

The Fall of Jericho

Joshua 6, 11:23



The Story

The wicked city of Jericho had a very thick wall all around it. Now the people of Jericho were very afraid because the Children of Israel were close to the city, and so they closed the gates of the wall. The people of Jericho were hiding inside the city walls.

The Lord told Joshua, "I have given Jericho to you. Here is what you shall do. All the fighting men should march around the whole city once a day for six days. Seven priests with trumpets made of ram's horns should march in front of the ark. On the seventh day you should walk around the city seven times, and the priests should blow the trumpets. When they blow a long blast on the trumpets, all the people shall shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat."

So Joshua told the people what to do. On the first day, armed men started to walk around the city. Then came the seven priests blowing on the seven trumpets made of ram's horns, followed by the ark of the covenant, a golden box carrying special items. God had told the Israelites to build the ark years before while they wandered in the wilderness. Then more men came after the ark. No one talked at all while they walked around the city, but the trumpets blew the whole time. When they had all walked around the entire city one time, they went back to their camp for the evening.

The second day was just like the first. Days three, four, five, and six were also the same. On the seventh day they marched around the city seven times without talking. The priests blew the trumpets as they had on the other days. But when they had marched around the city seven times, the priests blew a long sound on the trumpets, and Joshua told the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city! Go in and destroy everything that is there, and all of the people. Only save Rahab and her family. Also save the silver and gold, and the things made of bronze and iron because they belong to the LORD."

So the people shouted when the priests blew the long note on the trumpet, and the wall of the city fell down flat. The people went into the city and destroyed everything in it. The only people who were saved were Rahab and her family. They saved the silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and then burned the whole city.

So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country.

God destroyed the wicked city of Jericho by the hand of Joshua and the Children of Israel.

Activity One – Color the picture on page 1 using the following directions.

1. Color the priests red.
2. Color the ark yellow. (It is very small.)
3. Color the trumpets made of ram's horns blue.
4. Color the picture showing what happened when God helped the Children of Israel.

Activity Two – Answer the following questions.

1. What did the people of Jericho trust to protect them from the Children of Israel?
2. Whom did Joshua and the Children of Israel trust to win the battle for them?
3. The Children of Israel marched around the city once a day for how many days?
4. How did the Children of Israel act as they marched around the city?
5. On what day did the walls of Jericho fall?
6. What did the people do when the priests blew long blasts on the trumpets?
7. Why did the Children of Israel have to destroy all the people of Jericho?
8. Why was Rahab saved?

When God destroyed Jericho, He showed the He is all-powerful and that He hates sin and unbelief.

Passages - Write the mixed up passages below correctly by putting the words in correct number order.

Psalm 27:1

11 I	21 of	20 life;	17 strength	12 fear?	26 afraid?	18 of
1 The	6 and	16 the	2 LORD	4 my	23 shall	
9 Whom	3 is	24 I	15 is	25 be	7 my	10 shall
13 The	14 LORD	22 whom	19 my	5 light	8 salvation;	

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
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25	26		

Hebrews 11:30

5 of	10 they	7 fell	4 walls	8 down	9 after	12 encircled
1 By	2 faith	15 days.	3 the	13 for	6 Jericho	11 were
						14 seven

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	

Deuteronomy 3:22

3 not	6 for	11 Himself	2 must	4 fear	8 LORD	12 fights
13 for	9 your	7 the	14 you."	10 God	5 them,	1 "You

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14		

Hymn - Read and sing TLH #528 v. 1.

If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;
 For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
 If Christ, my Head and Master, Befriend me from above,
 What foe or what disaster
 Can drive me from His love?

Prayer

Lord, we know that You want all people to believe in You. Please be with us so that we never lose our faith, and we also pray that You will lead the unbelievers to faith, too. We pray in Jesus' name.
 Amen.