

RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE

CONQUERING YOUR JERICHO

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“The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified to heaven.” Deuteronomy 1:28

Ancient Jericho

Since Jericho began as the population increased, this made their architecture and urban planning more complex and they required more space to expand. The possibility of storing food surpluses meant that part of the population quit agricultural activities to devote their time to other things: artisans, priests, rulers... The needs of flourishing cities were not great at the nomadic tribes and forced their inhabitants to build protective walls around their cities. This was the case of Jericho, in the West Bank, Palestine. With a history of more than 10,000 years, this was the first fortified city known ever and, up to the present day, it is considered the first city in history.

Jericho, the first one

Jericho has been inhabited since the 9th millennium BC, before it became the city of Jericho. Towards 7000 BC, the settlement had more than 10 houses with a wall of a thousand inhabitants and something approximately 4.5 m high, almost 1 m thick and 1 m wide. A tower that reached a height of 8 m.

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The first houses made with stone, under the same, were subjected to complete reconstruction and were replaced.

Glory and collapse

The appearance of the Canaanites brought changes in house planning. This people absorbed the original culture and took advantage of the most glorious times. According to archaeological records, the city was destroyed by 1200 BC, so it is considered in the 13th century BC.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

How can you experience victory over your Jericho?

And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the valiant warriors. And you shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days. Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. And it shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people will go up every man straight ahead." Jericho 6:1-5

1. Understand that you fight from victory, not for victory.

And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the valiant warriors." Joshua 6:2

A. The LORD has won the victory.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

B. The LORD has given victory to His followers.

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. Romans 8:37

... knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:6-12

2. Understand that you overcome through faith and patience.

A. It takes faith to do things God's way.

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. Isaiah 55:8

B. It takes patience to wait on God's timing.

But Joshua commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout nor let your voice be heard, nor let a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout!" Joshua 6:10

3. Understand that God is faithful and expects obedience.

A. God always keeps His Word.



B. God expects us to obey His Word.

Your Jericho will fall if you will simply obey.