

The spies stayed with a sinful woman named Rahab in the city of Jericho. When guards came, Rahab hid the spies on her roof & sent the guards outside the city gate, which locked them out.

Rahab said that the people were afraid that the Israelites would attack. The spies agreed to save her if she left the scarlet cord, which she used to let them down with, in the window.

Once they got close to Jericho, a commander of the Lord's army came and gave Joshua instructions on how to attack the city. The Israelites marched around the great walls of Jericho once a day for 6 days as God had told them to do.

The King of Jerusalem was upset that Gibeon became allies with Israel, so he and four other kings decided to attack them. The Israelites helped Gibeon fight the kings. God sent hailstones down and caused the sun to stay still for a day so Joshua could beat their armies.

On the 7th day, they marched 7 times. 7 of the priests played their trumpets as they had on the other days. God told the people to shout with the trumpets on their last lap. When they did, the walls fell down.

Joshua read the Book of the Law, which Moses wrote. Other kings heard about Israel and began to team up. The Gibeonites wanted peace, so they tricked Israel into believing that they had come from far away. Israel agreed without asking God first. They kept their promise when they found out the truth.

The Book of Joshua

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Joshua sent two spies into the land to gather information on the cities, especially Jericho.

In the beginning of Joshua, God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites into the promised land.

Shortly after the spies returned, the Israelites all followed the priests, who were carrying the ark of the covenant, to the Jordan River. As the priests stepped into it, the waters were parted. Everyone crossed through it and entered the promised land.

In the end, Joshua reminded the Israelites to stay faithful to God. He sent the tribes to their new land. Joshua died at 110 years old.

Then the people set up 12 stones from the river (one for each tribe) to remember God's miracle. The Israelites ate the food in the land instead of the manna and quail God provided in the wilderness.

After defeating a grand total of 31 kings, Israel had taken over a large amount of land. The land was divided to the 12 tribes as Moses had assigned it before he died.

God told Joshua to destroy everything except for Rahab, her family, and the precious metals which were for his treasury. He warned them that taking anything else would cause trouble to Israel. The people did what he asked.

A man named Achan did not listen. He took silver, gold, and a robe. This caused Israel to lose its battle against Ai. They caught Achan, who hid the things he stole under his tent. After Achan was punished, Israel fought Ai again and won.

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