

# batlle sequence

Dawn broke slowly over the Jordan Valley, pale light spilling across the plains like a held breath. The air felt different here—thinner, charged. Ahead, rising from the earth like a defiant monument, stood Jericho.

Its walls caught the early sun and burned gold against the horizon. Thick. Layered. Ancient. The city stood compact and fortified, every stone speaking of strength and permanence. From the outside, it looked immovable, secure behind gates that had been barred, guarded, reinforced.

Nothing about it suggested weakness. Nothing about it invited hope of easy victory.

The camp of Israel stirred below. Sand clung to sandals. Leather creaked as straps were tightened.

Men glanced toward the city and then away again, measuring its height with their eyes. Mothers drew children close. Soldiers adjusted their grips on spears that suddenly felt small against such towering walls.

The silence between the two camps felt heavy. Jericho waited behind its walls. Israel waited in the open. No battle lines had formed. No trumpet sounded. The city simply stood taunting them, unyielding and unimpressed.

Their first test inside of the promise, a formidable foe.

Would they trust the God who brought them here, even when the obstacle in front of them seemed impossible to overcome?

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The walls of Jericho cast a long shadow that morning.  
And Israel stood in it.

## definitions

Using a Bible app or the word glossary at the back of this book,  
look up each Strong's number to find the definitions.

### devoted to destrucion

STRONGS DEFINITION | H2764

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### saved alive

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Joshua 6:18 But you,  
keep yourselves from  
the things

lest when you have  
devoted them you  
take any of the  
devoted things and  
make the camp of  
Israel a thing for  
destruction and bring  
trouble upon it.

Joshua 6:25 But  
Rahab the prostitute  
and her father's  
household and all who  
belonged to her,  
Joshua  
And she has lived in  
Israel to this day,  
because she hid the  
messengers whom  
Joshua sent to spy out  
Jericho.

decode the text

Read | Joshua 6-2

Jericho was shut up. Its walls stood intact. Its gates  
were barred. From every visible angle, the city  
appeared secure.

What tension exists between what Joshua sees (v.1) and what the LORD declares (v.2)?

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Read Joshua 6:3-5

What elements of the LORD's instructions emphasize the spiritual battle rather than conventional warfare?

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Read Joshua 6: 8-14

The people march in silence while the trumpets continually sound. How does the daily repetition build tension within the narrative?

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Read Joshua 6:15-16

Identify the "sevens." How does the repetition of "seven" throughout the passage connect to themes of completion or divine fulfillment within the covenant storyline?

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# DEVOTED TO *destruction*

When archaeologists cleared the ruined layers of ancient Jericho, they unearthed a startling scene: rows of storage jars packed with grain, their contents blackened and charred by fire. Archaeologists found so much food caught in the destruction that it was impossible to be an oversight. Grain in the ancient Near East was a valuable commodity, traded and plundered in times of conquest. Under ordinary circumstances, victors would have taken such stores as spoils. Why, then, was the grain left to burn?

*because...*

the Lord commanded the Israelites to devote the city and everything in it to Him.

The jars found bore witness to that command. Charred but still full, they speak of a swift, decisive end: a heavily fortified city with plentiful food and water would normally withstand a long siege, yet the biblical account records Jericho's fall after only seven days.

The untouched granaries suggest the defenders consumed little before the assault ended, and the burned jars remain a mute, powerful testimony to the Israelites' obedience and to the historicity behind the ancient narrative.

## rules of engagement

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE "BATTLES OF JERICHO"

Let's return to the story with a different purpose—application.

Jericho is a powerful picture of victory in the walk by faith.

Let's identify the "rules of engagement" for a life that walks by faith.







## stepping forward



There will be moments when obedience goes unnoticed—no applause, no immediate results, no visible change in what you've been praying for. You will do what God asked, and everything may look the same.

That is where faith lives.

The life of the Spirit is found in steady choosing—trust when you don't understand, restraint when you want to react, courage when fear grows loud. Most victories come disguised as ordinary obedience.

You may not see movement in the unseen realm, but heaven is never idle. God is always working beyond your sight.

Your part is not to produce outcomes. It is to remain faithful.

Stay where He has placed you. Do what He has clearly said. When the process feels slow, resist taking control. The flesh wants speed; the Spirit grows roots. And roots matter more.

Keep praying. Keep opening His Word. Keep turning from compromise. Keep walking in integrity. Quiet obedience is powerful.

One day you'll see that those repeated, faithful steps were forming an unshakable soul.

So do not grow weary. If God has spoken, hold steady. If He has instructed, continue. If He has promised, trust His timing.

Steadfast endurance proves faith.