

## The Fall of Jericho

### Joshua 6

Characters: Joshua, Angel of the Lord, Soldiers, Priests (acting only), Narrator, Spies

Narrator: The Israelites continued their journey into the Promised Land after their celebration of the Passover had ended. Spies were sent out ahead of the Israelites to gather information on possible enemies living in Canaan. Eventually, the spies returned to Joshua to give their report.

*Scene: Joshua's tent in the Israelite camp.*

Spies: The city of Jericho is blocking our path into the Promised Land. It is a heavily fortified city, with many armies blocking it. The King of Jericho has already heard that we are entering the Promised Land, and he is arming his city for battle. He will not allow us to pass without a fight. We were able to obtain this information from Rahab, who aided us in giving us a place to stay. She is faithful to the Lord, and we must remember to save her when we attack the city.

Joshua: Let me think about this information and pray to God. I'll come back to you hopefully with a battle plan.

*Scene: Outside the Israelite camp in the wilderness.*

Narrator: Joshua walked around the outside of the Israelite camp, praying to God, and trying to think of a way that his small group of Israelite soldiers could overpower the many numbers of the Jericho soldiers. As he walked through the wilderness, he saw a heavily armed man in the distance that he did not recognize.

Joshua: *(grabs his sword)* Halt! Are you an ally, or an enemy of Israel?

Angel: *(begins to shine brightly)* Neither! For I am the commander of the Lord's army! Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.

Joshua: *(takes off his sandals and bows down to the angel)* I apologize... we are in enemy territory, and I thought you were a soldier from Jericho. I was out here praying to the Lord to help us defeat the city.

Angel: And the Lord has answered your prayers, and will give you victory against Jericho. March around the city once with your soldiers for the next 6 days. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times with the Ark of the Covenant. Have the priests blow their trumpets, and then have the Israelite soldiers shout out. The walls of Jericho will collapse, and then you can overtake the city. But the Lord will save Rahab and her family, who are faithful to the Lord. Now, go back to your camp, and tell the people this plan.

*Scene: Israelite camp.*

Narrator: Joshua returned to the Israelite camp to tell the people of the Lord's plan

Joshua: *(to the Israelite people)* God will deliver Jericho to us! We must march around Jericho for six days, and then on the seventh, march around the city seven times with the Ark of the Covenant. When the priests blow their horns, all of you must shout out, praising the Lord. The walls will collapse, and we will take the city.

*Scene: Outside of Jericho*

Narrator: The Israelite soldiers marched around Jericho for six days. On the seventh day, the Priests started to march around the city seven times with the Ark of the Covenant, with the Israelite soldiers following them. The citizens and soldiers of Jericho were very confused at the Israelite battle strategy.

Priests: *(Marching around the city walls with the Ark of the Covenant, with the soldiers following them. After the seventh time, the priests blow their trumpets.)*

Soldiers: The Lord has delivered Jericho to us!

Narrator: As soon as the soldiers shouted out, the walls of the city collapsed upon themselves, and the soldiers went in and attacked the city. God spared Rahab the prostitute and her family, because they were faithful to Him and had helped the Israelite soldiers. The city of Jericho was burned to the ground, and Joshua and the Israelites prepared to continue their journey.

Joshua: *(to the Israelite people)* The Lord has delivered Jericho to us! May this city never be rebuilt ever again, and let those who try to rebuild the city have much trouble doing so. The Lord has been good to us!

Narrator: The story of Joshua conquering the mighty city of Jericho quickly spread throughout the land, to the other cities in Canaan. God would help Joshua to become a great leader.