

JOSHUA No.6 THE BATTLE OF JERICHO

Joshua ch.5&6 They have crossed the Jordan, and are heading towards Jericho.

1. God appears to Joshua. (vs.13-14)

- We can't actually see all that is around us.
cf. 2 Kings 6:17
- The Commander of the army of the Lord was on duty (drawn sword) cf. Dt.32:41; 1 Chr.21:12; Isa.34:5&6; Rev.19:15.
- 2 Chr.20:15 The Battle is not yours but the Lord's.
vs.17 You will not have to fight this battle. vs.22 The Lord set ambushes...
- 2 Chr.13:12 if you fight against us you will be fighting the Lord
- "Whose side are you on?" is the important question!

Hi
there

2. He brings a Message. (vs.15)

- The ground is holy, ie. Be still
The message showed that even though there was a battle, there was time to be still before the Lord. cf. Psalm 37:7 & 1
- It was a holy place because God was there. He promised always to watch over us.



3. Jericho was tightly shut. (6:1)

- Jericho was tightly shut because of the Israelites. Jesus said, "I will build my church."
- No-one went out and no-one came in. cf. Jesus in Jn.10:9 = freedom

4. God promised victory. (vs.2)

- 2 Cor.2:14 ' Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ....'

5. God gave Joshua instructions. (vs.4&5)

- vs.2ff. Do it God's way, not just the way we've always done it even if it worked.
- cf. 2 Sam.5:17 ff same valley, same enemy and situation, but different instructions! cf. 3 blind men Mk.8:23; Mk.10:52; Jn.9:6



