

The Battle of Jericho Joshua 5:13-6:27

I. The Captain – 5:13-15

1. Joshua preparing for battle – 13
He was near Jericho in anticipation
2. He is confronted by a man – 13
A man with a sword drawn
Joshua asks whose side he is on
For us or for our adversaries
3. Captain of the Lord's hosts – 14-15
He is present as the commander
Joshua bows in worship before Him & submits
This man is more than just an angel
Angels refuse worship in Scripture – Rev. 22:8-9
This is the Lord appearing as a man
Joshua worships & submits to His authority
The Lord tells him he is on holy ground – 15
Take your shoe off your foot
4. Key to victory for us is submission
Eph. 6:10 "Be strong in the Lord"

II. The Battle Plan – 6:1-5

1. The strength of the city – 6:1
Walls were secure & the gates locked
They were afraid of Israel
So their fortress was secure
2. The Lord's promise – 2
"I have given Jericho into your hand"
"Even with their king & mighty men of valor"
3. The Lord's plan – 3-5
Men of war with priests & the ark lead
They are to march around the city 6 days
On the 7th day go around 7 times
7 priests have 7 trumpets of ram's horns
On the 7th time priest blow the trumpets
With one long blast of the trumpet
At that signal all the people shout
The city wall will fall down flat
So men of Israel can advance unhindered

III. Implementing the Plan – 6:6-11

1. Priests given their duty – 6
They are to carry the Ark of the Covenant
7 priests are to lead the Ark with trumpets
2. People given instructions – 7-11
They are to march around the city
With those armed leading the Ark
They are to remain silent as they march
Not a word spoken until signal is given
Then you shout
They are committed to do what God said
Priests & the Ark of God will lead

IV. The Operation – 6:12-27

1. Day 1 they march – 12-13

- They follow the order God gave them
Only sound was the blowing of trumpets
2. They repeat it for 6 days – 14
 3. Seventh day doing it 7 times – 15-16
On 7th time they shout celebrating victory
 4. They are to take no spoil – 17-19
All the people are to be destroyed
Except Rahab and her family
All other spoil belongs to God
There is a curse on the spoil – 18
You can bring a curse on yourself & all Israel
First-fruits belong to God – 19
Gold, silver, vessels of brass & iron are God's
There will be spoils in later battles
 5. Victory is complete – 20-21
People shouted at trumpet signal
The walls fell down flat
People could go unhindered into the city
All the people in the city were killed
 6. Rahab & her family are spared – 22-25
Spies sent to rescue Rahab & family -22-23
City is burned & spoil given to God - 24
Rahab continues to be with Israel – 25
 7. A curse is put on Jericho – 26
Curse is on anyone who rebuilds this city
Note what is said in 1 Kings 16:34
 8. Lord exalts Joshua as promised – 27
His fame is known throughout the land