

There's more to the story (Jericho) **Joshua 6**

After the wilderness journey the believing Israelites enter the land of promise. The first city they conquer after crossing the Jordan is Jericho (Jericho is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world). Jericho is going to represent the kingdoms of this world that God will destroy and overtake on the last day as He brings the New Jerusalem (The true Promised Land) to this earth. The Lord will destroy the kingdoms of the world as well as the great adversary of this world (Satan) upon His glorious return.

Kingdoms of the world verses:

- **Matthew 4:8-9** Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.
- **Luke 4:5-6** And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.
- **John 18:36** Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."
- **Colossians 1:13-14** For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Kingdoms of this earth destroyed verses (God's kingdom reigns forever):

- **Daniel 2:44-45** In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be ^[av]left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place ^[aw]in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy."
- **Daniel 7:26-27** But the court will sit *for judgment*, and his dominion will be taken away, ^[ae]annihilated and destroyed ^[af]forever. ²⁷Then the ^[ag]sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of *all* the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the ^[ah]saints of the Highest One; His kingdom *will be* an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'

What makes the walls of the kingdom of Jericho come down? It does not come down by traditional means such as weapons or physical contact of any means, but by the **words out of their mouth** and the **sound of trumpets.**

Trumpets. There were 7 priests carrying 7 trumpets who would carry and blow the trumpets around city of Jericho one time per day for day 1-6 and seven times on the 7th day. On the 7th day after the 7th time marching around the order was given to shout.

- **1 Thess 4:13-18** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep ^[a]in Jesus. ¹⁵For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive ^[b]and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a ^[c]shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive ^[d]and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.
- **Rev 11:15-19** (the 7th trumpet) Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His ^[u]Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." ¹⁶And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. ¹⁸And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to ^[k]reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the ^[l]saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth." ¹⁹And the ^[m]temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His ^[n]temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great ^[o]hailstorm.

Words out of the mouth **Rev 19:11-16** And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. ¹³ He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. ¹⁵ From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. ¹⁶ And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

bThe ark of the covenant was present at the fall of Jericho **Rev 11:15-19** Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. ¹⁸ And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth." ¹⁹ And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

What do we know about the ark? It was the most holy object in the temple and was the place God met with His people in His glory. Everything in it (manna, 10 commandments, Aaron's rod) represents Christ. The Ark also has the mercy seat with the 2 angels on each which is a type and shadow of Jesus in His death as He is the true mercy seat and propitiation for our sins). In our eternal home God Himself will dwell with us forever in His glory as we see Him as He is.

Destroyed with fire (**Joshua 6:24**). Christ is coming in fire on the Last Day (**2 Peter 3:10-13**)(**2 Thess 1:5-10**)(**Matt 13:41-43**) and all those who are of this world will suffer the eternal lake of fire (**Rev 20:14-15**)

Rahab is a Gentile and she is spared by faith! The mystery of the gospel in the OT. (Joshua 2-Scarlet cord in the window)- As a result of Rahab helping the spies, they made her a promise that they would spare her and her family when they invaded Jericho if she tied a scarlet cord in her window. This is similar to looking for the blood being applied to door at the Passover.

- **Psalms 145:13** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
- **Hebrews 1:8** But of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom.
- **Matthew 25:31-34** "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; ³³ and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The wall of Jericho falling are a shadow pointing the Lord conquering the kingdom of the world on the last day to establish His eternal kingdom in the eternal promised land. All those who believe and are in union with the true Vine, the true Israel of God which is Christ will after their wilderness journey enter the eternal promised land on the new earth. Now as we live and walk on this earth we are living among the kingdoms of this world. However, on the last day when the wrath of God is poured out, the kingdom of the world will come the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He will reign forever. He will destroy the kingdom of the world on the last trumpet and with word coming out of His mouth which is the sharp sword as the walls will fall and He will establish His eternal kingdom. We like Rahab can enter and dwell in the promised land by faith. When the Israelites came to conquer the city, they looked for the scarlet cord in the window of Rahab and by her faith her life was spared, and she could dwell in the land. When the true Israel of God comes on the last day, He will be looking not for a scarlet cord tied in faith, but rather the scarlet blood of the Passover Lamb applied in faith. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **There's more to the story!!!**

