

## Lesson #4 – Entering the Promised Land – Joshua 6

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The Israelites set up camp across the Jordan River in Gilgal. They found wheat and barley and corn and all kinds of fruit growing in abundance. They had a great meal, and since they had plenty of food, the manna stopped. Don't you know they were so happy to have a good variety of food.

The Israelites stood ready to take Jericho. The people of Jericho were shut up inside the walls of the city, and they were terrified. They had heard reports of the capture of many cities before this.

Joshua went to look at the city, and he met a man with a sword in his hand. Joshua asked the man if he was for them or against them. The man answered, "I am the captain of the Lord's host."

Joshua fell on his face for he knew the man was really an angel. He asked the angel what the Lord wanted of him. The angel replied, "Take off your shoes for you are on holy ground." Do you remember that Moses was told the same thing.

Joshua took off his shoes and the angel told him, "Jericho is given to you with its king and its mighty men. Do as I tell you." The angel gave Joshua the instructions on how to take Jericho. For six days they were to march around the city one time each day. Armed men followed by seven priests with seven trumpets were to come first. Then the men carrying the Ark of the Covenant were next. Then the rest of the people followed.

For six days they were to march around the city one time. On the seventh day they were to march around the city seven times. The priests were to blow their trumpets with a long blast and the people were to shout with a great shout after the seventh trip around the city.

Joshua and the Israelites obeyed these instructions exactly. On the seventh day and after the seventh time around the wall, the priests blew their trumpets and the people shouted. At that minute, the walls fell! The whole city was destroyed except for Rahab's house. Her family was all safe. Rahab became a great woman of faith. She later became the great grandmother of King David.

The people were to take nothing from the city for themselves. The soldiers could take silver and gold and bronze items to be placed in the tabernacle. As long as all the people obeyed God promised to be with them.

**True and False Questions**

- T F 1. The Israelites camped in Bilbo.
- T F 2. They found lots of food and the manna stopped.
- T. F 3. Joshua met an angel.
- T F 4. He took off his shoes as Noah had.
- T F 5. The people marched around Jericho 5 times a day.
- T F 6. The people marched one time for 6 days.
- T F 7. On day seven they marched around seven times.
- T F 8. On day seven the people remained quiet.
- T F 9. On day seven the people shouted after their final time around.
- T F 10. Rahab and her family were killed.
- T F 11. Rahab had faith in God.
- T F 12. The people were not to take things for themselves.