
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!

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

The ground is holy, 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

6. Blow the trumpets (vs.4)

= a signal of victory

cf. Num.10:9+10; 2 Chr.13 (Abijah) won through PRAISE
cf. 2 Chr.20:21-22; Acts.16:25-26.

7. Shout for the Lord has given (vs.5&16)

vs.5+16. 'HAS GIVEN'

cf. Mk.11:24 "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours!"

cf. Abijah (at the sound of the battle cry)

8. Warning vs.17

Make sure all the glory goes to the Lord.

When we sin, we effect everyone else

cf. Josh.6:18 and Josh.7:3-6

Notes :
