

Things to keep in mind regarding Jericho. (The Book of Joshua Chapters 1-6)

1. Chapter 1

- a. *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

2. Chapter 2

a. Rahab

- i. A prostitute in Jericho. She lied to the King to protect the two Spies.
- ii. She understood how powerful God was and asked His people to spare her and her family.
- iii. She faithfully kept the scarlet cord dangling out her window

b. King of Jericho

- i. Wanted to stop the people of God and the spies.

c. Two Spies

- i. Sent in to spy out the strength of Jericho and any threats.
- ii. Made a promise to Rahab that if she keeps the Scarlet cord hanging out her window, then she and everyone in her house will be saved.

d. Scarlet Cord

- i. Rahab's house was on the wall of the city. Specifically it was attached to the wall.
- ii. The Spies told her to tie the scarlet cord to the window.

3. Chapter 3

- a. The People of God with the Ark of the Covenant among them went down to the River Jordan, which was very wide and fast moving with flood waters at this time, and as soon as the feet of the Priests who bore the Ark touched the river, the water to the north of them gathered together as the water of the Red Sea had and since the Jordan is a river all the water to the south of them went away and so they were able to cross over the Jordan on dry ground. They entered lands of foreign people to receive the land God had promised them.

4. Chapter 4

- a. It is Finished. The promise is fulfilled. The Ark and the people of God enter the land promised to them.

5. Chapter 5

- a. For the people of the land of Canaan that was being given to the people of God there was **terror**. Their hearts, their confidence, had melted. (Joshua 5:1) They are terrified of the Lord's Power.
- b. The People of the Lord purify and consecrate themselves to the Lord.
- c. The Captain, or Leader of the Armies of the Lord is with them.

6. Chapter 6

a. Genesis 15:15

i. *"Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete." Genesis 15:15.*

ii. Here we see why Abraham was not allowed to inhabit the land of Canaan, but his descendants would once the iniquity of the Amorites was full. There were other people in Canaan, but the Amorites were some of the most powerful, and also it holds to reason that the penalty of their sin would apply to other people there also. So, we see that the entrance of the people of Israel into the promised land fulfils God's promise to Abraham, but it is also used to enact his judgment upon the people of Canaan.

1. **Question to ponder:** Why is God delaying the final judgment on the world now? For what reason will God bring it when these Judgments do come?

b. Seven priests are given seven ram's horns to carry before them and blow.

c. The people remain silent as they march until the trumpets blow long and loud on the seventh day.

d. When the trumpets blow on the seventh day, the people (estimated to be between 1-3 million) shouted. Joshua says *"Shout! For the Lord has given you the City."* (Joshua 6:16)

e. When this occurred, the Walls of Jericho fell flat, except for one section of wall. Remember, Rahab's house with the scarlet cord hanging from the window was on one of the walls. That wall remained standing.

f. The same two spies who were saved by Rahab are sent in to bring her and all those found in her house to safety.

g. When the wall falls the people of God enter the city and destroy everything, and kill all the people, except Rahab and her house and all the precious objects.