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JOSHUA 6:1-21

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LAST WEEK GOD SHOWS UP AS THE PRINCE OF THE LORD'S HOST WITH HIS SWORD DRAWN. JOSHUA HAS HIS SANDALS OFF. THE BATTLE WITH JERICHO WILL BE A SACRED AFFAIR – A SPIRITUAL BATTLE ABOVE ALL. JOSHUA, AND ISRAEL'S ROLE IS NOT TO DEFEAT JERICHO – BUT TO WORSHIP AND SUBMIT TO YHWH.

STOP ASKING GOD TO BE ON YOUR SIDE. START GIVING GOD YOUR ALLEGIANCE AND OBEDIENCE.

¹ Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in.

Joshua 6:1 (ESV)

SHUT UP = The text literally says, 'Jericho was shut up and it was shut up'; the double use of the verb is emphatic to underscore that from a military vantage point Jericho is secure and seemingly impregnable.¹

²⁸ However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.

Numbers 13:28 (ESV)

² And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. ³ You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. ⁴ Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him."

Joshua 6:2-5 (ESV)

THE LORD = YHWH = ANGEL = JESUS

I HAVE GIVEN = COMPLETED ACTION = IT'S A DONE DEAL

NOTE MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR FOR ANOTHER DAY...

YHWH GIVES SPECIFIC COMMANDS OF HOW THE BATTLE SHOULD UNFOLD

SIX AND SEVEN = GENESIS @ JUBILEE (FOR ANOTHER DAY)

HORNS AND SHOUTS = MILITARY AND RITUAL WORSHIP

NOTE CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS AND THE CROSSING OF THE JORDAN

⁶ So 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, "Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD." ⁸ And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them. ⁹ The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁰ But Joshua commanded the people, "You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout." ¹¹ So he caused the ark of the LORD to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp. ¹² Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. ¹³ And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁴ And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did for six days. ¹⁵ On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶ And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city. ¹⁷ And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. ¹⁸ But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. ¹⁹ But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." ²⁰ So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. ²¹ Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

Joshua 6:6-21 (ESV)

CONNECTION BETWEEN THE PHYSICAL AND THE SPIRITUAL

REPITION OF COMMAND AND EXECUTION REINFORCES ALLEGIANCE AND OBEDIENCE.

³¹ The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD.
Proverbs 21:31 (ESV)

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 20:7 (ESV)

JESUS IS OUR TRUE VICTORY.

JESUS IS THE KING WHO DESERVES OUR ALLEGIANCE AND OBEDIENCE

He is the true Joshua, who leads us into the promised land of God's kingdom.

He is the true ark, who carries God's presence and power with us.

He is the true trumpet, who announces God's judgment and salvation to the world.

He is the true shout, who breaks down the wall of sin and death that separates us from God.

He is the true devoted one, who gave Himself as a sacrifice for our sins and rose again for our justification.

ALL THE SYNOPSIS GOSPELS HAVE JESUS IN JERICHO IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY.

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." ⁵² And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Mark 10:46-52 (ESV)

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ⁶ being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (ESV)

BENEDICTION

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ 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 imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (ESV)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- What are some situations in your life where you need to trust God and obey his commands, even when they don't make sense to you?
- How do you feel when you see God's power and faithfulness in your life or in the lives of others?
- How can you show your allegiance to God in your daily choices and actions?
- What are some ways that you can encourage others to follow God's instructions and trust his promises?
- How do you respond when you face opposition or challenges in your walk with God?
- How can you prepare yourself to hear God's voice and discern his will for your life?
- How can you celebrate and praise God for his victories in your life and in the world?

¹ Currid, J. D. (2011). [*Strong and Courageous: Joshua Simply Explained*](#) (p. 82). EP Books.