Joshua and Jericho – Joshua's Walls

Joshua 6

1. Background - ch. 1, 2, 5

- 1:1-3 Moses is dead and Joshua is in charge
- 5 with Joshua just like Moses
- 8 must meditate in the Word of God
- 9 3 things good for us today!
- 2:1-24 Rahab the harlot (cf. Heb. 11:31)

Rehab of Rahab

5:2-9 men must be circumcised!

2. Specific Instructions - ch. 6

- 1 no one could go in (chocolate factory)
- 2 God had already given the land
- 3-5 specific instructions God is serious!
- Ark of the Covenant (Ex. 25) contained Ten Commandments, pot of Manna, Aaron's rod that budded (Heb. 9:4) symbolized God being involved to some
- 7-11 foreshadowing
- Rose early, they had a big day ahead

Keep in mind:

They were not to talk while they were marching

Up to 6ft deep – 2 chariots at a time

12-17ft high

So many Israelites, first might be done when last starts marching

Confuses those in Jericho – might start to fight until they see them leave

- 14 repeat yesterday day 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- 15 7th day different

Imagine the shock on the people of Jericho's face when they turn for a second march Imagine people gathering to watch (like migrating birds)

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- 17 Rahab (and family) only ones saved
- 18 Don't take anything (Attn: Achan)
- certain things taken for the Lord
- walls fell without touching them!
- all destroyed (harsh? Justified by God)
- 22-23 Rahab's family saved

She had to place the scarlet thread

No thread = no salvation

Wasn't enough for her to just know what to do or simply believe what to do, had to apply it!

- 24 entire city was burnt
- 26 curse placed on the city

Comes to fruition with Hiel the Bethelite under Ahab

1 Kings 16:34

27 God's power is known throughout

3. What Made the Walls Fall?

Hebrews 11:30 - by faith

100% complete obedience

Q: What would have happened if they marched 7 times on day 1?

A: Nothing

Q: What if they got tired of marching and just went 5 days?

A: Nothing

3 Lessons learned

- 1. Salvation requires us to do everything He has commanded.
- 2. We can't stop hallway through obeying God's commands and expect to receive the blessing.
- 3. Always trust in the Word of the Lord and meditate in it!

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