

## Battle Lessons:

### Lessons from Jericho

Joshua 2:1-24 God uses a prostitute to protect the spies. She also provides encouragement and vital news of the condition of the city and testifies what they know of God and His work. Message of salvation from death for her and her family is given; providing they obey.

Joshua 5:9-12 Committing themselves to the Lord and renewing their covenant relationship was vital. God reminds them how He had delivered them in the past and even now was providing as they looked about the land.

Joshua 5:13 – 6:5 God reminds that He is no respecter of persons, but that we need to make sure we are on HIS SIDE. God reminds Joshua that the victory is already won, but they will have to do their part. Specific instructions are given that are to be followed.

While these instructions might seem unnecessary; God has a purpose. Could it have been:

- Pack down the spring soil for better footing during battle
- Familiarize Israel with the city so it won't be as imposing
- Confound the enemy
- Demonstrate they have nothing to fear; as they are not attacked
- Remind people that God would be in their midst throughout it all

Joshua 6:6-11 Armed Guard, Trumpets, Ark, Rear Guard marched around city one time; trumpets sounding, while people are silent. Demonstrating that Jericho was to know that the Israelites were there, they were not intimidated, but were there to carry out orders as directed.

Joshua 6:12-14 Continued same process for 6 days. People in Jericho would begin to know that it was simply a matter of time.

Joshua 6:15-21 City falls on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, after the 7<sup>th</sup> time circling the city. Everyone (except Rahab's family are killed) along with all of the animals. All the first spoils of the land belonged to God and not for the people.

Joshua 6:22-27 Rahab's family is spared. She later becomes an ancestor to King David and is listed in the genealogy of Jesus. Joshua also places a curse upon the person that would attempt to rebuild Jericho (see I Kings 16:34; when curse is fulfilled; nearly 500 years later). All the metal was devoted to the Lord.

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