

“TAKING POSSESSION OF YOUR PROMISED LAND” (Joshua 6)

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INTRO: Now that we’ve journeyed with the people of God to the Promised Land, let’s look at taking possession of your promised land (abundant life in Christ).

I. GOD’S STRATEGY FOR CONQUERING JERICHO (Josh. 6:1-7).

- A. March around the city once a day for 6 days, and 7 times on the 7th day. Then shout & the walls will fall down.
- B. The order: armed guard -> priests with trumpets -> priests carrying the ark -> the people -> the rear guard.

II. GOD’S STRATEGY IMPLEMENTED (Josh. 6:8-15).

III. OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Get and follow God’s strategy.
 - 1. Armed men – warfare prayer (Eph. 6:18).
 - 2. Trumpet priests – prophetic proclamation.
 - 3. Priests with the ark - God’s presence.
 - 4. The rest of the people – intercession & praise.
 - 5. The rear guard – watchmen prayer (Isa. 52:12; 58:8).
- B. They had to follow God’s schedule rather than their own, even if it didn’t make sense logically.
- C. They had to shout BEFORE the walls fell (Heb. 11:30)!

IV. THE PRINCIPLE OF CHAREM (Josh. 6:17-19).

- A. Jericho was “doomed to destruction” (v. 17) [*cherem* – devoted to God or devoted to destruction].
 - 1) Also translated “accursed thing” or “cursed thing.”
- B. When you take **cherem** for yourself you become **cherem** and can bring a curse upon those around you (v. 18)!
- C. Was Jericho a type of the tithe (Lev. 27:30, 32; Mal. 3:10-11)?
 - *Does the devourer destroy the **cherem** of the non-tither?
 - [N.T. references to tithing – Matt. 23:23; Heb. 7:8]

V. THE WALLS OF JERICHO COME DOWN (Josh. 6:20-27).

- A. When the people shouted the walls fell down flat.
- B. The people took the city but spared Rahab & her family (Heb. 11:31).

CONCLUSION: God has a strategy for your conquest of Jericho. Make sure there’s no **cherem** among your stuff! ***“Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!”*** (Josh. 6:16)