

CHURCH IN REGINA

Eph. 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

HWMR Week 2—Possessing the Land of Canaan by Defeating the Satanic Forces

The Destruction of Jericho

Joshua 6 is a record of the first warfare and destruction by Israel in the land of Canaan. In order for the children of Israel to gain the good land, they had to defeat the enemy and drive out the evil forces. Nevertheless, **the children of Israel actually did not need to fight**. When they crossed the Jordan, **God did everything**. In the same principle, God's people did not need to do anything to destroy Jericho. They only needed to believe and trust in God, to listen to the instruction from the Captain of the army of Israel, and to exalt Christ by bearing the ark. From this we see that **in the spiritual warfare the first thing we should do is exalt Christ**.

Jericho was strongly fortified. But when the king heard what Jehovah had done for His people, his heart melted and he lost his spirit, his boldness. Not knowing what to do, he shut the gates of the city and used the walls to protect himself and his people. There was no traffic, no coming in or going out. This indicates that the powers of darkness were bound, that there was a real binding of the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. The king trusted in the wall, knowing that the Israelites did not have any weapons to breach the wall. Even though the Israelites had crossed the Jordan, he did not think that they would be able to cross the wall. He did not have any thought concerning what God would do. It was an easy matter for God to destroy the wall.

In verse 2 Jehovah told Joshua that He had given Jericho, its king, and the mighty men of war into Joshua's hand. Then God instructed Joshua to have the men of war with the priests bearing the ark circle the city, going around it one time. This they were to do for six days. Seven other priests were charged to carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of Jehovah. The priests did not blow their trumpets according to their own will. Instead, **they waited for the captain to give the command. They needed instructions and leading, just as we today need the leading and guiding of the Spirit**.

For the first six days, the army of Israel just walked around the city with the ark, which typified Christ as the embodiment of God. I believe that many of the people of Jericho were on the wall watching, wondering what the people of Israel were doing. On the seventh day, the Sabbath day, the situation was different. **Israel actually did not have to fight but enjoyed the Sabbath, that is, enjoyed the rest**. They walked around the city seven times, and then the visible captain gave the command: "Shout!" The priests trumpeted, the people shouted, and the wall fell down. The city was utterly destroyed, and a curse was placed on anyone who would rise up and build it. **The way that Israel conquered Jericho was a strong testimony that Israel's God, Jehovah, is a true and living God**.

Church Meetings:

Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays
7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Group Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young Peoples' Meeting

Saturdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference

November 25-28, 2021

Winter Training

December 20-25, 2021

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NEW LANGUAGE

**Christ is the
Author of Life
in Whom is
Life.**

We may apply this account of the destruction of Jericho to the matter of preaching the gospel. As we take up the burden to visit sinners, we need to realize that **every sinner is a “fortified city” that has been cursed**. In dealing with such a fortified city, we must exercise patience, considering when we should be silent and when we should speak. This means that we should follow the Lord’s leading. **At the right time**, the proper declaration will be very effective, and there will be a Sabbath day in which we can shout, “Praise the Lord! **Jesus is Lord! Christ is Victor!**” **The “wall” will fall, and we will be able to defeat all the demons and possess that sinner for Christ** (Excerpts from the Life-Study of Joshua, ch. 7).

The Destruction of All the Rest of the Nations in the Hill Country and the Lowland West of the Jordan and On All the Shore of the Great Sea

Joshua 10 through 12 show Joshua’s destruction of all the rest of the nations in the hill country and the lowland west of the Jordan and on all the shore of the great sea. The strongest people in Canaan were in a strip of land from Lebanon in the north to Egypt in the south and from the Mediterranean Sea to the river Jordan. These people included the Anakim, a race of giants. According to Numbers 13:33, the sons of Anak were from the Nephilim. Genesis 6 reveals that the Nephilim were the issue of the evil union between the daughters of men and fallen angels. Because of the Nephilim, God charged His elect to slaughter everyone in the land. **God is kind, loving, and merciful, but He is also severe because He has an enemy on earth.**

God made the earth in His economy, and He purposely created a strip of land between the River Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea. God promised this land to Abraham and his descendants. Eventually, this land became the land of Christ, the land of Immanuel (Isa. 8:8). But when Israel was ready to take possession of Canaan, it was filled with demon-possessed people, idol worshippers, and Nephilim. Joshua slaughtered them (Josh. 11:21-22), but some on the mountain were quite strong, so Caleb came in and conquered them (14:6-14).

The significance of this is that without Joshua we cannot fully understand the spiritual warfare in Ephesians 6. **There is spiritual warfare in the invisible scene behind the visible scene.** This means that in addition to war on the earth, **there is a war between God and Satan in the air.** The heavenlies are full of Satan’s forces. Christ is our good land, and God wants us to gain Christ, but there is a layer of devilish, demonic forces between us and the good land. **If we would take possession of the good land for our enjoyment, we have to defeat these satanic forces.**

Joshua conquered many nations and killed many kings, but he conquered only a narrow strip of land. According to Joshua 1, the land stretched from the Mediterranean to the Euphrates. The good land was wide and spacious; however, Israel’s territory never spread to the Euphrates. Since there was much fighting and rebellion after the time of Joshua, there was not the opportunity for God’s people to build a temple. When David gained more land and there was a time of peace, Solomon, David’s son, was able to build the temple of God to set up God’s kingdom on earth.

In principle, our situation is the same in the Lord’s recovery today. **Our standing on the church ground annuls the standing of all the denominations**, and this stirs up opposition. **We are God’s Israel, and we have our Captain, but the Lord’s recovery is still involved in a struggle.** **Every day we need to engage in spiritual warfare.**

We all need to know **what the recovery is, where the recovery is, and what kind of persons** can take the recovery on. **We all need to see that in the Lord’s recovery today we are on a battlefield.** We should be today’s Joshua and Caleb, fighting against Satan’s aerial forces so that we can gain more of Christ for the building up of the Body of Christ, setting up and spreading the kingdom of God so that Christ can come back to inherit the earth. **It is not adequate for us simply to be spiritual and holy.** We need to learn of Joshua and Caleb to represent God’s interest in this age to fight down the enemies that Christ can be gained by people and that Christ can be increased by His pursuers (Excerpts from the Life-Study of Joshua, ch. 10).

Announcements:

1. Church Pursuit on November 11 via Zoom at 4pm.
2. 2021 Canada Brothers Conference on November 13 via Zoom.
3. Love feast on November 14. Conference for all the churches in Canada, all ages, on November 14 via Zoom.
4. Thanksgiving Conference on November 25 to 28.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord reveal to us the good land as a type of Your all-inclusiveness. Make us ready to cross the Jordan and possess the land. Equip us to fight the spiritual warfare and obtain full rest in You.
2. Bring us to the full enjoyment and participation of the good land. You are the source of life and can satisfy all that we need. May nothing deprive us from taking You as the all-inclusive One.
3. Lord, we are ready to take the land. Strengthen us to fight the spiritual warfare where our fighting is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers and authorities in the air. We want to enjoy You as our inheritance today.
4. Give us a vision concerning the land. Empower us in the might of Your strength that we would put on the whole armor of God. Burden us and cause us to realize the need for spiritual warfare.
5. Thank You, Lord for fighting and leading us into victory. Grant us such a vision, faith, and assurance that You are with us as our Captain. We will blow the trumpets declaring Your victory.
6. Lord, we believe and trust in You. In today's warfare, we first exalt You, giving You the first place and preeminence in all things. Make us persons who transcend everything and overcome continually by praising You.

Other Burdens:

1. Pray for the migration of burdened saints to six designated European cities—Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome, and Zurich.
2. Fall University Conference for European University students on November 19 to 21. Please pray that the Lord will gain this generation of university students in Europe for His move to end the present age.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and meeting hall.
2. Pray for the small group meeting and that the brothers and sisters in the church to be vitalized. Whatever we bind on the earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever we loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven. Release this burden, the prayers and the one accord.
3. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
4. Lord, we did not choose You but You chose us and You have set us that we should go forth and bear fruit. We believe that whatever we ask the Father in Your name, He may give us. We pray for more fruit and more shepherding so we can all be revived and have remaining fruit.
5. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Life-study messages. May we see Christ in Exodus and speak the same thing—the new language.
6. Pray for Antonio Miranda and Cecil Miranda who recently completed their medical exam. Pray that the officer will find no issues and that their permanent residence visa will be issued as soon as possible.