

## JOSHUA 6:6-27 SOUND OF THE TRUMPETS 24 November 12

### Review

1. Joshua 1: Strong in the Lord
2. Joshua 2: Spies
3. Joshua 3: Surge
4. Joshua 4: Stones
5. Joshua 5: Sacraments
6. Joshua 5: Supreme Commander
7. Joshua 6: Sound of the trumpet

### Sound of the Trumpets

1. Marching
  - a. Read Joshua 6:6-12
  - b. Vs. 7: When does Joshua march around the city the first day? *As soon as he gets back*
  - c. Vs. 12: When does Joshua begin the march around the city on the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> days? *Early the next morning*
  - d. Vs. 15: When does Joshua begin the march around the city on the 7<sup>th</sup> day? *At daybreak*
  - e. What does this tell us about Joshua? *He is an active leader. He does not wait, but acts. He could have started the marching a week later after he has explained everything to the people. But no, he marches when he gets back.*

*Practical application: Does this have any meaning for us?*
  - f. Vss. 6-9: Review: What is the order of the army marching around the city?
    - i. *Armed guard*
    - ii. *Priests in front of the ark with trumpets*
    - iii. *Ark*
    - iv. *Army*
  - g. Vs. 9: Were the trumpets sounding as they marched around the city? *No* How did you think they marched before reading this scripture? *I suspect most thought that they were blowing. They only blow on the last day after the 7<sup>th</sup> march*

*Practical application: What does this tell you about the necessity of reading your Bible? Teyve? Teyve always said "As the Good Book says . . ." and then quotes what he thinks it says. What problem do you see with them marching seven days around the city? They had to march on Sunday*

2. The ark
  - a. Vs. 6: What is the official title of the ark? *Ark of the covenant of the Lord*
  - b. Vs. 7: What is the official title of the ark? *Ark of the Lord*
  - c. Vs. 8: How is the ark called in this verse? *Ark of the Lord's covenant*
  - d. Why is this important? *Covenant is important = the Lord*

e. Vs. 16: Who wins the victory? *The Lord has given you the city*

3. “Devoted to the Lord”

a. Vs. 17: What does the footnote in verse 17 say? Why did the Lord want Jericho to be devoted to the Lord?

*Irrevocable giving over of things to the Lord, often by totally destroying them; God demands the 1<sup>st</sup> fruit*

b. Deut. 20:16-18

c. Vss. 17-21: Why were not the sheep and the goats and the bulls saved for sacrifices?

*Everything is devoted to the Lord*

d. Vss. 17-21: Is God a just God if everyone is killed? Why did the Lord require the killing of the “men and women, young and old”? Is this murder?

*Incredible wickedness - see Bible study Joshua Interlude - Sex, Sin, and Sacrifice*

e. Lev. 27:29.

f. John Calvin writes:

The indiscriminate and promiscuous slaughter, making no distinction of age or sex, but including alike women and children, the aged and decrepit, might seem an inhuman massacre, had it not been executed by the command of God. But as He, in whose hands are life and death, had justly doomed those nations to destruction, this puts an end to all discussion. We may add, that they had been borne with for four hundred years, until their iniquity was complete. *Who will now presume to complain of excessive rigor, after God had so long delayed to execute judgment?* If any one object that children, at least, were still free from fault, it is easy to answer, that they perished justly, as the race was accursed and reprobated. Here then it ought always to be remembered, that it would have been *barbarous and atrocious cruelty had the Israelites gratified their own lust and rage*, in slaughtering mothers and their children, but that they are justly praised for their active piety and holy zeal, in executing the command of God, who was pleased in this way to purge the land of Canaan of the foul and loathsome defilement's by which it had long been polluted.

g. Vs. 17- 21: The religion of the Canaanites.

*Practical Application: Is Christ king over your life? Is there something that we need to devote to the Lord?*

First Fruits:

h. Lev. 23:10

i. Proverbs 3:9.

4. Rahab

a. Vss. 17, 22-24, 25. Why was Rahab spared? *She had saved the spies*

b. The spies had made an oath to a Canaanite. Did they still have to keep their oath even if it was made to pagans? *Yes - think of Horton the Elephant who is true to his word*

c. Rahab had three strikes against her:

i. Genesis 15:16: She was an *Amorite*

ii. Vs. 25: She was a *Prostitute*

iii. 2:15: She lived *on the wall - and the walls are going to collapse*

- d. Rahab had one thing going for her: *the promise by the spies/God's covenant*
- e. Who was saved? *Her family who was with her*

*Practical application: God works through families. Give five other instances, good or bad, where God works through families:*

1. *Noah and his family was spared (Genesis 6:18)*
2. *Achan and his family were destroyed (Joshua 7:24)*
3. *Philippian jailer and his family were saved (Acts 16:31-34)*
4. *Korah, Dathan, and Abiram their wives and their little ones - (Numbers 16) were all killed*
5. *Herod's family implodes - after several generations, few were left*

*What is the American view? individuals are most important*

*How does this view of the covenant give us hope? Even if there is one bad apple, God will redeem. Samuel came from Korah's line and Samuel's son Joel was exceptionally wicked but Samuel's grandson Heman wrote Psalms*

#### 5. Oaths and Deaths

- a. *Vs. 26-27. Why does Joshua not want the city walls around Jericho built? Jericho is a key city in the land of Canaan. Trust in the Lord*
- b. *Joshua 18:21. Who occupies Jericho? (very temporary occupation) Benjamin*
- c. *I Kings 16:34. Why would Hiel do that? rebuild the walls and put in gates*

*Practical application: What does this incident tell you about the Lord?*

*God does not forget his oath and his sons die because of that*