

Jericho

Joshua 6

CHAPTER 6

1 Now Jericho was shut up and was barred, because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. **2** And Jehovah said to Joshua, See, I have given into thy hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and* the valiant men. **3** And ye shall go round the city, all the men of war, encompassing the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. **4** And seven priests shall carry before the ark seven blast-trumpets; and on the seventh day ye shall go round the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. **5** And it shall come to pass when they make a long blast with the blast-horn, that all the people on hearing the sound of the trumpet shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall flat, and the people shall go up, each one straight before him. **6** And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, Carry the ark of the covenant, and seven priests shall carry seven blast-trumpets before the ark of Jehovah. **7** And he said to the people, Pass on, go round the city, and they that are armed shall pass on before the ark of Jehovah. **8** And it came to pass when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests carrying the seven blast-trumpets before Jehovah passed on and blew with the trumpets; and the ark of the covenant of Jehovah went after them. **9** And the armed men went before the priests who blew with the trumpets, and the rearguard came after the ark; they blew with the trumpets in marching. **10** And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, neither shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, Shout; then shall ye shout. **11** And the ark of Jehovah went round the city, encompassing *it* once; and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp. **12** And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests carried the ark of Jehovah. **13** And the seven priests carrying the seven blast-trumpets before the ark of Jehovah went on and blew continually with the trumpets; and the armed men went before them, and the rearguard went after the ark of Jehovah; they blew with the trumpets in marching. **14** And on the second day they went round the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did six days. **15** And it was so that on the seventh day they rose early, about the morning-dawn, and went round the city after the same manner seven times; only on that day they went round the city seven times. **16** And it came to pass the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people, Shout; for Jehovah has given you the city. **17** And the city shall be accursed, it and all that is in it, to Jehovah; only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that

are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. **18** But in any wise keep from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed in taking of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. **19** And all the silver, and gold, and vessels of copper and iron, shall be holy to Jehovah; they shall come into the treasury of Jehovah. **20** And the people shouted, and they blew with the trumpets. And it came to pass when the people heard the sound of the trumpets, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat; and the people went up into the city, each one straight before him, and they took the city. **21** And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city; both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword. **22** And Joshua said to the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house and bring out thence the woman, and all that she has, as ye swore unto her. **23** And the young men, the spies, went in and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had: all her kindred did they bring out, and they left them outside the camp of Israel. **24** And they burned the city with fire, and all that was therein; only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of copper and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of Jehovah. **25** And Joshua saved alive Rahab the harlot, and her father's household, and all that she had, and she dwelt in the midst of Israel to this day; because she hid the messengers whom Joshua had sent to spy out Jericho. **26** And Joshua swore at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before Jehovah who shall rise up and build this city Jericho! In his first-born shall he lay its foundation, and in his youngest son shall he set up its gates. **27** And Jehovah was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land.