

JOSHUA 5: SUPREME COMMANDER

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Review

1. Joshua 1: Strong in the Lord
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Joshua 5:13-15

1. Read Exodus 23:20-23
2. Vs. 13. What does the unknown man have in His hand? *Drawn sword*
3. Vs. 14.
 - a. NIV, ESV: "commander of the army of the Lord"
 - b. KJV: "captain of the host of the Lord"
 - c. ASV, Young's Literal translation: "prince of the host of Jehovah"What is the difference between "army" and "host"? *None - host is a military term as well*
4. Vs. 14. How does the man turn Joshua's question on its head?
Instead of answering Joshua's question, he says that He is in charge
5. Vs. 14. Who does the man say He is? *God - I am*
6. Vs. 14. What four things did Joshua do that showed that Joshua believed he was in front of God?
 - a. *Joshua fell face down*
 - b. *Asked "What message does my Lord have"*
 - c. *"For His servant" - he knows where he belongs in the pecking order.*
 - d. *Took off his sandals (just like Moses did before the burning bush) (vs. 15)*
7. Vs. 15. The Jews believe that it is the angel Michael. Are they right? *NO. Only before God is the ground holy.*
8. Vs. 15. What does the commander of the army of the Lord tell Joshua to do?
March around the city once each day for six days, then seven times on the 7th day
9. Look up Exodus 3:5-6. Note these are the only two places where the ground is called holy.
10. Who spoke to Moses? *God - I am*
11. What was Moses's response? *Took off his sandals*
12. Would Joshua have known of Moses's experience? *Absolutely - he was Moses's right hand man*
13. Sneak preview: According to Joshua 6:2 who does the Bible say is this man?
Then the LORD said to Joshua
14. What does Joshua mean? *Hebrew for Jesus, the Savior*

15. What is the Greek form of Joshua? *Jesus*
16. What *comfort* can Joshua receive?
17. What is a name for the Christ that begins with an "I" or an "E"? *Immanuel/Emmanuel - God with us*

Practical Application: Since we have the Bible, and since we believe that the Bible is God's word, why do we have such a hard time obeying the Scriptures? Why can't we be like Joshua and obey?

Joshua 6

18. Vs. 1. Would a Jericho Horse work here? *No - city was shut up*
19. Vs. 2. What promise does the Lord make to Joshua? *I have delivered Jericho*
20. Vs. 2. What is the tense? *Past tense*
21. Vs. 2. Why is that important? *It is a fait accompli*
22. Vs. 3-5. There are four ways to capture a city:
 - a. Over the walls - siege towers, scaling walls, Masada & ramp
 - b. Under the walls - tunneling
 - c. Through a gate - treachery e.g., a Trojan horse, battering ram
 - d. Siege

23. Vs. 5. Which way does the Lord use? *None - walls fall down - through the walls*
24. Vs. 3. Size of Jericho - 525' x 1500'.
So about one mile around the city.

25. Vs. 3. How many armed men would march? See Numbers 26:54.
601,730

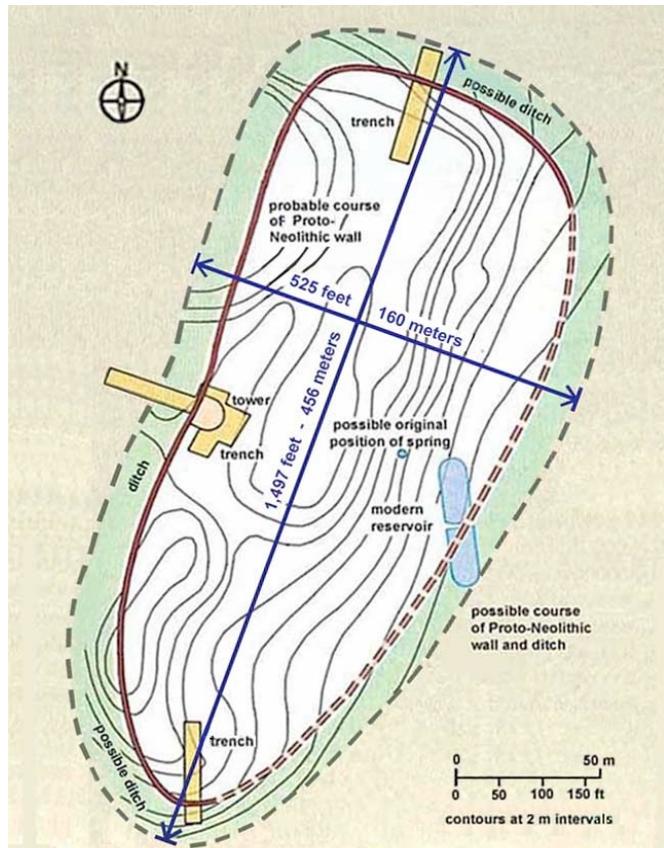
26. Vs. 3. Using the following assumptions, how long will the column be? (For Ann: the joy of math!)

Assumptions:

- a. The Israelites march 500 abreast.
- b. There is one yard between each rank.

Problem:

- a. $600,000 \div 500 = \# \text{ of ranks } 1200$
- b. $\# \text{ of ranks} \times 3 \text{ feet} = 3600$



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27. Vs. 4. What is the purpose of the seven priests blowing the trumpets?
signal for the army to shout for the walls to tumble
28. Vs. 4. Why is the ark out in front? Remember where the ark of the covenant was when they crossed the Jordan? Has the ark become a good luck charm? For example, the Crusaders had the true cross at the battle of the Horns of Hattin (04 Jul 1187). Unfortunately they lost to Saladin.
See also how the ark of the covenant was used by the Israelites in their fight against the Philistines. I Samuel 4:1-11. So why is the ark of the covenant out in front?
The battle is the Lord's!! "Trust Me on this one" is what the Lord is saying.
29. Vs. 4. & vs. 7. How does the procession of the ark differ when they crossed the Jordan?
a. *Armed guard goes before the ark in the Jericho march*
b. *Crossing the Jordan they were out in front*
30. Vs. 5. How many times do they have to march around the city?
13 times
31. Vs. 5 What do the people have to do? *March and be silent*

A Study in Leadership

32. Joshua 5:13. What leadership characteristics do we see in this verse?
a. *Joshua was personally investigating; not relying on others to do his job*
b. *Joshua is not afraid - man with drawn sword - he challenged him*
c. *Joshua is to the point - "Are you for us or our enemies" no beating around the bush*
33. Joshua 5:14. What leadership characteristics do we see in this verse?
Joshua obeyed the Lord
34. Joshua 5:15. What leadership characteristics do we see in this verse?
Joshua obeyed the Lord in taking off his sandals
35. Joshua 6:6. What leadership characteristics do we see in this verse?
Joshua tells the troops what to do