

Timeline of Truth – God Defeats Jericho (Joshua 6)

<p>Joshua 6:1 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.</p>	<p>1. The People of Jericho _____ Themselves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The city was shut up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Because of the children of Israel b. None went out and none came in
<p>² And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, <i>and</i> the mighty men of valor. ³ "You shall march around the city, all <i>you</i> men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. ⁴ "And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ "It shall come to pass, when they make a long <i>blast</i> with the ram's horn, <i>and</i> when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."</p>	<p>2. God Gives Joshua a _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. God promises victory b. Six day strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Seven priests with seven trumpet (shopfar) ii. All the men of war iii. Will bear the ark iv. They will go around the city once c. Seventh day strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. They will march seven times around the city ii. They will make a loud blast on the trumpets iii. The people shall shout a great shout d. The result <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The wall will fall down ii. The men will go up to the city
<p>⁶ Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to 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 to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD." ⁹ The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while <i>the priests</i> continued blowing the trumpets. ¹⁰ Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout."</p>	<p>3. Joshua _____ the Strategy to the People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joshua summarizes the strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. He tells the priests what to do ii. He tells the people to march around the city iii. He tells the armed men to advance before the ark of the covenant b. The men marched before and after the ark. c. Joshua commands the men to remain quiet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. He tells them to wait until he commands them to shout. ii. Joshua does not tell them everything – only what they needed to know.
<p>¹¹ So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around <i>it</i> once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp. ¹² And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. ¹³ Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while <i>the priests</i> continued blowing the trumpets. ¹⁴ And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days. ¹⁵ But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶ And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!"</p>	<p>4. The Army _____ Around the City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Six days they marched once around the city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The trumpets were blown, but the men did not make a sound. ii. Jericho was about 30 acres in size – it would take about 30 minutes to walk around it. b. The seventh day they marched around seven times c. On the seventh time Joshua reveals the rest of the strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. He commands them to shout. ii. He reveals that the Lord is going to give them the city.

<p>¹⁷ "Now the city shall be doomed by the LORD to destruction, it and all who <i>are</i> in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who <i>are</i> with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. ¹⁸ "And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. ¹⁹ "But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, <i>are</i> consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD."</p>	<p>5. Joshua Reveals the _____ of Their Victory</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The city shall be doomed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. By the Lord ii. To destruction iii. Everyone who is in it b. With the exception of Rahab <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. This includes everyone in her house ii. Because she hid the spies c. They are to abstain from taking the accursed things (devoted things) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Lest they become accursed ii. Lest they make the camp accursed and trouble it d. They are to put the silver, gold and vessels of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. They are consecrated (Qadosh) (Firstfruits)
<p>²⁰ So the people shouted when <i>the priests</i> blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. ²¹ And they utterly destroyed all that <i>was</i> in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.</p>	<p>6. Israel _____ the Lord</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. They blew the trumpets and shouted b. The wall fell flat c. The people went into the city <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. They took the city ii. They killed all the living things in the city
<p>²² But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, "Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her." ²³ And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel. ²⁴ But they burned the city and all that <i>was</i> in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. ²⁵ And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.</p>	<p>7. Joshua Keeps a _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joshua sends the two spies to rescue Rahab b. The spies brought Rahab out <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Along with her family ii. They were left outside the camp of Israel c. The army plunders the city <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. They burned the whole city ii. They saved the silver, gold and bronze and iron utensils iii. They put those into the treasury of the Lord* d. Joshua spares Rahab and her family <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. He spares all that she had ii. Rahab became a part of the nation iii. Because of her faithfulness in saving the spies.
<p>²⁶ Then Joshua charged <i>them</i> at that time, saying, "Cursed <i>be</i> the man before the LORD who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates." ²⁷ So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country.</p>	<p>8. Joshua Pronounces a _____ on Jericho</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cursed is anyone who rebuilds Jericho <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. He shall lay its foundation with his firstborn ii. He shall set up the gates with his youngest iii. Meaning – his children will die because of his actions. (1 Kings 16:33-34) b. The Lord was with Joshua c. Joshua's fame spread throughout the land of Canaan

Takeaways:

1. God's plan is always best – even when we don't understand it.
2. Good leaders do what is best for their people – the people may not understand all the details.
3. God encourages people to keep their promises.