

# Joshua

“The Promised Land At Last!”

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September 7, 2022

*“Lessons from The Fall of  
Jericho and Spiritual  
Strongholds”*

Text: Chapter 6



Left over from last week.

*1. What about the curse of Jericho, was it rebuilt during the time of Jesus?*

*See: Joshua 6:36 for the curse.*

*See: I Kings 16:34 for its fulfillment.*

“In Ahab’s time, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of his firstborn son Abiram, and he set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, in accordance with the word of the Lord spoken by Joshua son of Nun.”

#9

What curse did Joshua pronounce after the city was taken? When was it fulfilled?

*Whoever decided to re-build the city would lose their first-born when he laid the foundation of the city and would lose his youngest son when he set the gates.*

*A man named Bethel decided to re-build the city when Ahab was king of Israel. Everything promised by God (through Joshua) came to pass (1 Kings 16:34).*

#10

Why do you think he pronounced this curse?

*While we are not told why God promised this, it is apparent that He did not wish the city to be re-built. We can surmise that because God had destroyed it with His own hand, for any man to re-build it would have been an act of rebellion against God. It would have tantamount to saying, "What you destroyed I can re-build!" Further, it was a center of heathen worship and culture. To re-build it would be to recreate those facilities, values, and atmosphere.*



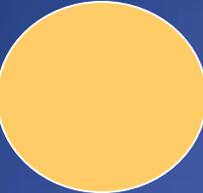
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*2. What about the reason why they did not circumcise their children in the wilderness?*

*Read: Numbers 14: 32-34*

They were the “evil generation” that would be cut off from the land promise, so it makes sense they would not be circumcised.

However, there is no specific command found for them not to do it. I was mistaken.



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### *3. Was the role of the Angel of the Lord of hosts prophesied by Moses? Ex 23:20-24*

*20 "Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.*

*21 "Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; do not be rebellious toward him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since My name is in him. 22 "But if you truly obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. 23 "For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the land of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will completely destroy them. NASU*

#6

Briefly summarize the Lord's 'strategy' in capturing Jericho.

- 1. The army and the ark, accompanied by 7 priests with rams' horns are to march around the city once.*
- 2. Do this for 6 days.*
- 3. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day, march around the city 7 times, then the rams' horns are to be blown, and the people (army) shout.*
- 4. The walls will then fall down. (6:2-5)*



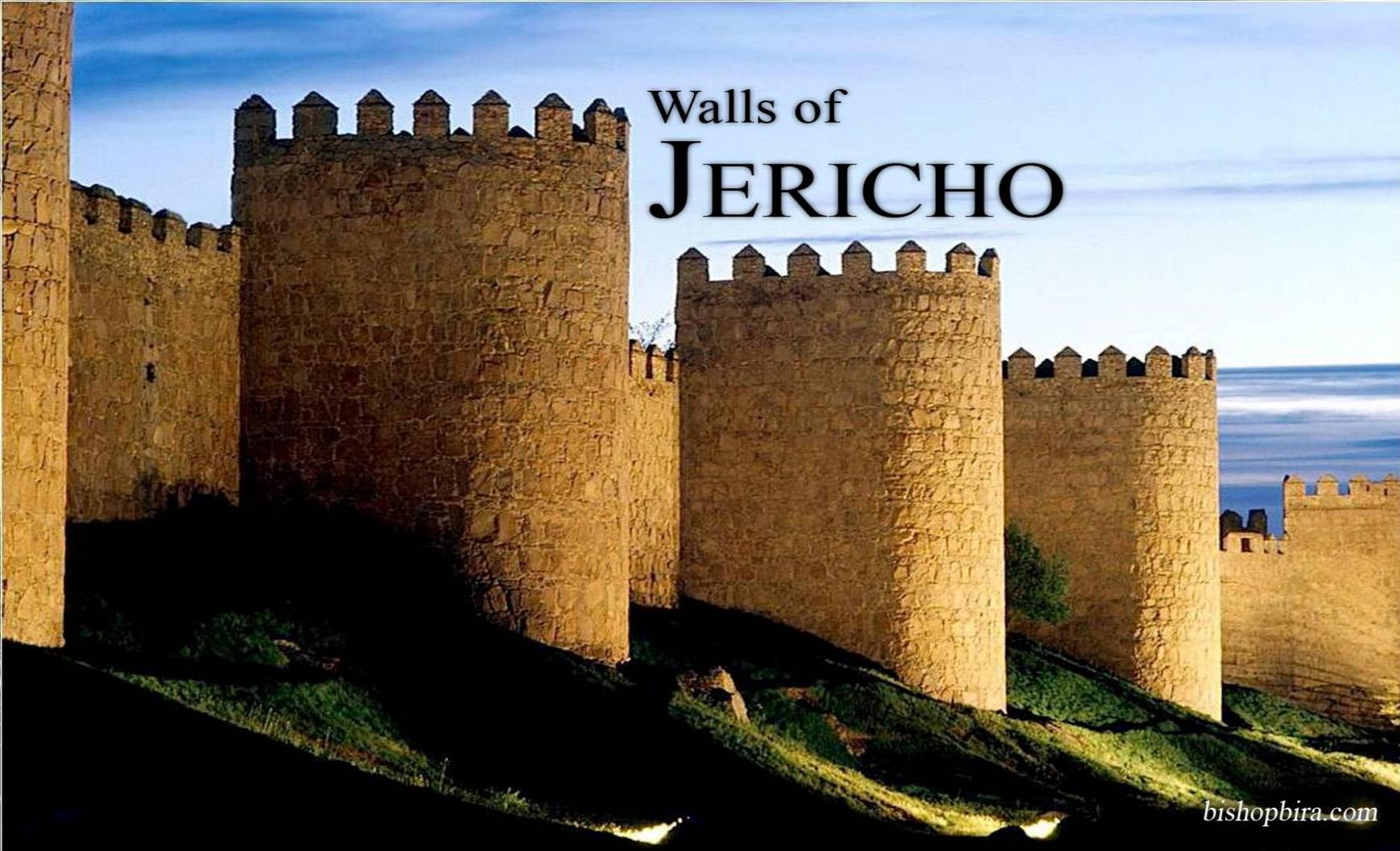
# Lessons from Jericho

## Joshua 6



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- ❑ City was a *gift* (2:16)
  - ❑ Later the *gift was taken away* because of *disobedience*.
  - ❑ Faith was not blessed until manifested in *complete obedience*
  - ❑ **No Logical connection between the action required and the promise received.**
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# GLORY DAYS!

A photograph of the ancient stone walls of Jericho, featuring several prominent towers with crenellated tops. The walls are built on a grassy hillside, and the scene is captured under a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The lighting suggests late afternoon or early morning, casting long shadows.

Walls of  
**JERICHO**

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# Glory Days

“Go in and possess the land which the Lord your God is *giving you to possess*” (Josh 1:11).

- Possess = *“to occupy”*
- Satan must be *moved out* before the *saint can move in*.

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## *Walking Circles Around Jericho*

### THESIS:

#1. BELIEVE IN GOD'S  
POWER AND PRESENCE.

#2: FIGHT WITH GOD'S  
WEAPONS.

#3: FOCUS AND KEEP GOD  
AT THE CENTER.

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## Key #1: BELIEVE IN GOD'S POWER.

- “Be strong and of *good courage*” (Josh 1:6).
- “See! I **have given Jericho** into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor” (Josh 6:2).
- Idea: *Receive the city I have taken!!*

A person is seen from behind, standing with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. They are positioned in the center-left of the frame, against a bright, glowing sky with wispy clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is one of hope and glory.

# Glory Days!

- **Key #1: BELIEVE IN GOD'S POWER.**
  - *Remember: As a “co-heir” with Christ every attribute of Jesus is at your disposal.*
  - Stop fueling negative self-talk which comes from believing Satan's lies!



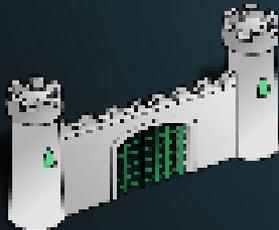
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- Key #2: FIGHT WITH GOD'S WEAPONS.
  - “Take up the *ark of the covenant*, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of ram's horns before the ark of Jehovah” (Josh 6:6).
  - We must “Stand against the *wiles* of the devil” (Eph 6:11).
    - Gk word: *methodia* = method(s).
  - How do we obey this command?



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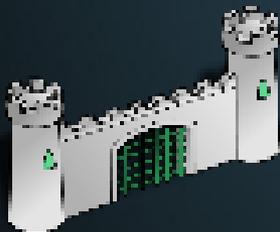
- Key #2: FIGHT WITH GOD'S WEAPONS.
  - “Though we *walk in the flesh*, we do not war *according to the flesh.*”
  - “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but *mighty in God for the pulling down of strongholds*” (2 Cor 10:3-4).



# Glory Days!



- Key #2: FIGHT WITH GOD'S WEAPONS.
  - What is a **stronghold** (fortress)?
    - An *argument* which exalts itself against the knowledge of God.
    - A *conviction* which interferes with TRUTH.





# Glory Days!

- **Key #2: FIGHT WITH GOD'S WEAPONS.**
  - What is a **stronghold** (fortress)?
    - “imagination” (KJV).
    - “*pretension*” (NIV).
    - “*lofty opinion*” (ESV)
    - “*Warped philosophies*” (MSG).
  - A **false premise** that denies **God's promise**.





- Does a **stronghold** have a hold on you?
  - “God could never forgive me.” (**guilt**).
  - “*I could never forgive...*” (**resentment**).
  - “*Bad things always ...*” (**self-pity**).
  - “*I have to be in charge..*” (**pride**).
  - “*I don’t deserve to be loved.*” (**rejection**).
  - “*I’ll never recover..*” (**defeat**).



# Glory Days

## *Thought questions:*

- *Which of these do you identify with the most?*
- *Which other **Jericho-like strongholds** has the enemy set up in your heart at times?*
- *What are the **biggest lies** that the devil and society tells us today?*
- *Can you identify a **step of faith that helped you to demolish a stronghold?***
- *Did taking action seem **strange or foolish?***

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- Key #3: KEEP GOD.  
AT THE CENTER.

- Ark of the covenant..

The seven priests.. passed on, and the ark of the covenant followed, and the armed men went before the priests and troops coming from behind went *after the ark*” (Josh 6: 8-9).





# Glory Days!

- Key #3: KEEP GOD AT THE CENTER.
  - The Blowing of the Ram's horns.



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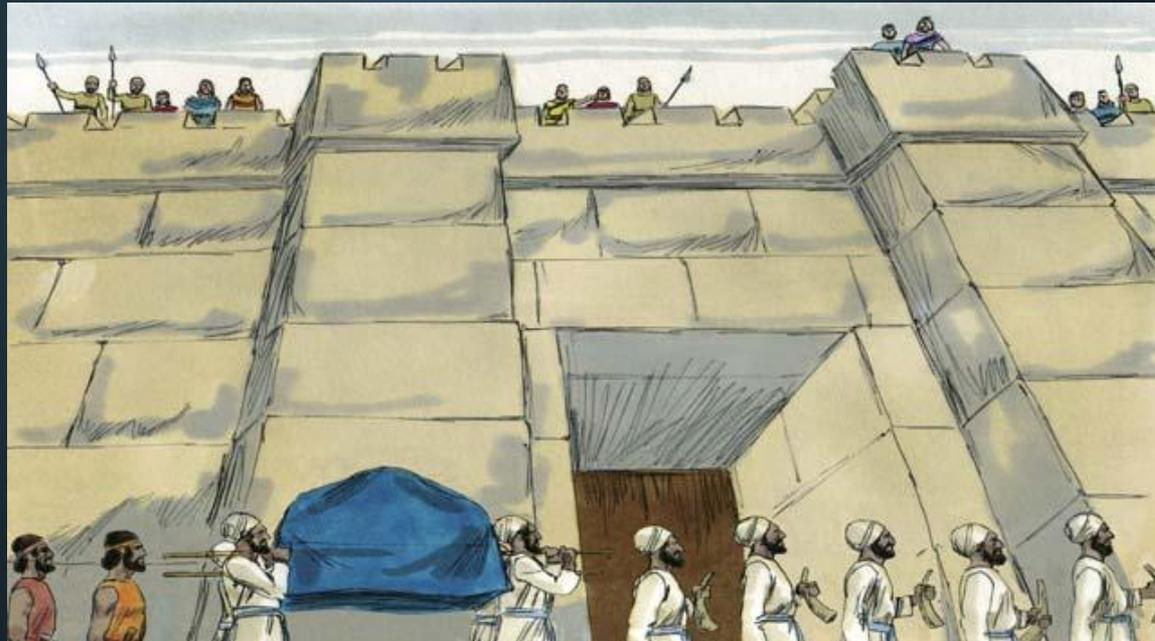
- Key #3: KEEP GOD AT THE CENTER.
  - Ram's horns.
    - Used to celebrate a battle *already won*.





# Glory Days!

- Key #3: KEEP GOD AT THE CENTER.
  - **Keep silent.** No *chit chat* (Josh 6:10).

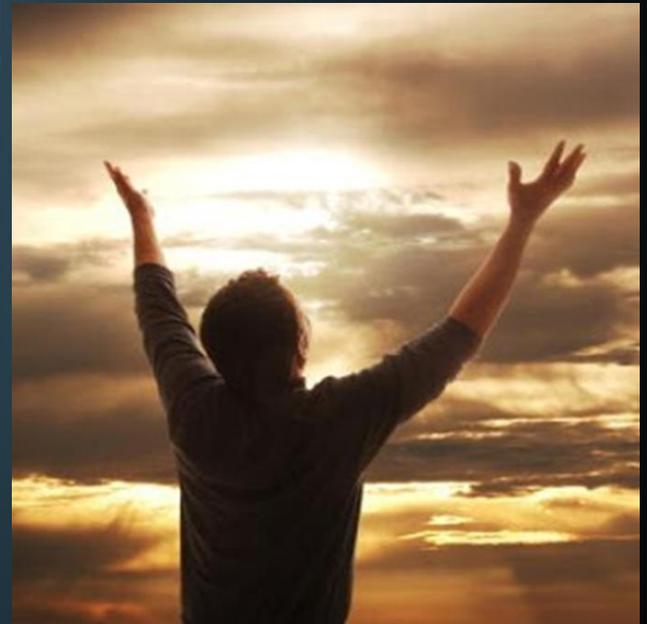


# Glory Days!



## ■ RESIST THE DEVIL (James 4:7)!

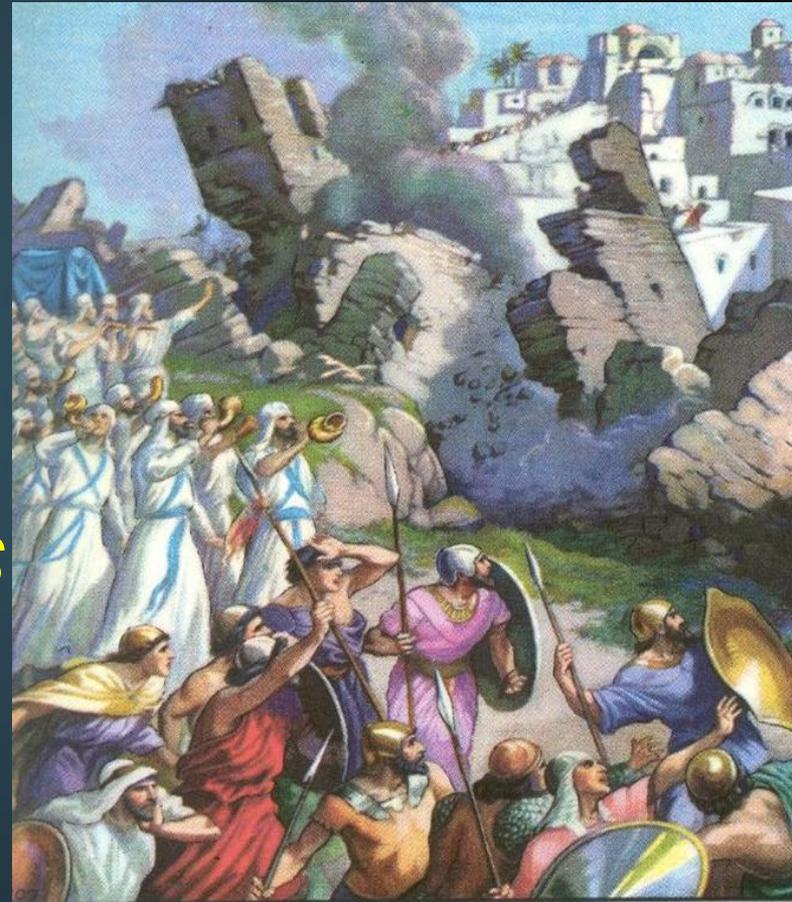
- Blast your *ram's horn!*
- Sing songs of *redemption!*
- Declare *triumphal truths!*
  - Jn 19:30
  - Mark 9:39
  - I John 4:4
  - Matt 28:6
  - Rom 8:37





# Glory Days

“So the **people** shouted when the **priests blew the trumpets**... and the people shouted with a great shout, and the **walls feel down flat**. Then the people took the city” (Josh 6:15-16, 20)!



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# Glory Days

## *Thought questions:*

- What does 2 Cor 10:3-4 say we already have at our disposal *“for pulling down strongholds”*?
- What are three scriptural weapons for fighting strongholds?

## *Worship, Scripture, and Prayer...*

- Which do you *feel is the strongest in your life*?
- How would your life be different if you did not struggle with wrong *“mind-sets.”*
- How can these become *stepping stones* to freedom?

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#7

When the city was to be captured, what specific command was given about it (6:19)? Can you think of a principle that would require this?

*Everything (and everyone) within the city belonged to the LORD. The inhabitants and animals were to be killed (6:17a), but the items of value were to be given to God.*

*God has always demanded that the first blessings that a man received belonged to Him. Children were to be redeemed, but animals and the first-fruits of the harvest were to be*

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#7

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*sacrificed to the LORD. To do this demands faith that whatever good blessings had been given initially would not end there, but that God would follow with even more. Since this was the 1<sup>st</sup> city of Canaan that the Israelites had taken, everything in it belonged to God.*

#8

What were the 2 exceptions to this command (6:17b, 19, 24)?

*Rahab and her household were to be spared.*

*All of the precious metals were to be put into the Lord's treasury.*

# TRUE/FALSE

11. T F *Joshua instructed the 2 spies to send men to make sure that Rahab was safe. (6:22)*
12. T F *The people were instructed to shout once after each encirclement of Jericho. (6:10, 16)*
13. T F *7 priests with rams' horns walked in front of the ark. (6:8)*
14. T F *Because of the Israelites, the city of Jericho was shut up tight. (6:1)*
15. T F *All of the men that came out of Egypt had been circumcised. (5:5)*

