

**Bible Study on Joshua**  
JOSHUA 6: GOD MAKES THE WALL FALL

**1. Joshua 6.1-7. The LORD's Strange Strategy for Conquering Jericho**

- They were to march around the city of Jericho once a day for six days (v.14). While they marched, the seven priests were to blow their trumpets continually (v.13), and no one was to talk or make any noise with their voice (v.10). On the seventh day, they were to march around the city seven times. And at the end of the seventh trip around Jericho, then Joshua will give the command to shout, the people will shout with a great shout, and “then the wall of the city will fall down flat.”

**2. Joshua 6.8-25: Joshua leads Israel's army to carry out the LORD's orders**

- How could a holy and loving God give instructions to wipe out the Canaanites, man, woman, and child, including all the animals? (1) It's impossible for God to be cruel or unjust (Deut. 32:4); (2) The conquest of Canaan was an act of God's justice against an exceedingly wicked people [on a much larger scale God had destroyed the entire ungodly world in the flood]; (3) God used Israel to execute His judgment on the Canaanites (Rom. 13:3-4); (4) The conquest of Canaan was not a policy for future conquests, but was necessary so Israel could be a holy nation and be preserved from following the abominations of the Canaanites (Deut. 7:1-2, 25-26; 20:16-20); (5) The destruction of the Canaanites was a preview of the ultimate Judgment against Satan and his seed (Luke 13:1-5; Jude 1:7, 14-15; Rev. 19:11-16).
  
- Joshua spares Rahab and her family (Vv.22-25)

**3. Joshua 6.26-27. The LORD's curse on whoever rebuilds Jericho**

- Over 500 years later, the curse is fulfilled in 1 Kings 16:34.

## APPLICATION

1. “By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were encircled for seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace” (Hebrews 11:30-31).
2. The Lord Jesus is our Commander (the captain of our salvation). Our job is to trust Him and obey Him. He promised to build His Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it! (Revelation 20:9-10).
3. He has called us to walk by faith in His Word, no matter how foolish it seems to human wisdom (Heb. 11:6; 1 Cor. 1:18-30)? “God has called His people into a spiritual battle, which we must fight according to God’s ways. If we follow our own strategies, we will surely fail, but the LORD will bless us when we fight according to the means He has given us – prayer, the sacraments, and the preaching of the Word of God. Through these means, God brings people into His kingdom” (*Table Talk*, Jan. 2019).
4. If God can make the walls of Jericho fall down, is there anything He can’t do for us? “Ask God to give you victory through grace and the will to live by faithful obedience” (RHB).