

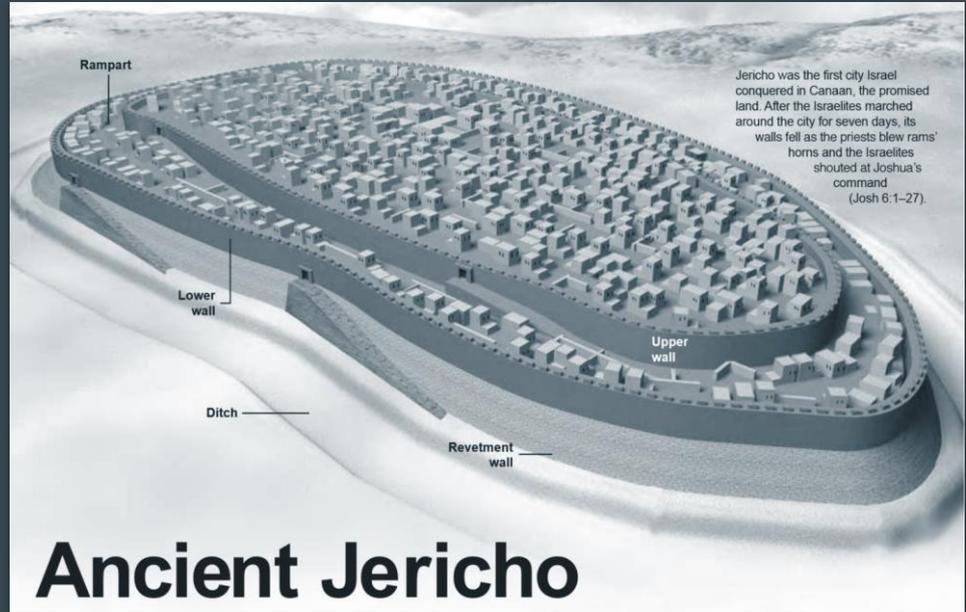
Yes, He Still Can!

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What can we learn from the battle of Jericho?

The battle of Jericho

Excavations there reveal that its fortifications featured a stone wall 3.3 high and 4.2 metre wide. At its top was a smooth stone slope, angling upward at 35 degrees for 10.6 metre, where it joined massive stone walls that towered even higher. It was virtually impregnable.



Joshua 6:1-20

What can this story teach us?

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope” ([Romans 15:4](#)).

The vast difference between God's way and the way of man

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” ([Isaiah 55:8–9](#)).

His power is supernatural, beyond comprehension

“He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.” ([Psalm 147:4-5](#))

The uncompromising relationship between the grace of God our faith and obedience to Him

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days” ([Hebrews 11:30](#)).

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him. ([1 John 3:2-5](#)).

Faith without works is dead

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead ([James 2:26](#))

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#))

He keeps His Promises

And the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor([Joshua 6:2](#))

And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. ([Hebrew 6:11](#))

What is your Jericho?

What is standing as an obstacle to the promises God has given you?

Yours may be related to your job, finances, ministry, marriage, children, family, physical and mental health, relationships, stage in life? One of mine for example, is sharing the gospel with others.

But we all have them, don't we?



More than conquerors

1. **Look up:** do not focus on the obstacle, but on the commander.
2. **Fall on your face:** listen to his commands
3. **Take off your shoes:** wait in the presence of God
4. **March and shout:** have faith, obey and be patient

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ([Romans 8:37-39](#))

Conclusion

Most important is that obedience, even when God's commands seem foolish, brings victory. When we are faced with seemingly insurmountable odds, we must learn that our Jericho victories are won only when our faithful obedience to God is complete.

([Hebrews 5:9](#); [1 John 2:3](#); [5:3](#)).

He can still do today, what he did for the Israelites then!