

YEHOSHUA AND YAHSHUA

AND THE BATTLE FOR THE

LAND OF ISRAEL

PART 2

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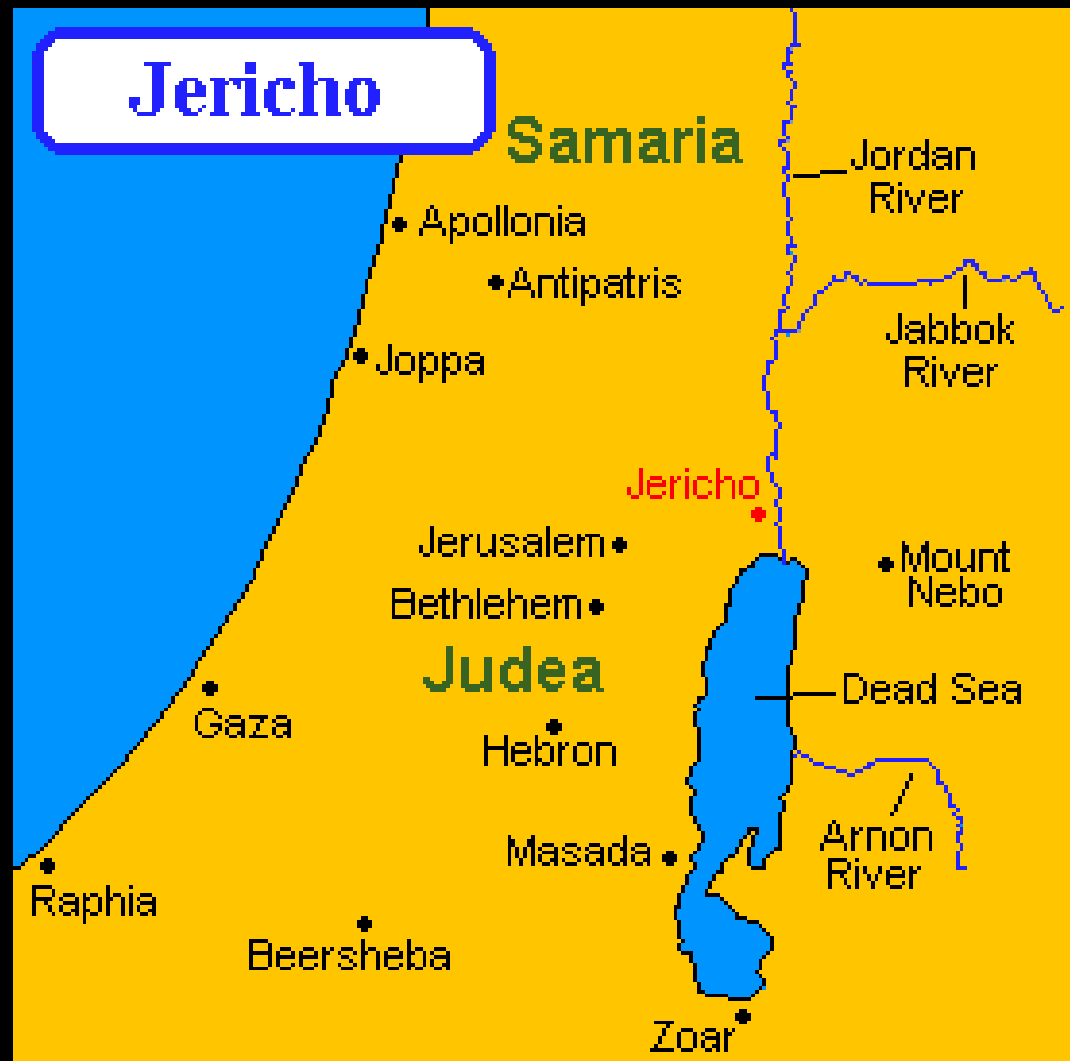


## JERICO – CAPITAL OF THE AMORITES

Jericho (Bet Yerah, "the House of the Moon God") was the capital of the strongest of the seven nations then occupying the land of Canaan. (It is interesting that it is again, even in our day, the stronghold of Israel's enemies!)

What else makes the battle of Jericho so remarkable? It wasn't just the walls falling down! Almost every ordinance of the Torah seems to have been violated. The Levites were not supposed to go to war, yet they led the march. The Israelites were supposed to work only six days - and rest on the seventh, the Sabbath. Yet here they do seven times as much on the seventh day.

Jericho may be the world's oldest city: The site had the main ingredients needed for an important city: an abundant water supply, good climate and a central location.



JERICHO IS FOUND low down in the Jordan Valley, about 27km East of Jerusalem and 10km North West of the Dead Sea. The town lies some 250m below sea level, which makes it the lowest on earth. Although Jericho is surrounded by scorching hot desert, it is well watered by freshwater springs. The Hebrew name for Jericho means 'fragrant.' Today it is called the 'City of Palms'.

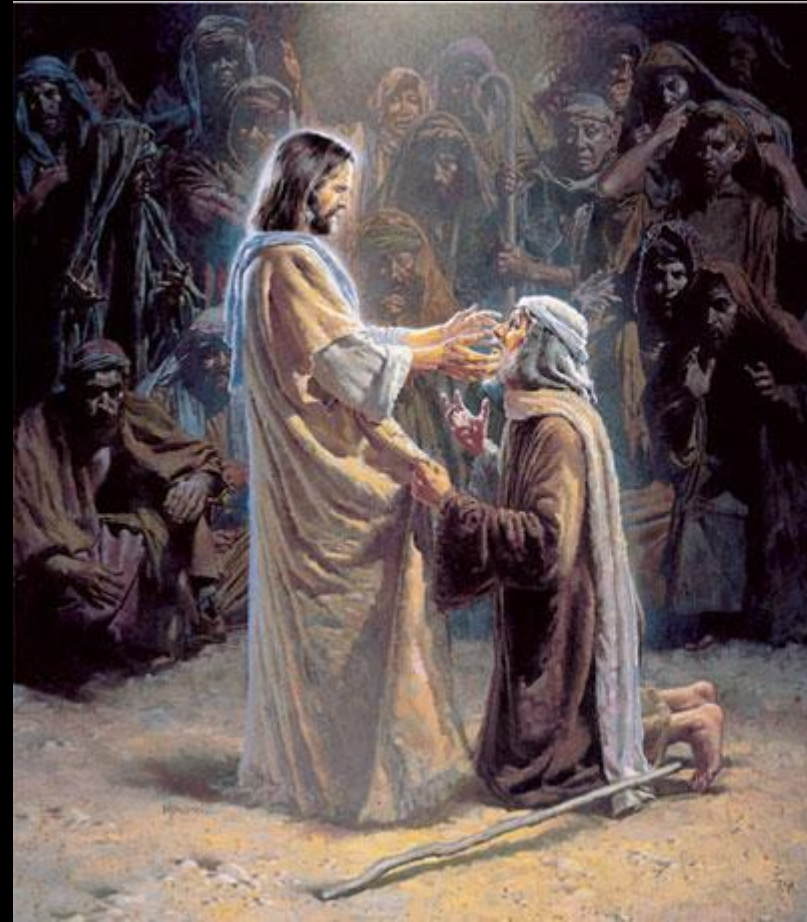
To the north of the modern town, can be seen the huge mound of the ancient city of Jericho called Tel es - Sultan. This mound contains the remnants of what is claimed by archaeologists to be the oldest city in the world. This was the Canaanite City that features in the Old Testament Scriptures. During the time of Yahshua this was probably a deserted ruin, with a spread out town nearby that Herod the Great had laid out. It had aqueducts to irrigate the fields and to take water to the winter palace he had located there.



# THE ANCIENT CITY OF JERICHO



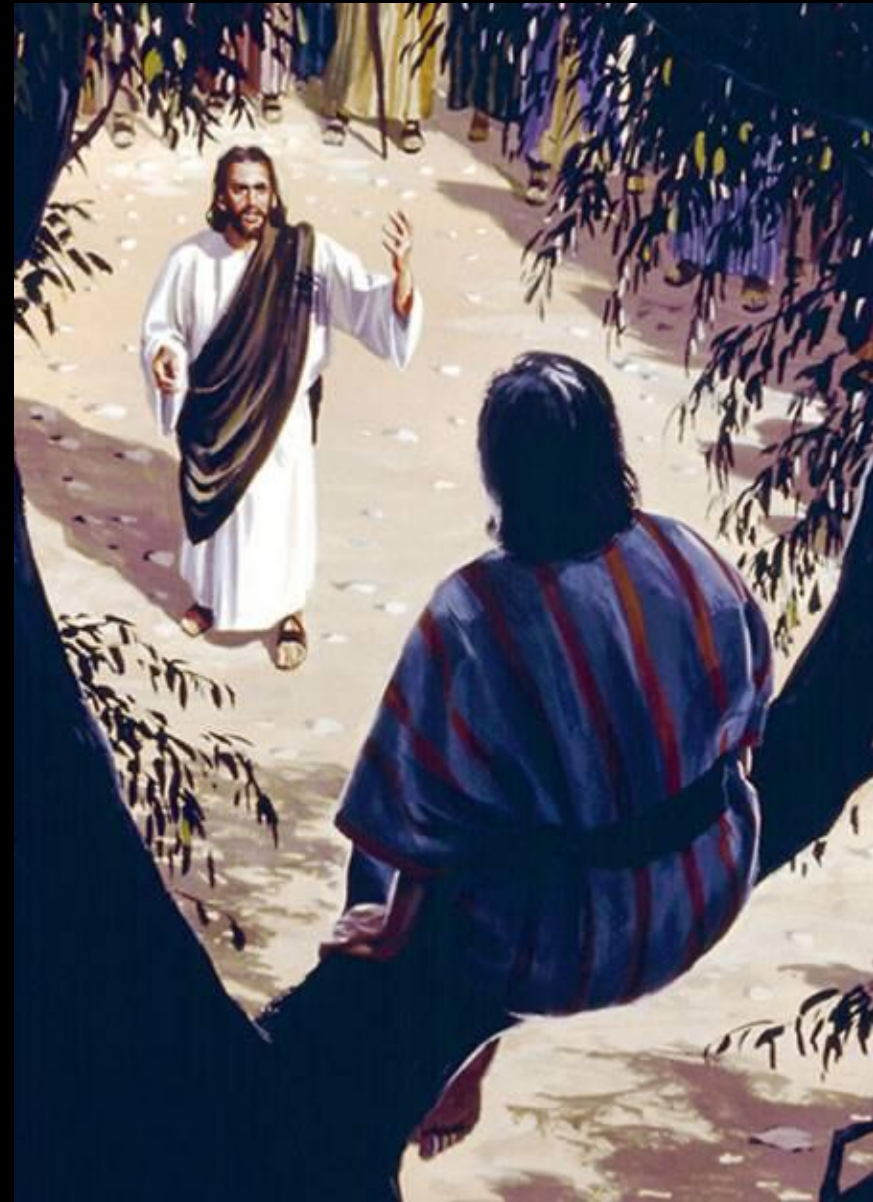
We know that Jericho was inhabited after the Jewish captivity in Babylon, around 445 BC, because Ezra records that 345 children of Jericho returned home. (Ezra 2.34) Nehemiah tells us that their descendants helped to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 3.2.) In New Testament times the Gospel records state, that Yahshua visited Jericho on more than one occasion and we get some idea of the size of the population of the city by the fact that Yahshua was followed by a great number of people. Among them were blind beggars including Bartimaeus, who pleaded for Yahshua to have mercy on them, which when they declared their faith he miraculously gave them their sight. (Matthew 20.29-34; Mark 10.46-52)





The encounter that Yahshua had with Zacchaeus at Jericho also gives us an insight into the prosperity of the city at that time. Zacchaeus was the chief publican, a tax collector, a man of wealth and hated by the people.

As Yahshua came through Jericho, Zacchaeus was determined to see him but because he was a short man, he climbed a tree to get a sight of the Messiah of Yisrael. However it was Yahshua who sought out Zacchaeus, seeing in this man a readiness to change his life and follow him. The record tells how despite the criticism, Yahshua stayed in Jericho at this man's house, and brought salvation to his household as well. (Luke 19.1-10)



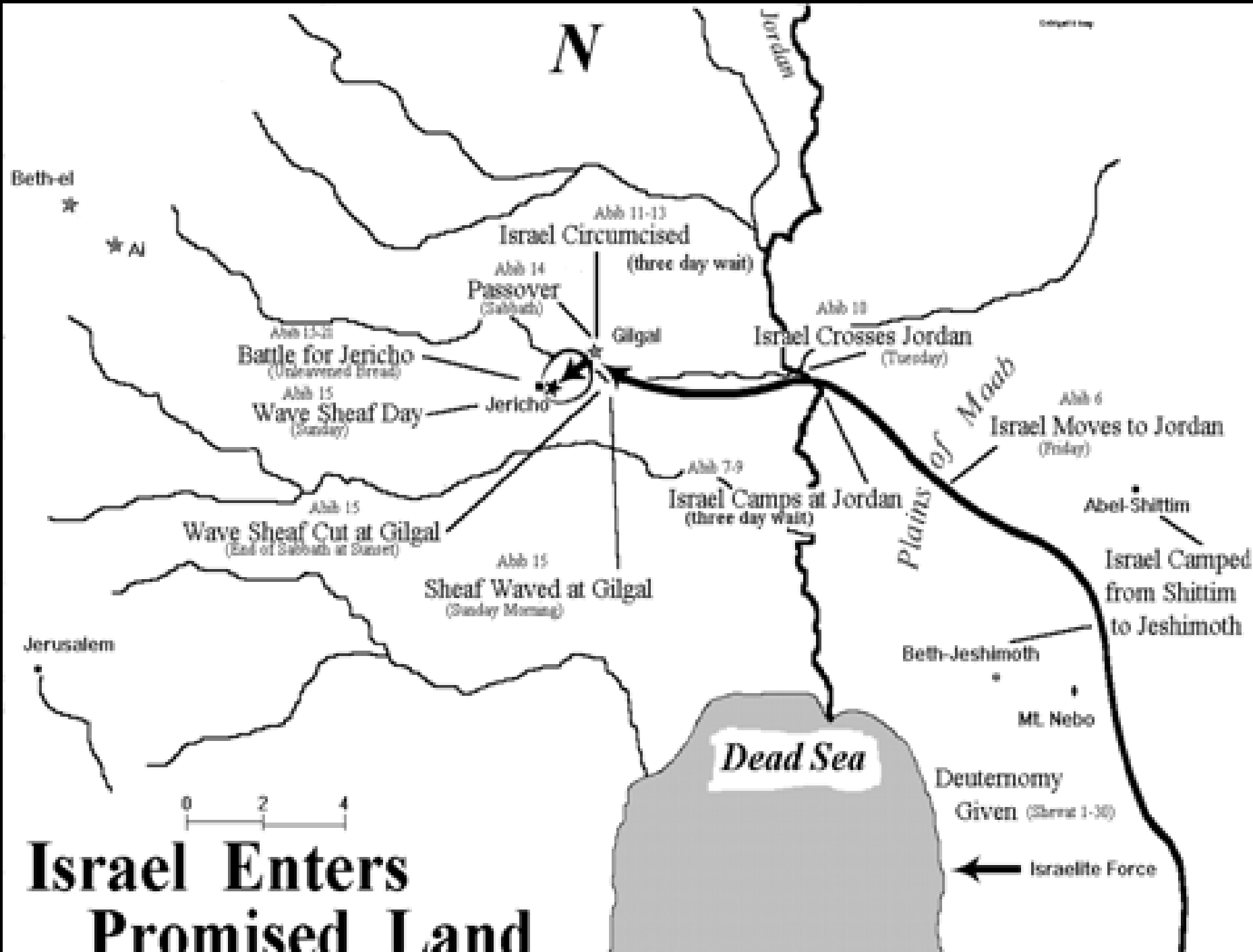


Yahshua's familiarity with Jericho and the road leading down to it through the Wadi Kelt, is reflected in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Yahshua's use of the example of a Priest and then a Levite who, ignoring the urgent needs of a badly wounded man on the Jerusalem to Jericho road, describes perfectly the attitude at that time. Jericho was like a holiday resort to those in Jerusalem.

By travelling just a short distance, about four hours walking time, a person could be transferred from the sometimes quite cold climate of Jerusalem at 777m above sea level, to the balmy warmth of Jericho, 250m below sea level. This is why Herod built his summer palace there.





## **THE ISRAELITES CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST PASSOVER IN THE LAND PROMISED TO THEM**

10 On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. (THEIR FIRST PASSOVER)

(3) The observance of the Passover (5:10). By partaking of the Passover, Israel was to relive their deliverance out of Egypt by the blood of the Lamb, but as with circumcision, this too was related to the land. As observing the Passover in Egypt protected them from the destroying angel, it also assured them of two more things: (a) that just as the Red Sea crossing would be followed by the destruction of the Egyptians (b) so likewise the crossing of the Jordan would be followed by the defeat of the Canaanites. Remembering the past became an excellent preparation of faith for the tests of the future.



Yoshua 5: 11 The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.



# HEAVENLY VISITATION

13 Now when Yoshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

14 “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of YHWH I have now come.” Then Yoshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my MASTER have for his servant?”

15 The commander of YHWH’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Yoshua did so.

Yoshua 6:1 Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

# TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES

Loose thy shoe from off thy foot, etc. - These were the same words which the angel, on Mount Sinai, spoke to Moses; (see Exodus 3:5-8); and from this it seems likely that it was the same person that appeared in both places: in the first, to encourage Moshe to deliver the oppressed Israelites, and bring them to the promised land; in the second, to encourage YOSHUA in his arduous task in expelling the ancient inhabitants, and establishing the people in the inheritance promised to their fathers.

Shoes are outer garments that protect our feet as they tread upon the earth's soil. Thus, the "shoe" represents the body--the outer garment that encases and protects the soul as it sojourns in the soil of the material realm. To ascend YHWH's mountain, to enhance our spirit, we must first remove our shoes, our materialism. The body is appropriate for a material climate but on YHWH's mountain it is a hindrance. Here we must divest ourselves of material considerations and be fully devoted to a holy existence.

# THE PRESENCE OF YHWH IS HOLY





2 Then ADONAI said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. 3 March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

How do we know that this is YAHSHUA who appears to Yoshua? There are several reasons. For one, Yoshua calls this man Adonai/Master and falls down and worships Him. Earthly men do not lead YHWH’s armies. The only man who deserves worship is Yahshua. Furthermore, an angel would not have allowed Yoshua to worship him. Also, Adonai tells Yoshua that the ground he is on is holy and the only thing that could have made that place holy is Yahshua, the King of Kings Himself. Finally, this is consistent with the overall role Yahshua has in bringing about the Kingdom of Yehowah.

For example, in Revelation 19 we see Yahshua in this role of leading the armies of YHWH as Captain of the Host. So it all fits together.

So why did Yahshua come down from heaven for this event? Paul makes it clear that Yahshua himself (THE ROCK) had accompanied the children of Israel in the wilderness (1 Corinthians 10:4). They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Yahshua HaMaschiach. It makes sense that He would continue to be with them to bring them finally into the Promised Land.

From this event all of the other events of Yehowah's plan flowed — there would have been no Jerusalem, Nazareth or Bethlehem and the important events associated with these places if HIS plan for the Hebrews to occupy Canaan had been thwarted. The Captain of our Salvation had to make sure that it happened as planned.

It is interesting that though Yahshua assures Yoshua that he is there as the Captain of the Adonai's Host, we don't see Yahshua take part in the battle for Jericho.

The Israelites themselves are seen fighting this battle (Yoshua 6).

So where was the Captain of the Host of the Lord during the battle for Jericho? He was leading the parallel battle that goes on in the spiritual realm. The forces of Satan (Ephesians 6:12) would have been lined up against the Israelites in this event.

The spiritual battle had to be won in order for the earthly conquest of the Promised Land to happen as YHWH had planned.

## THE BATTLE BELONGS TO YAHSHUA

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in Yahshua HaMaschiach and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armour of YHWH, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armour of YHWH so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.





# YAHSHUA WALKED BOTH WITH MOSHE AND YEHOSHUA

“And ADONAI said to Yoshua, ‘Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses.’” — Yoshua 3:7

As we read through the chapters of Yoshua we begin to notice an interesting pattern. Many of the stories that happened to Moshe happen to Yoshua, and the pattern continues throughout Joshua’s life.

Both Moshe and Yoshua split a body of water. Moshe split the Red Sea, and Yoshua split the Jordan River. Both are told to take off their shoes in an encounter with YAHSHUA’s holy presence. Moshe and Yoshua each send spies in similar manners. And both run national campaigns of circumcision and reinstatements of the Passover celebration. Finally, at the end of their lives, both receive the honorific of “servant of YEHOWAH.”

The Bible itself highlights this phenomenon when Joshua splits the river in relating that, “And said to ADONAI Yoshua, ‘Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moshe’” (Joshua 3:7).

What can we glean from these overlapping lives? In these curious situations of intersection, I believe we can learn an important lesson about tradition and leadership. Often, leaders, or the next generation, want to assert their freedom and power by creating a new tradition, or demolishing the old tradition. They demand a new vision for their new generation.

Yet, the Bible is teaching us a valuable lesson. Often the greatest and most mature stance towards tradition and leadership is to realize that sometimes we need men of vision, and sometimes we need people of action.

Not every generation needs a new vision; some generations just need the courage to build off the vision of the previous generation. That's exactly what Yoshua did — he built and led from the foundations established by Moses.

On the surface, Yoshua's life mirrored Moshe's life in many ways. But when it came down to it, Yoshua not only brought the people into the land of Israel, but he did so peacefully, an act that his guide and mentor, Moshe, could not claim for himself. Yoshua might not have been the visionary that Moshe was, but he was the grounded, realistic person who could complete what Moshe started.

For us, we can heed an important lesson. Different times in life require the ability to lead and envision the future, while other times of life demand the ability to humble ourselves and follow. Wisdom entails knowing when each trait is necessary.

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# YAHSHUA – OUR MIGHTY WARRIOR

Just what is the significance of the Commander's presence? He identifies himself as Commander of the host of the LORD. (The Hebrew word for "host" means "army".) Here is the supreme commander of the heavenly host, the angelic army that has appeared on YHWH's behalf throughout history. Here are a few of the passages in Scripture:

“Jacob went on his way, and the angels of YHWH met him. And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is YHWH's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim" (Genesis 32:1-2, KJV).

"Therefore hear the word of YHWH: I saw YHWH sitting on his throne with all the host of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left" (1 Kings 22:19).

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising YHWH and saying..." (Luke 2:13).



"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? YHWH who is strong and mighty, YHWH mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? YHWH of hosts, he is the King of glory" (Psalm 24:7-10, KJV).

"The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the YHWH of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land" (Isaiah 13:4-5).

"Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied" (1 Samuel 17:45, KJV).

# The Fall of Jericho

- So Yoshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant of YHWH and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it.” 7 And he ordered the army, “Advance ! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of YHWH.”
- 8 When Yoshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before YHWH went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of YHWH’s covenant followed them. 9 The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. 10 But Yoshua had commanded the army, “Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout! ” 11 So he had the ark of YHWH carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there.





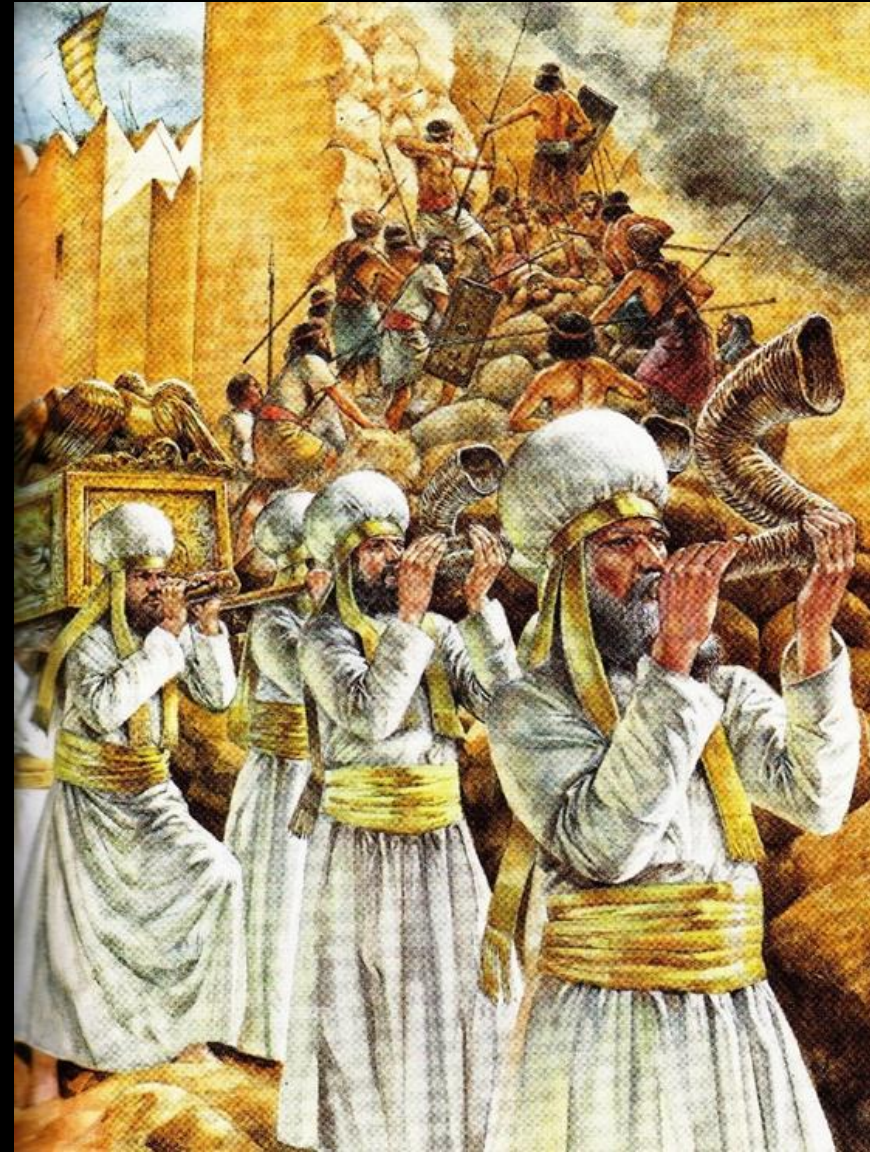
# THE FORTRESS CITY OF JERICH



The picture above shows the Southern Gate of Jericho up on the hill. Notice the steep slope leading up to it, consisting of white plaster surface that was slippery - called a Glacis. This was designed to make it very difficult for anyone to attack the city.



12 Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the YHWH. 13 The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of YHWH and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of YHWH, while the trumpets kept sounding. 14 So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.



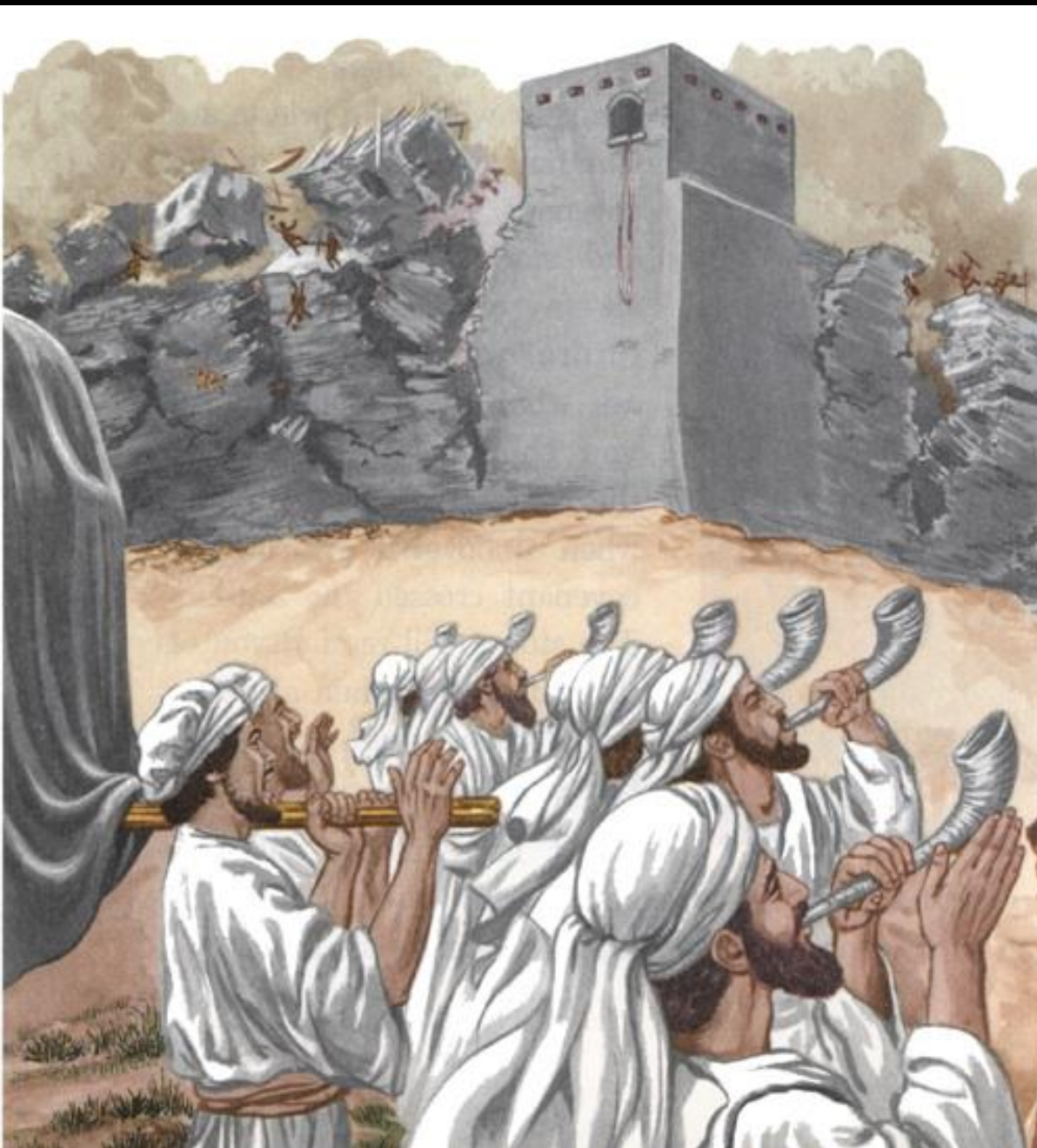


## THE TREASURES OF JERICHO WERE ACCURSED

Yoshua 6:17 “Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent.”

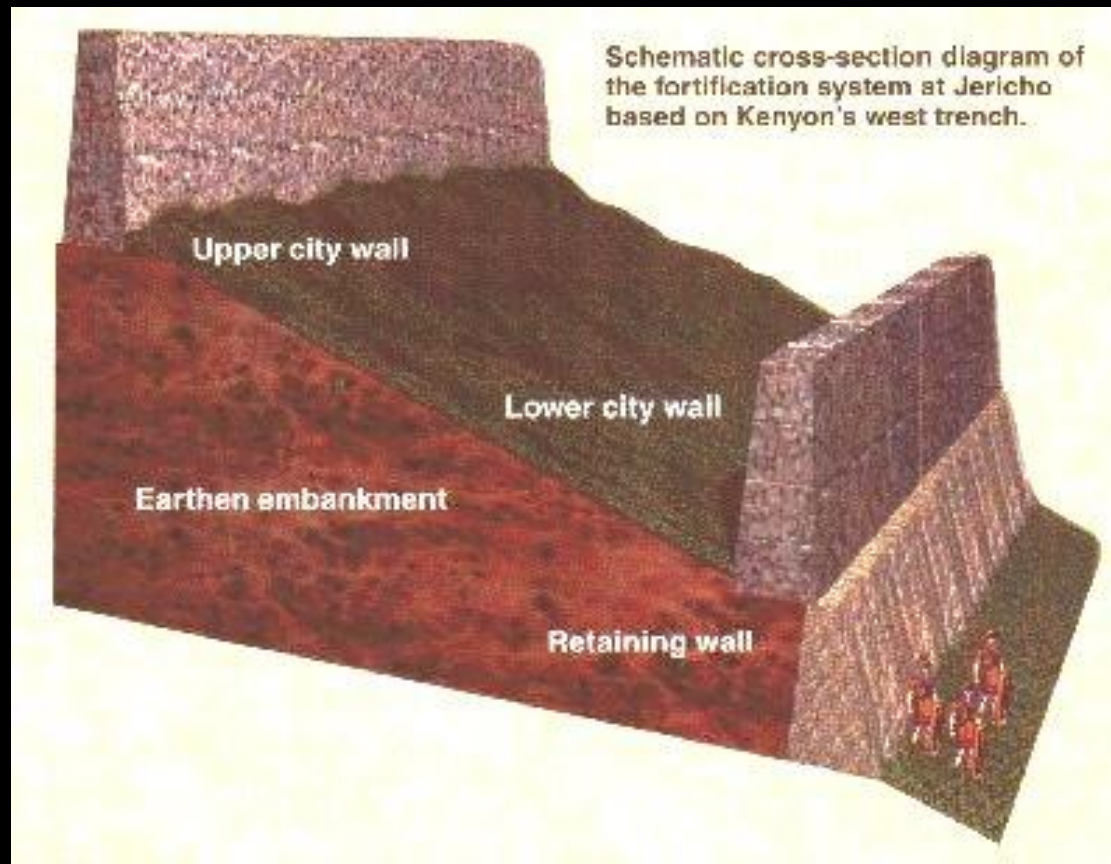
As the Passover had fallen on the weekly Sabbath, so this day, the seventh Day of Unleavened Bread, was also a weekly Sabbath day. On this double Sabbath, the people were forbidden to take anything for themselves. The treasures of Jericho were the first fruits of conquest, and they were devoted to YHWH:

Yoshua 6:18-19 “But as for you, only keep yourselves from the things under the ban, so that you do not [a]covet them and take some of the things under the ban, and make the camp of Israel accursed and bring trouble on it. 19 But all the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron are holy to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the Lord.”



Her house was built against the city wall. This again agrees with what we know from the archaeology of Middle-Bronze Jericho, the Jericho of Joshua's time. All the excavations in different parts of the city show there was a two wall system: at the bottom was a 15 foot high revetment wall of field stones (with a trench around it), with a mud-brick wall above it, then a steep 35 degree slope (glacis) and another mud brick wall at the top of the hill. It was indeed a very well-fortified city, just as the Bible says.

There would be houses built in between the 2 walls. In fact the first archaeological team to Jericho in 1907-11, discovered some these houses standing in the north side of the city. These would be the cheapest houses in town, they had walls just one brick thick. In Rahab's case her house was actually built against the outer lower brick-wall, so that it was actually part of the wall and so she could lower the spies on a rope through a window. So while they chased them out of the Southern Gate, the spies escaped over the northern wall, out of sight of their pursuers.

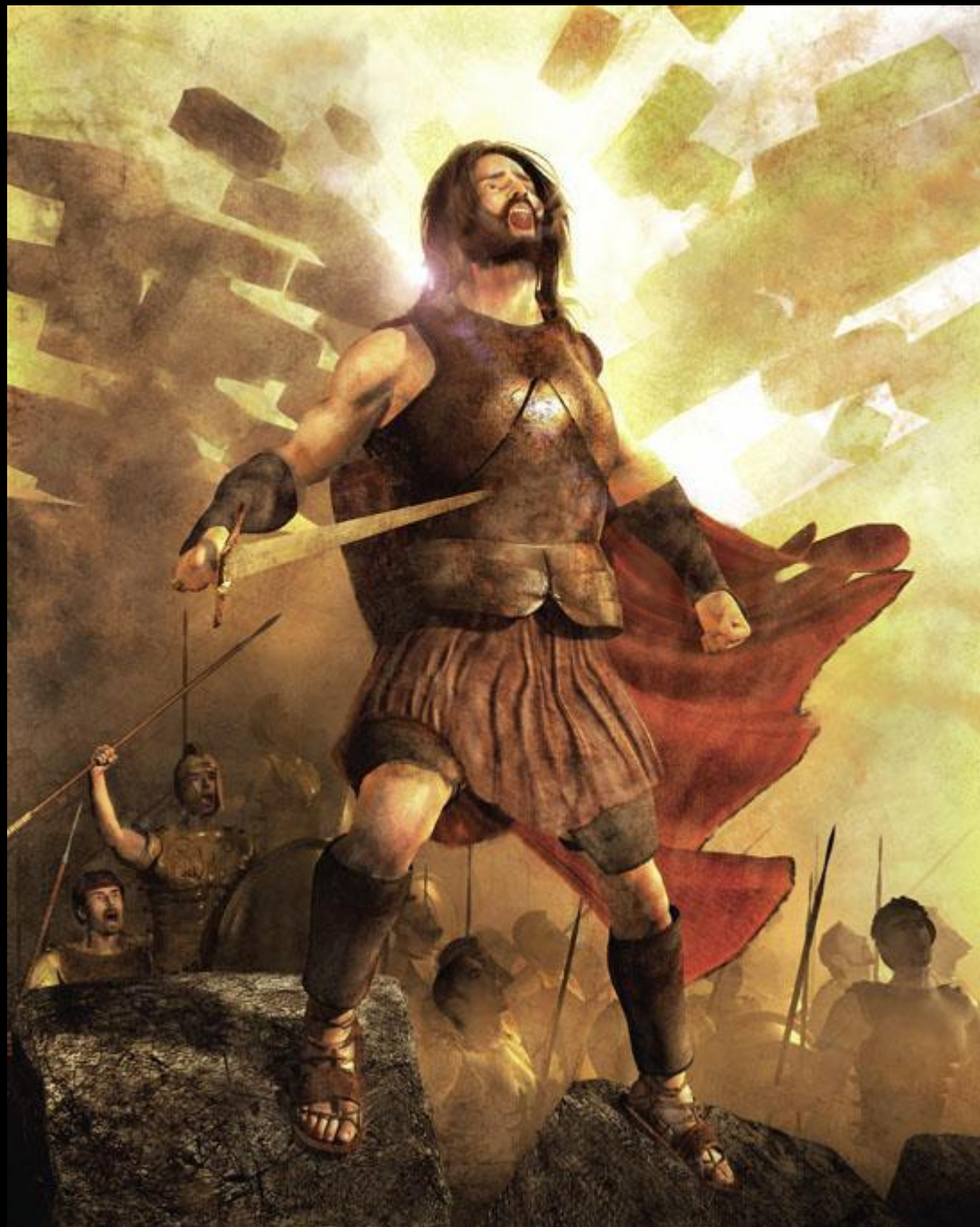


15 On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. 16 The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Yoshua commanded the army, "Shout! For YHWH has given you the city! 17 The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to YHWH.



20 When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

21 They devoted the city to YAHWEH and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.







22 Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her. ” 23 So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brothers and sisters and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel.

24 Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord’s house. 25 But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho —and she lives among the Israelites to this day.





## What Shook Jericho's Walls? (6:20)

Did the sound waves of the shouts of 600,000 fighting men so weaken the walls that they suddenly collapsed? I doubt it. Could have YHWH destroyed the walls without using any natural means? Certainly. But the most likely explanation is that YHWH timed an earthquake to occur at precisely at the time the Israelites shouted.

As we mentioned in lesson 2, the Jordan Valley is a rift valley. Jericho is considered both the world's oldest city, and its lowest city, at 850 feet below sea level. It lies below sea level because it lies on the Afro-Arabian fault line that runs from modern-day Turkey in the north to Mozambique in the south, one of the world's major fault systems. The hill country of Judah had tilted up into mountains, while the Jordan Valley had sunk well below sea level. Since ancient times this has been a geologically active area. (Barry J. Beitzel, *The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands* [Moody Press, 1985], pp. 37-39)



The wall around the city was forty feet thick at the bottom. It sloped inward on both the outside and inside. This made it much stronger than if the sides went straight up. The top was twenty feet wide with a road around the city up there. Just like people gather along the track to watch horse and auto races today, they lined the top of the wall then to watch chariot races go around the city up there.

They still, today, study the wall laying there and cannot understand how even an earthquake could cause this exceptionally strong and well-designed wall TO FALL OUTWARD AND WHOLE. The top stones did not shake loose and fall down the sloping side, then to be covered up in a heap by other, lower stones; IT TIPPED OVER as a whole piece. Impossible!



Aerial view of Jericho, looking south. The trenches and squares visible today are from Kathleen Kenyon's excavations in the 1950s and the more recent Italian-Palestinian excavation which began in 1997.



Excavations showed evidence of some event involving terrible destruction. The meter stick in the upper center of this photograph shows the thick level of debris from an incident which seems to have destroyed the whole city.



The destruction was complete. Walls and floors were blackened or reddened by fire, and every room was filled with fallen bricks, timbers, and household utensils; in most rooms the fallen debris was heavily burnt, but the collapse of the walls of the eastern rooms seems to have taken place before they were affected by the fire (Kenyon 1981: 370).



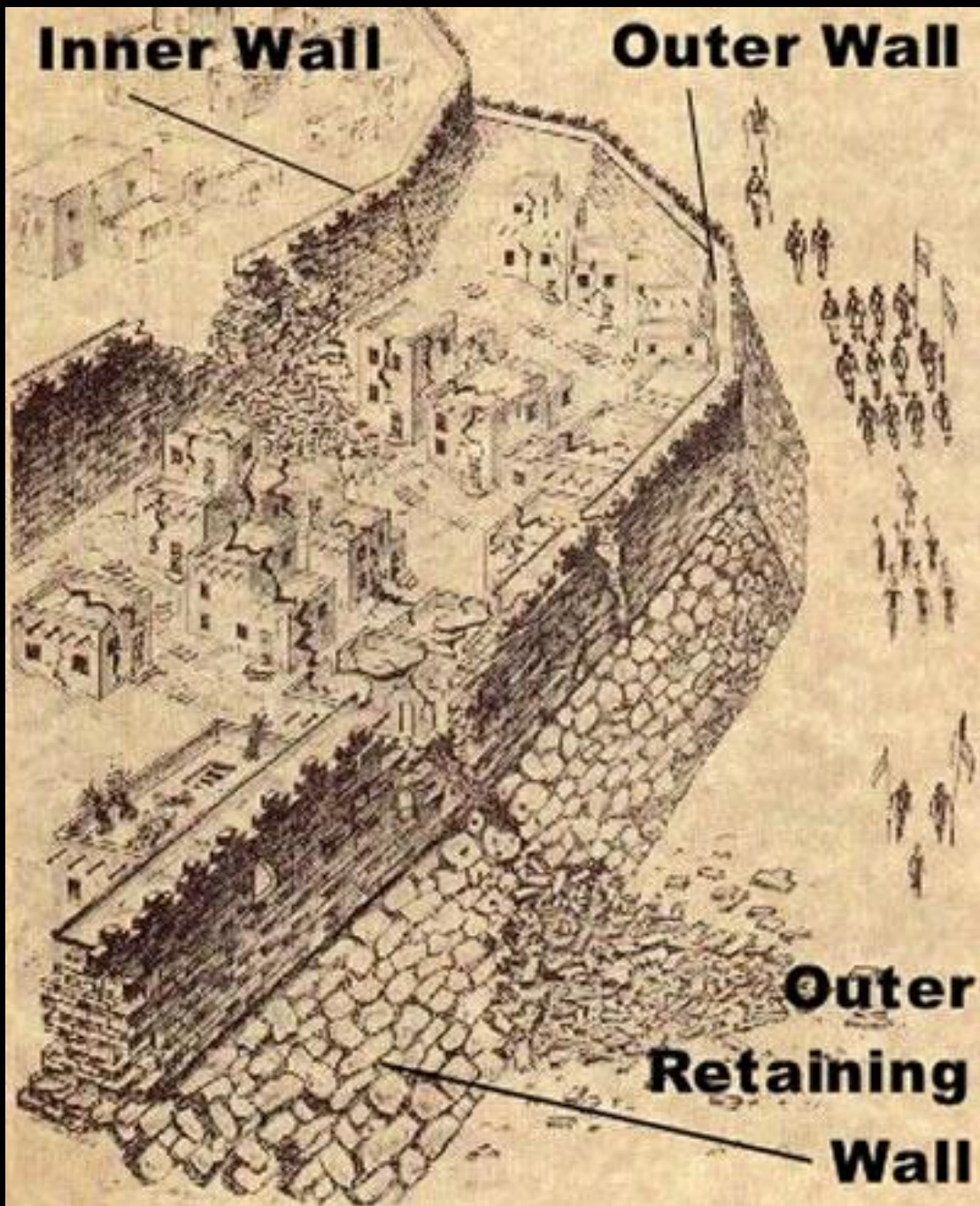


Such a large quantity of grain left untouched gives silent testimony to the truth of yet another aspect of the Biblical account. A heavily fortified city with an abundant supply of food and water would normally take many months, even years, to subdue. The Bible says that Jericho fell after only seven days. The jars found in the ruins of Jericho were full, showing that the siege was short since the people inside the walls consumed very little of the grain.



**Inner Wall**

**Outer Wall**



**Outer  
Retaining  
Wall**







The stone revetment wall is in the lower right of the photograph. You can judge the height of the wall by comparing it with the figure of the man standing beside it. The revetment wall surrounded the city at the base of the sloping earthen rampart and provided a first line of defense for the city. A mud brick parapet wall is clearly visible above it. Behind the parapet, across the center of the photo, are the remains of houses - these were poorly built, only one brick thick. Bryant Wood suggests that Rahab, the prostitute who assisted Joshua's spies, might have lived in one of these houses on the sloping rampart between the revetment wall encircling the bottom of the hill and the city wall above it.

# YEHOSHUA'S PROPHECY IS FULFILLED

Yoshua spoke this solemn oath from YHWH shortly after winning a stunning victory over this wicked city:

"Cursed before YHWH is the man who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: "At the cost of his firstborn son will he lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest will he set up its gates."(Joshua 6:26)

The fact of the matter is, five and a half centuries later, during the reign of Ahab of Israel, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho as a fortress. And, precisely as Joshua had declared, he lost his oldest son when the foundation was laid, and his youngest son when the gates of the city were set up (see 1 Kings 16:34). The prophecy was fulfilled.

27 So Yahshua was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout the land.

This whole pattern is summed up in 1 Kings 12:28-33, which contrasts the system Jeroboam devised in his own heart to replace that which had been devised and revealed by God.

1 Kings 16:29-34 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years. 30 Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of YHWH than any of those before him. 31 He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. 32 He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. 33 Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than did all the kings of Israel before him. 34 In Ahab's time, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of his firstborn son Abiram, and he set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, in accordance with the word of YHWH spoken by Joshua son of Nun.

Though the city had been occupied since Joshua's day, Hiel's reconstruction seems to have been the first serious attempt to restore it to its former condition. Joshua's prophecy was fulfilled literally when two of Hiel's sons perished.

Perhaps this reference, which seems unrelated to Ahab's accomplishments, was included to show that as YHWH's word was fulfilled in this instance so it would be in Ahab's case.

Ahab was setting up a system of worship that YHWH said He would judge, as Hiel had tried to set up a city that God had said He would judge.

COULD THIS CURSE IN YOSHUA 6, STILL BE IN OPERATION TODAY AND DESTRUCTION VISITED UPON THE NATION WHO DISREGARDED IT.....?



# JAPAN IS ANTI –SEMITIC AND PRO PALESTINE

Japan has been a pagan nation for over 3,000 years and their religion is very much a part of their culture. On the outside Japan looks like a Buddhist nation, but in fact its national identity is Shintoism which is largely based on the emperor being a deity. When the emperor is inaugurated he enters into an elaborate two-day long ceremony called the daijosi ceremony which results in him becoming a deity. After WWII as part of the peace process, Emperor Hirohito was required to publically deny his status as a deity and the Japanese government agreed to separate itself from such religious practices. General MacArthur opened the door for thousands of Christian missionaries to go to Japan and for seven years, Christianity expanded in Japan. For thirty years following that evangelistic impact, Japan regained its status in the world. However the growth of the church eventually dwindled. Presently Japan has a very small percentage of Christians, estimated at about 2%.

# ANTI-SEMITISM IN JAPAN

With only a small and relatively obscure Jewish population, Japan had no traditional antisemitism until Nazi ideology and propaganda influenced a small number of Japanese. While antisemitism did not become a widespread phenomenon in the country, it persists even today, taking a form of subculture.[citation needed] Antisemitic and conspiracist books and pamphlets are sold in major bookstores, and anti-semitic themes enter the popular culture and even affect the educated academic community.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antisemitism\\_in\\_Japan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antisemitism_in_Japan)

Japan separately confirmed with the Palestinians and Jordan that they will work together to promote a Japan-led project for creating a the "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity" to develop agriculture and industry in the West Bank, they said.



Mr. Yoshihiko Noda, the Prime Minister of Japan and Dr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority

# JAPAN IS OVERTLY PRO THE PALESTIANS

On May 31, 2010, regarding the Flotilla incident, “The Government of Japan is shocked at the report that people aboard boats carrying supplies to the Gaza Strip were victimized as a result of confrontation with Israel Defense Forces. We deeply deplore the casualties and the injuries of many people. Japan condemns the violent acts which caused this tragic incident.” If you saw the videos and heard the reports from Israel’s side, you’d know that the violence was NOT from Israel but from the Palestinians and that the Flotilla was armed and filled with weapons of destruction intended against Israel. It was not carrying humanitarian supplies as Hamas told the world, and the world believed. The “violent acts” were inflicted upon the Israelis by the ship crew, not the other way round. More lies.



# NEWS HEADLINE

JERICHO, March 10, 2011 (WAFA) –Prime Minister, Salam Fayyad, together with the Representative of Japan to the PA, Naofumi Hashimoto and the UN Resident Coordinator in the occupied Palestinian Territory, Maxwell Gaylard, laid on Thursday the first brick of an adobe structure that will benefit over 100 women and children as a women's community centre at the Aqabat Jaber Camp, in Jericho.

Fayyad praised the United Nations organizations' efforts and support. He also thanked Japan for their outstanding support which helps our people to strengthen their steadfastness on their land, (this is not "their" land) as well as contributes to the PA's efforts in building its Institutions which enables them to provide better services to residents and helps us to establish our independent State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital. (Japan is aiding the Palestinians in their goal of not only splitting Israel, but also splitting Jerusalem into.)

Prime Minister Dr. Salam Fayyad inaugurated and cornerstoned the Jericho Agro Industrial Park's Infrastructure projects funded by the Government of Japan



# NEWS HEADLINES

October 11 2010 the Japanese government laid a corner stone in Jericho to inaugurate the construction of an industrial park.

5 months later to the day this terrible earthquake took place in Japan. Also BEFORE the quake struck, the Japan government issued a statement favouring the Palestinian enemies of GOD.

SUPPORTING a PALESTINIAN STATE in Israel brings a CURSE on any nation.

On October 14, 2010 when Israel announced the intended building of 238 housing units in East Jerusalem, Japan strongly urged Israel to freeze all settlement activities and do no building.

The Palestinians have been rebuilding Jericho with the Japanese government involved in laying a corner stone in Jericho to inaugurate the construction of an industrial park.

On January 11, 2011 Japan issued this statement: “Japan condemns the demolishing of a part of the Shepherd’s Hotel in East Jerusalem with a view to constructing new housing units for Jewish people. Japan does not recognize the annexation of East Jerusalem by Israel....” How do you “annex” your own land? “

On February 8, 2011, Japan signed a \$32.5 million agreement for treating waste water in Jericho, totalling more than \$1.1 billion to the Palestinians. This is in accordance with, as stated, “aims at the establishment of the institutions of the state of Palestine and its infrastructure.” That aim, is to make the State of Israel into the State of Palestine.



When you read of the poor being fed and cared for, you do not associate it with anything sinister, but with righteous benevolence. However, God is very clear on how He sees nations who aid and assist Israel's enemies whose sole desire is to wipe her off the face of the earth and who themselves desire to divide His land. (Joel 3:2) The attitude that Japan, the U.S. and most of the world have toward Israel, is that much of the land of Israel is "occupied" land—therefore, illegal and disputed occupation by Israel since the Six Day War of 1967. Hebron, the resting place of the Patriarchs of the Faith, is one such hot spot where Israeli citizens live under constant threat from a majority Arab population who are squatting on the land and the lack of protection by their own government due to "political correctness" and pressure from the international community. While Japan is supplying a \$3.1 million dollar safety-net to insure that Palestinian occupiers are well fed and cared for, those whom the land rightfully belongs to suffer from poverty and constant persecution.

## IS THE CURSE IN YOSHUA 6:26 IN OPERATION?

**ON THE DAY OF THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI JAPAN ISSUED THIS STATEMENT.** On March 11, 2011, a statement was issued by Japan on the decision of the Government of Israel regarding the construction of housing units at settlements in West Bank including East Jerusalem, stating, “The Government of Japan deplores the decisions of the Government of Israel to give permission for the construction of 1,600 housing units in East Jerusalem in addition to 112 units in West Bank just after the Israeli and Palestinian leadership’s acceptance of the start of indirect talks. The Government of Japan does not recognize any act that prejudices the final status of Jerusalem and the territories in the pre-1967 borders. Japan demands that the plans should not be implemented.”

Japan demands that Israel not make a place for the Jews coming to dwell in the land? If God is returning the Jews to the land as He said He would, (a sign of the end times), then what nation can stand against God and not reap the Genesis 12:3 consequences?

### HOURS LATER AFTER THIS STATEMENT WAS ISSUED:

Massive magnitude 9.0 earthquake happened off coast of Japan on Friday, March 11th 2011 at 2:46pm local time (05:46 GMT), which triggered the tsunami that hit Japan a few minutes later.

## DON'T MESS WITH ISRAEL AND DEFINITELY DON'T MESS WITH ISRAEL'S G-D, YEHOWAH

An earthquake shifted Japan eight feet westward and a tsunami washed away a portion of her country, was God responsible, or was it a natural disaster? That question arises each time a catastrophic event happens in the earth. Perhaps you've heard, as I have, that we live in a time of God's shaking: "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain" (Hebrews 12:26). What is it that "may remain." If ever there were words to meditate upon, those would be good for the task.

March 24, 2011

Japan said that the cost of the earthquake and tsunami could reach \$309 billion, making it the world's most expensive natural disaster on record. <http://thewritersinkhorn.com/blog/archives/444>





Ezekiel 25:17  
And I will execute  
great vengeance  
upon them with  
furious rebukes;  
and they shall  
know that I am  
YHWH, when I  
shall lay my  
vengeance upon  
them.



# STAND WITH ISRAEL AND YOU WILL BE BLESSED

That same day, the earthquake hit Japan which moved its coast eight feet eastward, resulting in shifting the earth's axis by four inches, followed by the tsunami later. A USGS geophysicist stated that the quake erupted 6 miles below the ocean and about 80 miles off Japan's eastern coast causing a 186-mile rupture in the sea floor. The tsunami, after hitting Japan, travelled across the globe to California, bringing only minimal damage. Could this be a warning too, if American continues to be instrumental in attempting to divide "His" land? Pray!!



Despite Japan “deploring” and “condemning” Israel’s attempt to take care of their own people on their own land, typical of Israel they acted in compassion, supplying their people, resources, finances and some of its well trained citizens to go and help Japan in their hour of need.







*Pray for the peace  
of Jerusalem:*

*"May those who love you be secure.  
May there be peace within your walls..."*  
(Psalm 122:6-7 NIV)

G-d's unconditional and everlasting promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Gen. 12:1-3, 7; 13:14-17; 15:1-21; 17:1-8; 22:15-18; 26:3-5; 28:13-15, plus dozens more);

G-d says, "Israel is My son, My firstborn," (Ex. 4:22; see also Isa. 49:15-16)

Israel is the apple of G-d's eye (Deut. 32:9-10; Zech. 2:8)

G-d is "zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal" (Zech. 2:14; 8:1-3)

G-d says to Israel, "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love," (Jer. 31:3) even as they are rebelling against Him, and promises that His covenant with them is as certain as His covenant with the sun, moon, and stars (Jer. 31:35-37; 33:25; Isa. 54:-7-10; 41:8-10; 66:22; Hos. 3:1)

Even though many of them are enemies of the Gospel, the Jewish people are still beloved of G-d; their gifts, calling, and covenant with G-d are irrevocable (Rom. 9-11, esp. 9:3-5; 11:1, 11-15, 28-29; Rom. 3:1-4; Acts 3:25; Heb. 6:13-20)

DON'T BITE ISRAEL!  
SHE BITES BACK...



I've heard statements, even from Christians, that Israel is not a godly nation because the country has not accepted Yeshua as their Savior. (There are over 125 Messianic fellowships in the land now)! But Israel acts as their Torah, the same Torah which Yeshua embodied, defines with regard to taking care of those in need, be they their enemies or not. I personally would like to go on record as saying that I see Israel as being more godly and acting more like Yeshua than any other nation on the earth. And for that, satan hates them.

by Lonnie Lane





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