

Possessing the Promise: JERICHO

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Joshua's History:

- is a faithful servant and disciple to Moses (Exodus 33:11)
- has a faith-filled perspective (Num 14:6-9)
- is commissioned by God (Joshua 1:2)

"GOD'S WORKERS DIE BUT GOD'S WORK NEVER DIES"

Jericho' History:

- a city in the land of Canaan
- named after Noah's grandson, the son of Ham
- Most important city in the Jordan valley
- Inhabited by the clans of Canaan including the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, Girgashites, and Jebusites (Gen 10: 15-20; Exo 33:2)

Shem, Jesus' ancestor, represents those who cover sin and shame, while Ham's lineage represents those who expose it and are cursed.

Joshua 6: the Battle of JERICHO

Joshua 6:1

"Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in." (See Numbers 13 & 14)

Joshua 6:2

But the LORD said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors."

Numbers 14:42-45 42 Do not go up into the land now. You will only be crushed by your enemies because the LORD is not with you. 43 When you face the Amalekites and Canaanites in battle, you will be slaughtered. The LORD will abandon you because you have abandoned the LORD." 44 But the people defiantly pushed ahead toward the hill country, even though neither Moses nor the Ark of the LORD's Covenant left the camp. 45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in those hills came down and attacked them and chased them back as far as Hormah."

Deut. 2:4-6 4 Give these orders to the people: "You will pass through the country belonging to your relatives the Edomites, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir. The Edomites will feel threatened, so be careful. 5 Do not bother them, for I have given them all the hill country around Mount Seir as their property, and I will not give you even one square foot of their land. 6 If you need food to eat or water to drink, pay them for it.

Deut. 2:9 ...the LORD warned us, 'Do not bother the Moabites, the descendants of Lot, or start a war with them. I have given them Ar as their property, and I will not give you any of their land.'

*****IF THE LORD HAS NOT GIVEN IT TO YOU, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO POSSESS IT.*****

Joshua 6:3-5

“You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams’ horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town.”

Joshua 6:6-9

6 So Joshua called together the priests and said, “Take up the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant, and assign seven priests to walk in front of it, each carrying a ram’s horn.” 7 Then he gave orders to the people: “March around the town, and the armed men will lead the way in front of the Ark of the LORD.” 8 After Joshua spoke to the people, the seven priests with the rams’ horns started marching in the presence of the LORD, blowing the horns as they marched. And the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant followed behind them. 9 Some of the armed men marched in front of the priests with the horns and some behind the Ark, with the priests continually blowing the horns.”

****Joshua 6:10****

“Do not shout; do not even talk,” Joshua commanded. “Not a single word from any of you until I tell you to shout. Then shout!”

Joshua 6:15-19

15 On the seventh day the Israelites got up at dawn and marched around the town as they had done before. But this time they went around the town seven times. 16 The seventh time around, as the priests sounded the long blast on their horns, Joshua commanded the people, “Shout! For the LORD has given you the town! 17 Jericho and everything in it must be completely destroyed as an offering to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and the others in her house will be spared, for she protected our spies. 18 “Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be completely destroyed, and you will bring trouble on the camp of Israel. 19 Everything made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron is sacred to the LORD and must be brought into his treasury.”

Joshua 6:20-21

20 When the people heard the sound of the rams’ horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it. 21 They completely destroyed everything in it with their swords—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep, goats, and donkeys.”

Joshua 6:26

At that time Joshua invoked this curse: “May the curse of the LORD fall on anyone who tries to rebuild the town of Jericho. At the cost of his firstborn son, he will lay its foundation. At the cost of his youngest son, he will set up its gates.”

WHAT'S YOUR JERICHO?

Joshua 6 Formula

- 1) IDENTIFY the stronghold
- 2) VERIFY that the land on the other side of it is ours to possess
- 3) WAIT for instructions and a strategic plan
- 4) OBEY!!
- 5) GO IN and FIGHT!!!!

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