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VICTORY SONG

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**Those ram sheep horns
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**The trumpets joined the sound
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He will make a way for me

He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
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Worship The Lord

In His Word



**[http://www.answersingenesis.org/
articles/cm/v21/n2/the-walls-of-jericho](http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/cm/v21/n2/the-walls-of-jericho)**

According to the Bible, the conquest of Jericho occurred in approximately 1440 B.C.

The miraculous nature of the conquest has caused some scholars to dismiss the story as folklore.

Does archaeology support the biblical account?

Over the past century four prominent archaeologists have excavated the site: Carl Watzinger from 1907-1909, John Garstang in the 1930's, Kathleen Kenyon from 1952-1958, and currently Bryant Wood. The result of their work has been remarkable.

First, they discovered that Jericho had an impressive system of fortifications.

Surrounding the city was a retaining wall fifteen feet high and at its top was an eight foot brick wall strengthened from behind by an earthen rampart.

Domestic structures were found behind this first wall.

Another brick wall enclosed the rest of the city.

The domestic structures found between the two walls is consistent with Joshua's description of Rahab's quarters (Joshua 2:15).

Archeologists also found that in one part of the city, large piles of bricks were found at the base of both the inner and outer walls, indicating a

sudden collapse of the fortifications. Scholars feel that an earthquake, which may also explain the damming of the Jordan in the biblical account, caused this collapse.

The collapsed bricks formed a ramp by which an invader might easily enter the city (Joshua 6:20).

Within the upper wall was an area of approximately six acres, while the total area of the upper city and fortification system was 50% larger, or about nine acres.

Based on the archaeologist's rule of thumb of 200 persons per acre, the population of the upper city would have been about 1,200.

However, from excavations carried out by a German team in the first decade of this century, we know that people were also living on the embankment between the upper and lower city walls.

In addition, those Canaanites living in surrounding villages would have fled to Jericho for safety.

Thus, we can assume that there were several thousand people inside the walls when the Israelites came against the city.

The citizens of Jericho were well prepared for a siege. A copious spring which provided water for ancient, as well as modern, Jericho lay inside the city walls. At the time of the attack,

the harvest had just been taken in (*Joshua 3:15*), so the citizens had an abundant supply of food. This has been borne out by many large jars full of grain found in the Canaanite homes by John Garstang in his excavation in the 1930s and also by Kenyon. With a plentiful food supply and ample water, the inhabitants of Jericho could have held out for perhaps several years.

After the seventh trip around the city on the seventh day, Scripture tells us that the wall “fell down flat” (*Joshua 6:20*). The Hebrew here carries the suggestion that it “fell beneath itself.”

Is there evidence for such an event at Jericho? It turns out that there is ample evidence that the mud brick city wall collapsed and was deposited at the base of the stone retaining wall at the time the city met its end.

Journey Into Success

What Reveals Your Faith?

TEXT: Joshua 6:1-5;

**Please Open Your Bibles and Let Us
Read Together**



Joshua 6:1-5 “1 Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. 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.”

In our last lesson we discovered the only way to **EXPERIENCE GOD** is in the context of obedience to **His Word**.

Jericho is stated to be the longest continually inhabited city on earth.

The main massive city walls were wide enough to drive two chariots side-by-side, and were virtually impregnable by ancient standards.

The name *Jericho* means “Moon City”, and was probably the center of worship for the Canaanites moon god.

**The inhabitants of Jericho know
the Israelites are about to attack,
SO...**

**Joshua 6:1 "...Jericho was
straightly shut up ... none went
out, and none came in."**

I. The Plan - Joshua 6:6-7;

Joshua 6:6-7 "And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto 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 unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD."

(1) the warriors,

**(2) the seven priests blowing the
cornets,**

(3) the ark,

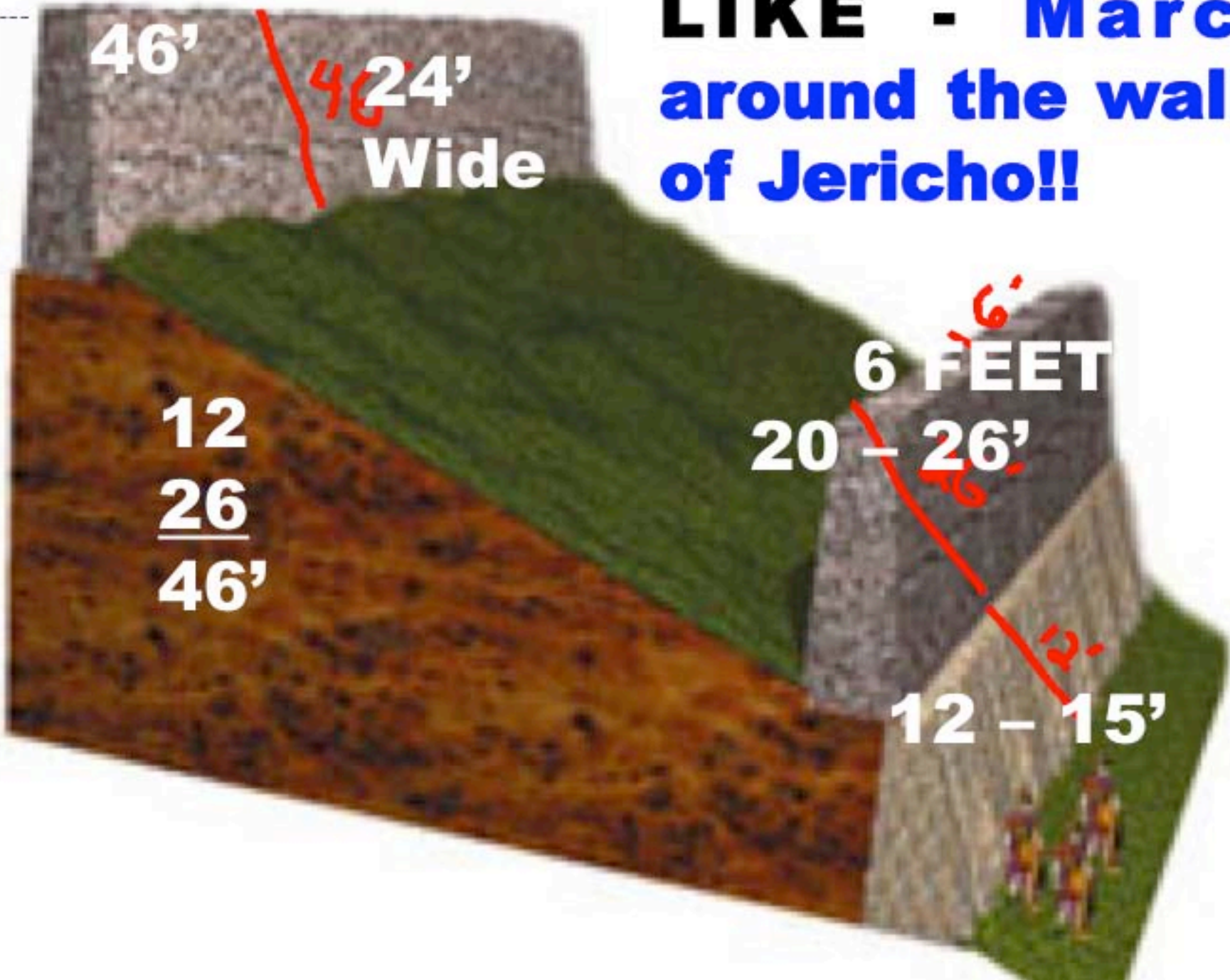
(4) the rear-guard.

A. March around the city once -

B. March around the city once each day for six days -

C. March around the city seven times on the seventh day (SABBATH) with priest blowing trumpets -

LIKE - March around the walls of Jericho!!



The inhabitants of Jericho probably stood on top of the city walls making jokes and laughing at these ex-slaves who were worshippers of Jehovah God.

The Israelites looked like fools for six long days:



If you are to be a success for God, there will be times when you will look foolish in the eyes of the world.

1 Corinthians 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.”

**We look like moral dinosaurs
when we take a stand against
premarital sex, homosexuality,
and abortion.**

**It takes real courage to look
foolish in the eyes of our peers
and colleagues.**

We look foolish when we tithe, giving ten percent of our income to our church in obedience to God's Word, and giving additional offerings for missions.

1 Corinthians 4:10 "We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; ..."

A. Response

Joshua 6:8 "And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them."

Joshua 6:10 "And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout."

1 Corinthians 15:33 "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."

B. Respect -

Proverbs 6:16-19 "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 a proud look, a lying

tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

C. Reminder -

1 Timothy 5:20 "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear."

We find God's will in God's written Word.

After Joshua discovered God's plan, it was time for ...

II. The Preparation - (6:12-19)

A. Start The Day - Joshua 6:12 "And Joshua rose early in the morning, ..."

Psalms 5:3; "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."

Psalms 118:24 "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

1. "... the priests took up the ark of the LORD."

2. Joshua 6:13 "... the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, ..."

B. Share "The WAY"

1. JERICHO - Joshua 6:17 "...
only Rahab the harlot shall live,
she and all that are with her in the
house, because she hid the
messengers that we sent."

2. NINEVEH - Jonah 3:8,10 "...
let them turn every one from his
evil way, and from the violence
that is in their hands.10 And God
saw their works, that they turned
from their evil way; and God
repented of the evil, that he had
said that he would do unto them;
and he did it not."

3. SODOM - Genesis 18:32 “...,
Oh let not the Lord be angry, and
I will speak yet but this once:
Peradventure ten shall be found
there. And he said, I will not
destroy it for ten's sake.”

John 3:18 "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

4. Joshua again warns the ISRAELITES

Joshua 6:19 "But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD."

III. The Phenomenon - 6:20-27

A. The Focus -

Joshua 6:20a "So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, ..."

This is the greatest corporate act of faith in the Bible.

B. The Fall -

Joshua 6:20b "...that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city."



C. The Faith -

Hebrews 11:30 "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days."

Joshua 6:23 "... brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel."

Joshua 6:25 "And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho."

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**This part of the wall
is Still Standing!!!!**



Which came first, the faith or the action?

Hebrews 6:12 “That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

Conclusion:

**Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore,
and teach all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy
Ghost:"**

**Our task is much like that of the
Apostle Paul:**

**Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes,
and to turn them from darkness
to light, and from the power of
Satan unto God, that they may
receive forgiveness of sins, and
inheritance among them which
are sanctified by faith that is in
me."**