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The book of Joshua, written around 1453bc, describes the conquest of Israel over the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; now entering the land occupied by 7 different pagan cultures. Leading the people, was Joshua, whose name means: The Lord is salvation.

Conquering the Land given to Abraham,

1 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

2 And the LORD said to Joshua, See, I have given into your hand Jericho, and its king, and the valiant warriors.

3 And you will encompass the city, all your men of war, circling the city once. Thus will you do for six days.

4 And seven priests will carry seven trumpets of ram's horns before the ark: and on the seventh day you will march around the city seven times, and the priests will blow with the trumpets.

5 And it will happen, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people will shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people will go up every man straight ahead.

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 carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.

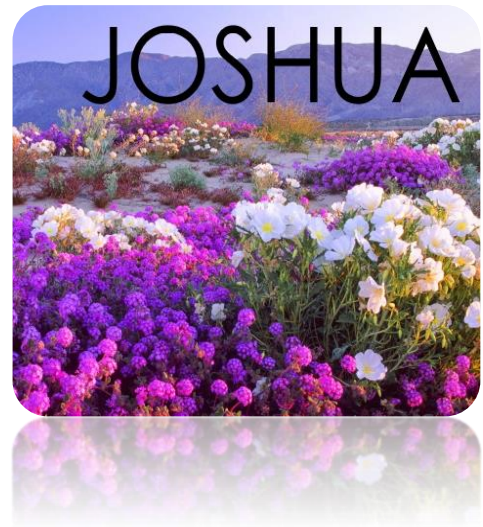
7 And he said to the people, Go forward, and encompass the city, and let the armed men go on before the ark of the LORD.

8 And it happened, when Joshua spoke to the people, that the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns went forward before the LORD, and blew the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rearguard came after the ark, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets.

10 But Joshua instructed the people, saying, You will not shout, nor let your voice be heard, nor will a word proceed from your mouth, until the day I tell you shout!

Then you will shout.



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11 So the ark of the LORD was carried around the city, circling it once: then they came into the camp, and spent the night in the camp.

12 Now Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priests carrying seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; and the rearguard came after the ark of the LORD, while the priests continued to blow the trumpets.

14 Thus the second day they marched around the city once, and returned to the camp: so they did for six days.

15 And it happened on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times: only on that day they marched around the city seven times.

16 And it happened at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout; for the LORD has given you the city.

17 And the city will be under the ban, it and all that is in it **belongs to the LORD**: only Rahab the harlot and all that are with her in the house will live, because she hid the messengers we sent.

18 But as for you, keep yourselves from the banned things, lest you make yourselves accursed, coveting and taking of the banned things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and bring it trouble.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and articles of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the LORD: they will go into the treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted and 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, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ahead, and they took the city.

21 And they utterly destroyed everything in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

22 And Joshua said to the two men who spied out the land, Go to the harlot's house, and bring the woman, and all that she has out of there, as you pledged to her.

23 So the young men who were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, and all she had; they also brought out all her relatives, and put them outside the camp of Israel.

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24 And they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it: only the silver and gold, and articles of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, and the household of her father, and all she had; and she lives among Israel even to this day; because she hid the messengers, whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 And Joshua made them take an oath at that time, saying, Cursed before the LORD, who rises up and builds this city Jericho: with the loss of his firstborn, he will lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son he will he set up its gates.

27 So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was noised about all the land.

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