

Consider Jericho Joshua 6

40 years wandering in wilderness
God provided, manna & doves, water **Deuteronomy 29:1-9** (providential care)
Moses to die, Joshua to lead.
Moses visible in defeat of Pharaoh
Joshua to be established as God's chosen leader

Jericho

2 spies & Rahab - **Joshua 2:8-11**

Jordan crossing

12 stone memorial

Joshua 5 - Plains of Jericho

Circumcision of those born in wilderness wandering

Passover at Gilgal

Ate first produce from Canaan

Captain of Lord's hosts

Joshua 6

Jericho fearful of Israel

City under 10 acres in size

Double walled - 6ft thick outer wall, 12ft thick inner

~15ft between, 25 - 30 feet tall

Imposing approach each morning

walked beside wall around entire city

7th day 7 times around

trumpet & shout

walls fell outward, debris formed a ramp

Israel walked up ramp into city

Destroyed everything with fire!

Exception - Silver, Gold, Bronze & Iron put in Lord's treasury

Grain, clothes, furnishings, houses, men, women, children

What can We Learn?

Demonstration of God's power is a motivator.

Descendants of those who left Egypt only knew God's care personally. Just a few battles won. His power over enemies, Egypt, was told in stories.

While God's providential care is a powerful incentive, there is nothing like a display of His Awesome power to motivate men to submit to His Will

This was a rebuke & punishment of Canaanites sinful ways.

Promises to Abraham included this (Genesis)

Seeing God's vengeance motivated Israel to obey

Much of New Testament teaching deals with God's punishment of the wicked

Hebrews 10:26-31

We need to include "Fear of God" in our teaching!

With God We Can Conquer All

Imposing fortified city - impenetrable

God removed the obstacle

Philippians 4:13

God Saves His Way

Ridiculous battle plan in human eyes

God's grace gave Jericho to Israel - **Joshua 6:2**

Salvation is by the grace of God - **Ephesians 2:5**

Israel's Faith delivered Jericho - **Hebrews 11:30**

We are saved by similar faith - **Romans 5:1-2, James 2:20**

Certainly we see Obedience to God's Plan is the way.

If we live in His Word, He will see us through all our battles.