

“The Wall of Jericho”

Josh. 6:1-6

Introduction

- I. How many movies have we seen that include a city with great walls of fortification.
- II. Attacks against such are not always successful.
- III. No “wall”, “barrier”, or “stronghold” is too much for the LORD!

Discussion

- I. Joshua led the children of Israel after the death of Moses (Jos. 1:10-18).
 - A. The fulfillment of the land promise was about to occur (Gen. 17:8; cf. Lev. 18:3, 24-30).
 - B. Spies were sent to survey the situation at Jericho (Jos. 2:1).
 1. This is where we are introduced to Rahab.
 2. She hid the spies from the king (Jos. 2:3-7).
 3. Because of her aid, she and her family were to be spared (Jos. 2:8-15).
 4. Jericho was “ripe for the picking” (Jos. 2:24).
- II. Joshua's leadership hinged upon his obedience to the LORD (Jos. 6:1-6).
 - A. While not what military strategists would recommend, Israel learned that God's way is always the right way.
 - B. Joshua had been told earlier to be strong, courageous, and obedient (Jos. 1:5-9).
 - C. Israel's faith and obedience was rewarded with the defeat of Jericho (Jos. 6:6-20).
 1. Archaeologists have found the ruins of Jericho.
 2. The wall fell from the inside, not from the outside as if it were attacked.
 3. God gave Israel the victory!
- III. What can we apply to us today?
 - A. Our faith and obedience is essential if we want to be victorious (James. 2:14-26).
 - B. God's way and man's ways are not always the same (Isa. 55:8-9; Matt. 15:7-9).
 - C. “The battle is the LORD'S” (1 Sam. 17:47; 2 Chr. 20:15-17).

Conclusion

- I. Nothing is too much for God (Luke 1:37; Matt. 19:26).
- II. When we fight the fight the way that God wants it fought, then nothing can stand in our way (1 Tim. 6:12).

