

Review:

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been talking about how Joshua took over the leadership of Israel from Moses.

We saw how God led Israel across the Jordan River on dry ground.

We also saw how God instructed Joshua to circumcise the people, reaffirming the covenant He had made with Israel.

Then we saw Joshua encounter the **Commander of the Army of the Lord**, reminding us that Israel's victory would ultimately come through God—not through their own strength.

Today, we are going to begin looking at the instructions God gave Joshua concerning Jericho.

Joshua 6:1-27 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. (2) And the LORD said

to Joshua: "**See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.**

A) Jericho did not look like it was going to surrender. As a matter of fact, they looked like they were going to stand their ground and stand fast for a battle, but God tells Joshua to **see, I have given them in your hand.**" Faith looks beyond what is evident. Hebrews 11 – Filled with Testimony.

(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."

A) God gives Joshua instructions about Jericho.

1. The men of war shall march around the city once for 6 days.

2. Seven priests who have 7 horns shall carry the ark around.

3. On the 7th day you shall march around 7 times.

4. After the 7th time you shall blow the trumpet loud and long.

5. When you hear the trumpets shout, with a great shout.

6. Then the wall will fall flat. (Collapse and not all but enough for Israel to enter.)

(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."**

A) Don't say a word until the 7th day

B) Men in Front – Ark – Men in Back

(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. (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!"**

(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.

Chronological Flashback:

(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."

(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.

(26) Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying, "Cursed be the man before the LORD who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates." (27) So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country.

Other the obvious lessons we have learned in the story, we see a pattern unfolding. A pattern God will show throughout history and ultimately in the end.

THE DEPICTION:

1. 7th Trumpet

The Israelites were called to walk around 6 days and on the 7th day 7 times and then blow the trumpet and shout.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound**, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.** And the dead in Christ will rise first.

2. Two men are sent as witnesses

“Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country...” — Joshua 6:22

In Revelation, we have **two witnesses**:

“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy...” — Revelation 11:3

3. The faithful are brought out before judgment.

Rahab and her household are **removed from Jericho before the city is burned:**

“Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has...” — Joshua 6:22

Then:

“But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire.” — Joshua 6:24

That strongly resembles the biblical theme of **God separating His people from final judgment.**

Luke 17:29 — “But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.”

And Jesus connects Lot's deliverance with His return:

Luke 17:30 — “Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”

2 Peter 2:9 - then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

4. Jericho is completely destroyed

Joshua 6:24:

“They burned the city and all that was in it with fire.”

The New Testament also describes a future judgment involving **fire**:

2 Peter 3:10 — “The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat...”

And Revelation 21:1 describes the **new heaven and new earth** following God's ultimate judgment.