

BIBLE STUDY

LEARNING THE BIBLE WITH AUDIO AND VIDEO SUPPORT

SERMON SERIES

The foundation of all Truth and Knowledge

FALL HOLY DAY SERIES

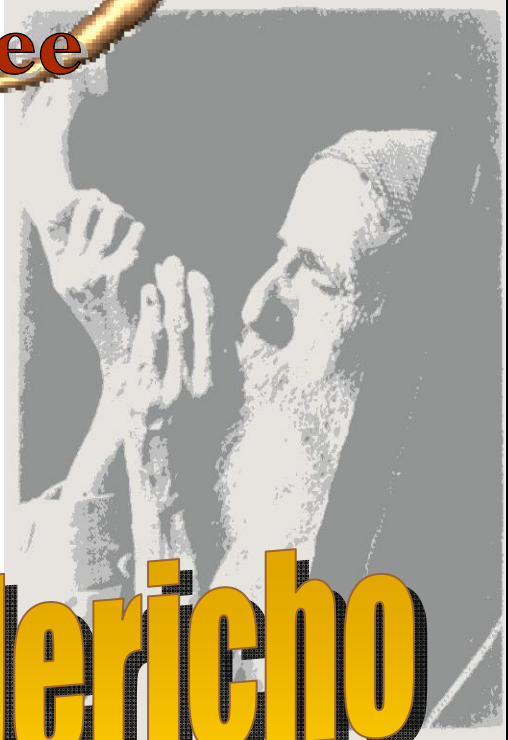
Joshua and the Promised Land Part Three

Forward

Wonderful stories have been written about Joshua crossing the Jordan and his numerous triumphant battles in settling the Promised Land. Inspiring songs have been written and are sung every week of how the "Walls Came Tumbling Down." Yet, with all that is written, sung and studied, few Christians understand that God has hidden deep within those scriptures the mysteries of the future coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

That is because most do not understand the duality of God's plan of salvation.

This Bible Study Lesson will cover those accounts and unveil what has been hidden for centuries to most professing Christianity. You will see from the pages of your own Bible how the past gives us the insight into the time prophesied to take place just before the arrival of our own "Promised Land," the millennial reign of Jesus Christ.



Conquest of Jericho



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before you begin, we recommend you first view the DVD in it's entirety. These sermons / studies are terrific for sermon messages for Sabbath Services. They are also the perfect way to lead into a group Bible Study. If you prefer, you can view them privately or with your family for your own personal studies. Once you have viewed the DVD, test your knowledge by answering all the questions in the accompanying materials. Be sure to read all the scriptures quoted in the materials or on the DVD. This way you won't be taking our word for it, you will be proving God's Word for yourself. Finally, view the DVD again with the questions and answers in hand; pausing the DVD from time to time to find all the answers to complete your study.

Whether you use this study personally or with a group, God's Holy Spirit will lead you into truth and understanding that will open your mind to a greater and deeper understanding. Each study you complete will enrich your life as only God can do. May God bless you as you learn more of His way and His Holy Word. Finally, as with all things, we recommend you begin your study with prayer, asking God to open your mind to understand His way and guide your every step.

**The Church of God,
Ministries International**

PRESENTS

**THE
BIBLE STUDY
SERMON SERIES**

© 2006 by The Church of God,
Ministries International
All Rights Reserved

Published in Gretna Louisiana, by The Church of God, Ministries International for free use and distribution. This is not to be sold.

This material has been paid for by others called out by God Almighty to proclaim the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God, and the return of Jesus Christ as the ruling King.

NOTICE: Be sure to notify the Correspondence Course Department immediately of any change in your address. Please include your old and new address.

The Conquest Of Jericho

This is the third and final lesson in the "Joshua and the Promised Land" series.

In this lesson we pick up the story following the Israelite's crossing of the Jordan, their circumcision, and their encampment in Gilgal. The children were now prepared to follow God's instructions to attack Jericho.

Jericho was the gateway into the Promised Land. It was also the major city on the trading route from Egypt to the south, and the cities to the north. You can see from the illustrations in the Sermon, it could withstand nearly all armies that would come against it. There was no way to prepare for what God had in store for them. From the story of Jericho, we find one of the most remarkable tales ever preserved for God's people. It gives us the insight into Prophecy, just before the return of Jesus Christ.

FINDING THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS

Each question is designed to let the Bible answer the question for you. Be sure to read each scripture and let the Bible give you the answers to interpret itself.

Promised Protection to God's Elect

1. Does God give protection to those who listen to His warning?
Joshua 6:17

2. Did God's protection extend to her family? Same Verse Josh. 6:17

Comment: Scripture shows us repeatedly, that in God's Mercy He often extends His Blessing to others who are not antagonistic to God, and to those who help His people.

3. Did God remove Rahab to a place of safety before the final Trump? Josh. 2:15, Josh 6:20-25

DUALITY OF EVENTS

Day one	-	First Seal	False Christ	Rev. 6:1-2
Day Two	-	Second Seal	War	Rev. 6:3-4
Day Three	-	Third Seal	Famine	Rev. 6:5-6
Day Four	-	Fourth Seal	Death	Rev. 6:7-8
Day Five	-	Fifth Seal	Martyrdom	Rev. 6:9-11
Day Six	-	Sixth Seal	Heavenly Signs	Rev. 6:12-17
Day Seven	-	Seventh Seal / Seven Trumpets of the Seven Last Plagues		

Revelation chapters 8 - 12

First Trumpet - a third of trees and grass burnt up

Second Trumpet - a third part of the sea, its creatures, and ships destroyed

Third Trumpet - a third part of the rivers become worm wood (uninhabitable/bitter)

Fourth Trumpet - a third of the stars and moon darken, sun does not shine a third part of the day

Final three woes -

Fifth Trumpet

Sixth Trumpet

Seventh Trumpet

Rahab's home was located on one of the exterior walls of Jericho. When the walls fell, God protected her in her home. God didn't need to take her to a place of safety to protect her from the tribulation that was about to strike Jericho.

4. Does the New Testament show us that that God will seal His elect during the time of tribulation that lies ahead? Rev. 7:2-8

Comment: These verses also show us that at the time of the end, the twelve tribes of Israel are still in existence. People today believe that only the Jews are still in existence today, that the rest of the tribes are lost and gone forever. These verses show us clearly that "all twelve tribes" of Israel still are in existence.

God's Instructions

The Israelites were instructed to circle the city once every day. On the seventh day they were to circle the city seven times. At the end of the seventh time around the city the priest, were instructed to sound the Trumpets.

1. After the final trip around the city, what were they instructed to do when they heard the sound of the Trumpets? Josh 6:5

2. Does this have any significance to the N.T.? Rev. 11:15

3. What happened when the people shouted? Josh. 6:20

4. What will happen in the future when God's Angels shout? Rev. 11:15, Rev. 16:17-18, 19

Comment: These events have a direct bearing on the time that Jesus prophesied would come. Matt. 24:1-2

5. What else were the Israelites instructed to do once the walls fell down? Josh 6:24

6. Does this correspond with the events prophesied to take place just before the return of Jesus Christ? Rev. 18:1-8

Christ Returns at the Last Trump

1. Is Christ to return at the last Trump? Rev. 11:15,

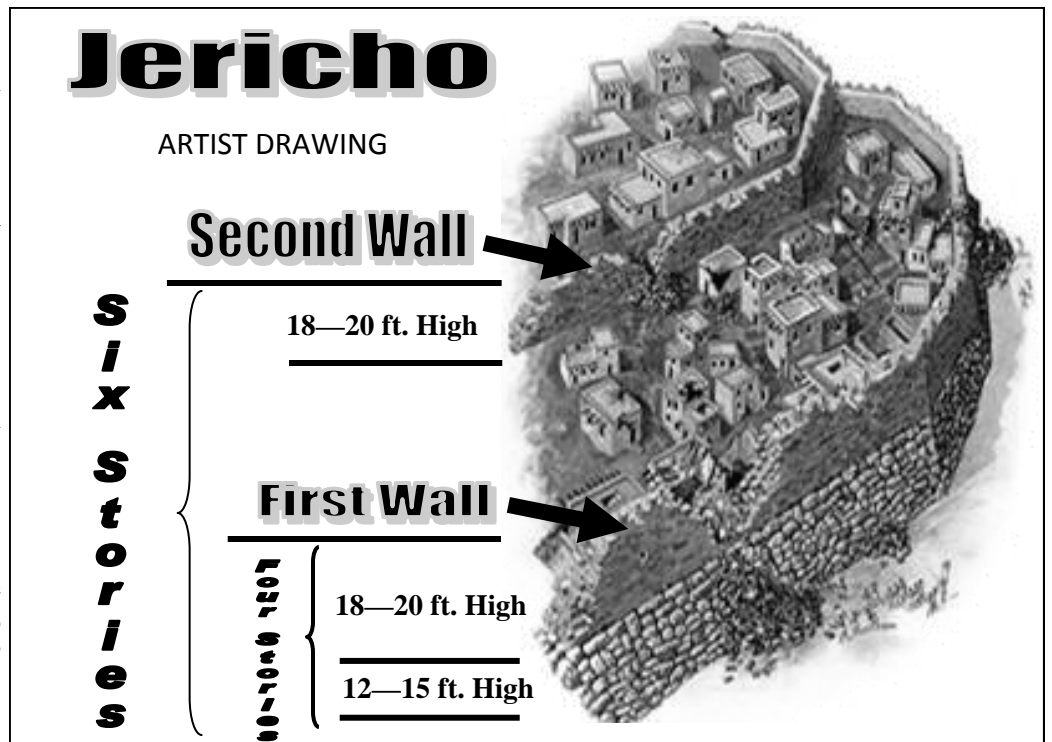
2. Who will be with Christ when He comes? Rev. 14:1-5, Rev. 7:9, 14-15, Rev. 17:14

Comment: All of those that are called in this life, who have repented will be with Christ at His coming. This includes all mankind who have overcome from the beginning of recorded time until the seventh Trump.

3. Are there any requirements God considers when He chooses His elect? Rev. 12:17, 14:12, 22:14

The act of keeping the commandments cannot earn you salvation. Eternal life is a gift freely given by Jesus Christ. Through His sacrifice He overcame sin and freely grants mercy to whom He chooses. However, the Bible clearly states, many times over, obedience is a requirement to obtain that free gift.

4. Will He be accepted by the rest of the world at His return? Rev. 11:18, Rev. 17:14





Jericho was located in a valley on the main trading route of the nations to the north and all the cities of the foreign lands, including Nineveh and Babylon. Jericho was the link for the countries to the south including Egypt. It was also the hub of the shipping lanes for the countries on the Mediterranean Sea. (The Great Sea)

Jericho was the gateway to the "Promised Land." To obtain entrance into the Promised Land and to have peace, the existing powers had to be removed. Jericho was the first and most powerful of all the cities to be overthrown.

Removing the Present Ruler of This World

1. What must Christ do when He returns? Rev. 14:8-11, Vision of Armageddon: Rev. 14:14-20, Rev. 19:17-19
2. What is the fate of this present world? Rev. 15, Rev. 16, Rev. 18:1-8
3. What will happen to those who partake of this world's sins? Rev. 14:9-11
4. Will Christ return as a conquering King? Rev. 19:11-16
5. What is the ultimate fate of Babylon? (Jericho in Type) Rev. 18:8, Josh. 6:24

Comment: When Christ returns, this world and all its powers will gather together to fight Christ. The modern world is often referred to by the Bible as modern day Babylon, because it has adopted its governmental structure, and the pagan religions. This modern Babylonian system must be overthrown when Christ re-

turns. Rev.17. shows us the events pictured to take place in the very near future.

Summary

At that time Jesus Christ will establish His Kingdom, an Everlasting Kingdom that has no end. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulders. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this." Isa. 9:6-7

Jericho is pictured in type as the existing power of the day. Nearly all roads went passed Jericho. All trade going north or south and all commerce had to go through that city. It was the gateway to the north and south. It was also the center of religious worship, housing the pagan religions of that day. God has recorded, for our understanding, the overthrowing of the beast power, and the false prophet.

