

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

JOSHUA 6

Joshua 6

Joshua six records the battle of Jericho, familiar to many worldwide because of the amazing story it is and because it has been depicted in other stories, movies, and songs. Before we look at this miraculous story, let's see what happened immediately after the crossing of the Jordan River. God had to get the people of Israel into a frame of mind that would be in line with the Abrahamic and the Mosaic Covenants before the battles were to begin in the new land. First, the children of Israel had wandered in the wilderness for forty years and had not obeyed the critical step of circumcising their male children as a sign of God's covenant with Abraham. It was central to their identity as the people of God, and they had totally disregarded it for forty years. Joshua's first order of business was to see to this matter, so he ordered all males to be circumcised to roll away the reproach of Egypt.

"Then Joshua circumcised their sons whom He raised up in their place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed.

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' Therefore, the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day." (Joshua 5:7-9)

Second, they had not kept the "Passover" memorial supper designed to remember God's intervention through the "lamb's blood" on their doorposts to spare the firstborn among them. So, the children of Israel kept the Passover, as it was spring of the year and the day they kept the Passover, that is the day that the "manna" ceased and ***"they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year."*** (Joshua 5:12).

Read again the miraculous story of the destruction of Jericho. There were explicit commands to obey if God was to destroy the city. This is the way it always is with God. His victories come His way and not ours. His ways are not our ways. God was faithful to spare Rahab. He is always faithful.

Prayer and Action Steps

Pause and thank God that He is always faithful, even many times when we are not. Praise Him!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
