

Joshua 6:1-27 **Battle of Jericho**

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Yehowah's command regarding Procession around Jericho

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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."

Joshua's instruction for Procession around Jericho

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."

Procession around Jericho

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.

No noise except the Trumpets for six days – Then Shout

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."

March Around Jericho Daily for Six Days

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Seven times around Jericho the seventh day – Shout, for Yehowah has given you the city

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!"

All in Jericho doomed except Rahab and her family

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.

Abstain from the accursed things

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."

The Shout that brought down the Wall

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.

Command to bring out Rahab and her family

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.

Jericho burned – Bounty to the treasury of the House of Yehowah

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.

Rahab and her family spared

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.

Jericho Curse

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."

The Lord was with Joshua – His Fame spread throughout all the country

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Facts Revealed:

People of Jericho in Dread of Israel

- ✧ Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came. [Joshua 6:1]
- ✧ The people of Jericho were terrified by the presence of Israel, and Jericho was shut up and sealed.

- ✧ The people of the land of Canaan have been following the progress of the Children of Israel from the time Israel was brought out of the land of Egypt.
- ✧ They know where Israel is going, and what is determined by God for themselves. [Genesis 15:17-21, 17:1-8, 21, 21:12, 26:2-5, 28:13-15, 35:9-12, 48:4, Exodus 3:7-10, 16-17, 6:3-4, 13:3-5, 15:14-17, 23:20-28, 33:1-2, 34:11, Leviticus 25:38, Numbers 33:50-54, 34:2, Deuteronomy 7:1-2, 20:16-18]
- ✧ They know about the plagues in Egypt, crossing of the Red Sea, visit at Mount Horeb in Midian, forty years God sustained Israel in the wilderness, the defeat of all that came out against Israel, and now the crossing of the Jordan on dry ground when the river was at flood stage.
- ✧ It is no wonder that the people of the land of Canaan were terrified of Israel. [Joshua 2:9-11, 4:24, 5:1, 6:1]

Yehowah's command regarding Procession around Jericho

- ✧ 2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! **I have given Jericho into your hand**, its king, and the mighty men of valor. 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.**" [Joshua 6:2-5]

- ✧ Yehowah has delivered Jericho into the hand of Israel.
- ✧ The strategy; The entire army of Israel is to accompany the priests with the Ark of the Covenant and seven priests with seven rams horn trumpets around the city once a day for six days and keep silent except for the sound of the trumpets.
- ✧ The seventh day the same procession is to be done seven times.
- ✧ The priests will blow the trumpets loud and long, the People will Shout, and the wall will fall down flat.
- ✧ The army shall enter the city each man straight forward over the flattened wall.

Joshua's instruction for Procession around Jericho

- ✧ 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.**" [Joshua 6:6-7]

- ✧ Simple instructions, the Ark of Yehowah is the central focus of the Procession accompanied by seven Priests with seven ram's horn trumpets.
- ✧ The Armed guard will advance before the Ark of Yehowah, followed by the Priests with the ram's horn trumpets, followed by the Priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant.
- ✧ March around the City.

Procession around Jericho

- ✧ 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. [Joshua 6:8-9]

- ✧ The procession started with the armed guard first.
- ✧ Seven Priests with the seven Ram's Horn Trumpets second, blowing the trumpets as they went.

- ✧ Priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant third.
- ✧ Rear Guard following the Ark of the Covenant.

No noise except the Trumpets for six days – Then Shout

- ✧ 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." [Joshua 6:10]
- ✧ The armed men were silent because of the command Joshua had given them.

March Around Jericho Daily for Six Days

- ✧ 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. [Joshua 6:11]
- ✧ After circling the city once, they returned to 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. [Joshua 6:12-14]
- ✧ The same procession was repeated each day for six days, and they returned to camp.

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- ✧ 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! [Joshua 6:15-16]
- ✧ The Seventh day, Israel approached the city at dawn, and marched around it in the same procession as before, but this time they circled the city seven times.
- ✧ At the end of the seventh time around the city the priests blew Loud and Long, and the people shouted as Joshua commanded, as the Lord had commanded Joshua. [Joshua 6:2-5, 15-16]
- ✧ "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!"

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- ✧ Joshua had commanded Israel that all Jericho was doomed by Yehowah to destruction, except for Rahab and her family, because Rahab had helped the spies.

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- ✧ Joshua had commanded the army to abstain from the accursed things, with the warning that failure to obey this command would bring a curse to the camp of Israel and trouble it.
- ✧ All the silver and gold, as well as the vessels of bronze, and iron were consecrated to Yehowah and go to the treasury of Yehowah.

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✧ Obedience to the command was honored by God and the wall fell down flat at the shout of the army of Israel, enabling each soldier to enter the city straight ahead.

✧ They took the city and utterly destroyed all that lived in it as commanded.

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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. [Joshua 6:22-23]

✧ Rahab and her family were moved outside the camp in keeping with the promise of the spies.

✧ God requires us to keep our word. [Numbers 30:2, Deuteronomy 23:21]

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✧ This curse was literally fulfilled when Jericho was rebuilt. [1 Kings 16:34]

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