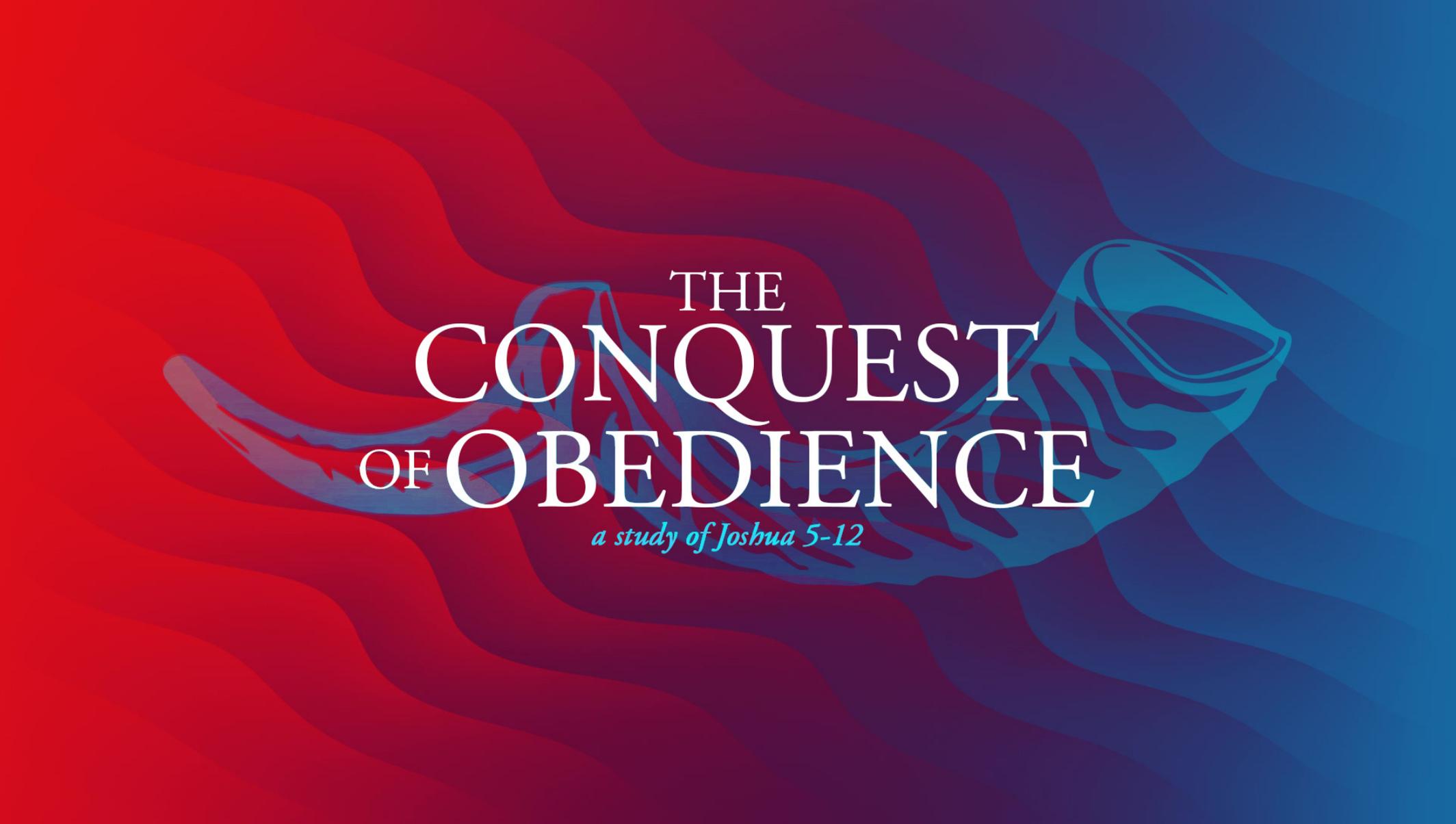
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