

Inheriting the Land of Promise
JOSHUA



The Fall of
Jericho

Joshua 6:1-27

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1. The Lord's peculiar procedure



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- the prominence of the ark of the covenant
- the repetition of the number "seven" (14x)
- the passivity of the people

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➤ *Lessons*

- the conquest is entirely the Lord's work
- the response of God's people is faith and obedience (c.f. Heb. 11:30)

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2. The Lord's peculiar demand

➤ *"herem" (Heb.)*

- someone or something that was absolutely and irrevocably "devoted" to the Lord so that it could not be redeemed
- any person or thing so devoted was to be utterly destroyed (except precious metal)

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2. The Lord's peculiar demand

➤ *Purposes of "herem"*

- (1) the execution of God's just judgment on unrepentant, idolatrous enemies

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- (2) the protection of God's people from the corruption of idolatry

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- (3) the eradication of all idolatry and detestable practices from the Lord's land

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3. The Lord's merciful exception

➤ *Rahab the harlot*

- she is a paradigm of one who escapes the judgment of God through faith
- God's mercy is available to anyone who comes in faith, even in the last hour