

## COLLAPSE OF JERICHO'S WALLS

**Introduction:** It is always a special thrill to win a victory over our enemies and so it was for Joshua. The first enemy city that Joshua faced in the land of Canaan was Jericho. Before that happened, he received special instructions from his Commander-in-Chief (Christ before he became a man). Christ told him that the men who were 40 years old and younger had to be circumcised before they could inherit the Promised Land, which they had not done since they left Egypt. Then Christ gave Joshua His strategy for conquering Jericho. It was a most unusual tactic, but Joshua responded with faith and obeyed Him in every detail. Victory was granted to Joshua and his troops. The victory that Joshua had over this city provides several lessons that will help us gain victory over our enemies: the world, the devil, and the flesh (Eph 2:2-3).

**Lesson Aim:** Learn basic principles to gain spiritual victory over the enemies of our souls

**Memory Verse:** "Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:57).

### Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:

#### I. The Covenant of Israel — 5:1-12

1. What effect did Israel's miraculous crossing of the Jordan have on the people in Jericho? 5:1
2. Why did Joshua have the men of Israel circumcised? 5:5-7
3. What did the LORD do when the Israelite men were circumcised? 5:9
4. What does the Passover mean that Israel kept before they conquered Jericho? 5:10; Ex 12:27
5. What stopped when Israel ate the grain of the land? 5:12

#### II. The Conquest of Jericho — 5:13-6:27

##### A. The Commander-in-Chief — 5:13-15

6. What did Joshua do when he met the Commander of the LORD's host (army)? 5:14-15
  - a.
  - b.

##### B. The Commands for Conquest — 6:1-7

7. What strange strategy did the Commander give Joshua for the conquest of Jericho? 6:3-5

##### C. The Capture of Jericho — 6:8-27

8. Who were to be kept alive that lived in Jericho? 6:17; see 6:22-23
9. Rahab is in the genealogy of Christ (Mt 1:5). What else is said of her in Heb 11:31? In Jam 2:25?
10. Everything in Jericho belonged to God, what would happen someone took something in Jericho? 6:18
  - a.
  - b.
11. What was to be done with the metal found in Jericho? 6:19; see 6:24
12. What was done to Jericho? 6:24