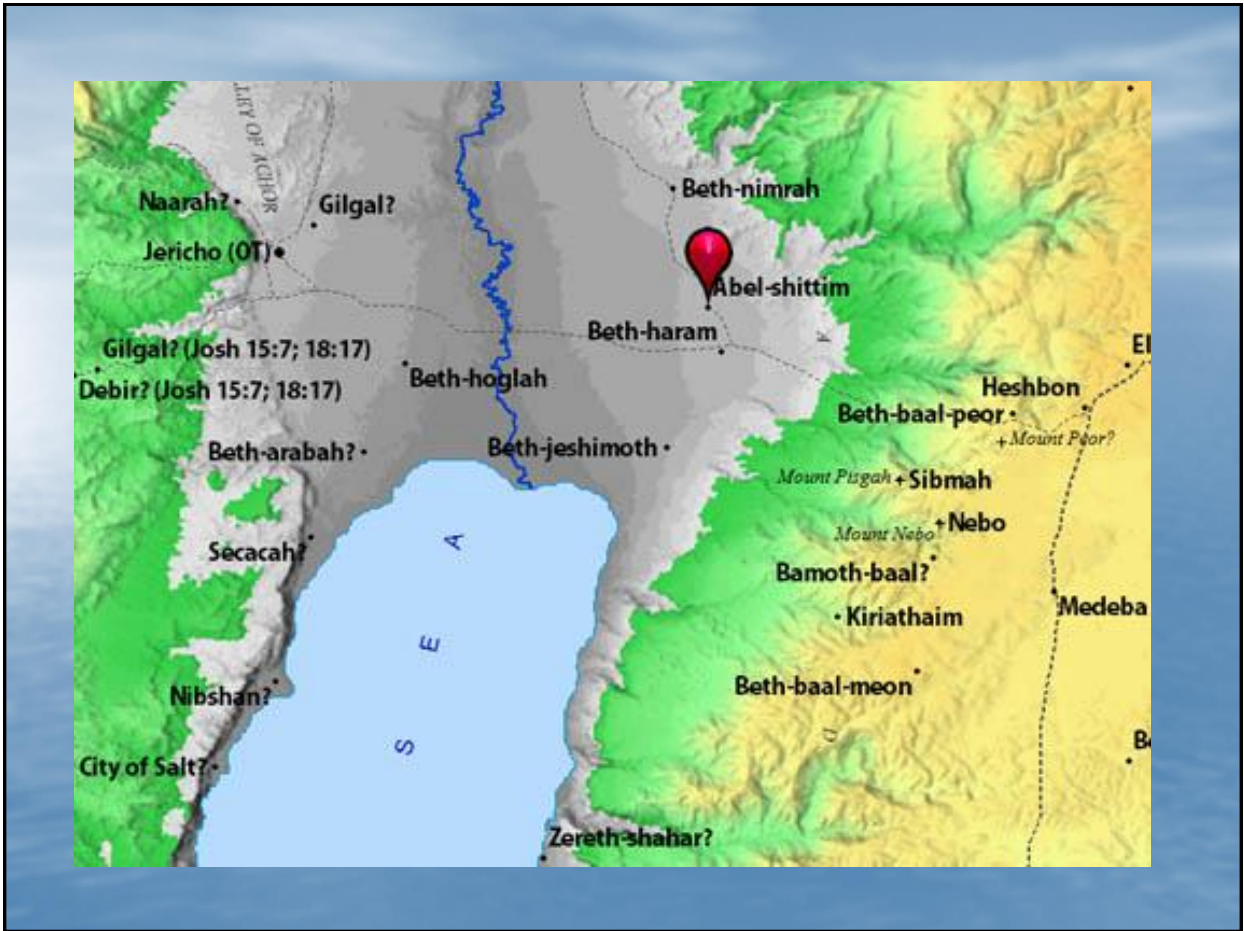


CONQUER IN CHRIST

Trust God's Promises

CONQUERORS IN CHRIST

- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 2:14** But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.





SPIES: ROUND 1

GOD'S PROMISE TO MOSES

- ^{NAS} **Exodus 3:7** And the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. ⁸ "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, ... ¹⁰ "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

DOUBTING GOD'S PROMISE

- ^{NAS} **Numbers 13:17** When Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, he said to them, "Go up there into the Negev; then go up into the hill country. ¹⁸ "And see what the land is like, and whether the people who live in it are strong *or* weak, whether they are few or many. ¹⁹ "And how is the land in which they live, is it good or bad? And how are the cities in which they live, are *they* like *open* camps or with fortifications? ²⁰ "And how is the land, is it fat or lean? Are there trees in it or not? ...



SPIES: ROUND 2

GOD'S PROMISE TO JOSHUA

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 1:2** "... now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. ³ "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses... ⁹ ...the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

TRUSTING GOD'S PROMISE

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 1:10** Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, ¹¹ "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you are to cross this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, to possess it.'"
- ^{NAS} **Joshua 2:1** Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from Shittim, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." ...



TRUST GOD'S PROMISES

RAHAB: A MODEL OF FAITH

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 11:31** By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.
- ^{NAS} **James 2:25** And in the same way was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works, when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?
- ^{NAS} **Matthew 1:5** and to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse;

RAHAB: EXEMPLARY FAITH

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 2:8** Now ... she came up to them on the roof, ⁹ and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before you. ¹⁰ "For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. ¹¹ "And when we heard *it*, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. ¹² "Now therefore, please swear to me by the LORD, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father's household ...

DIVINE PROVIDENCE: WHO?

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 2:1** Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from Shittim, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went and came into the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and lodged there.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE: WHERE?

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 2:15** Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall, so that she was living on the wall.

Ancient Jericho

Towns became bigger as their populations increased. This made their architecture and urban planning more complex and they required more space to expand. The possibility of storing food surpluses meant that part of the population quit agricultural activities to devote their time to other things. Artisans, priests, traders... The wealth of flourishing cities attracted greed of the nomadic tribes and forced their inhabitants to build protective walls around their cities. This was the case of Jericho, in the West Bank, Palestine. With a history of more than 11,000 years, this was the first fortified city known ever and, up to the present day, it is considered the first city in history.

Jericho, the first one

Natufan hunter groups settled in this spot in 12,000 BC before it became the city of Jericho. Towards 9,400 BC, the settlement had more than 70 houses with around a thousand inhabitants and something unprecedented: a 3.5m high and almost 2m thick wall and a stone tower that reached a height of 8.5 m.

7000 BC
The round houses made with adobe, similar to igloos, were substituted by rectangular ones. Sanctuaries and ovens appeared.

Houses
They had stone foundations, clay brick structure, 50 cm width walls and the roofs were covered with a mixture of reeds and clay.

Courtyards
The buildings usually had a 7 metre square courtyard used to cook and preventing smoke from entering inside the house.

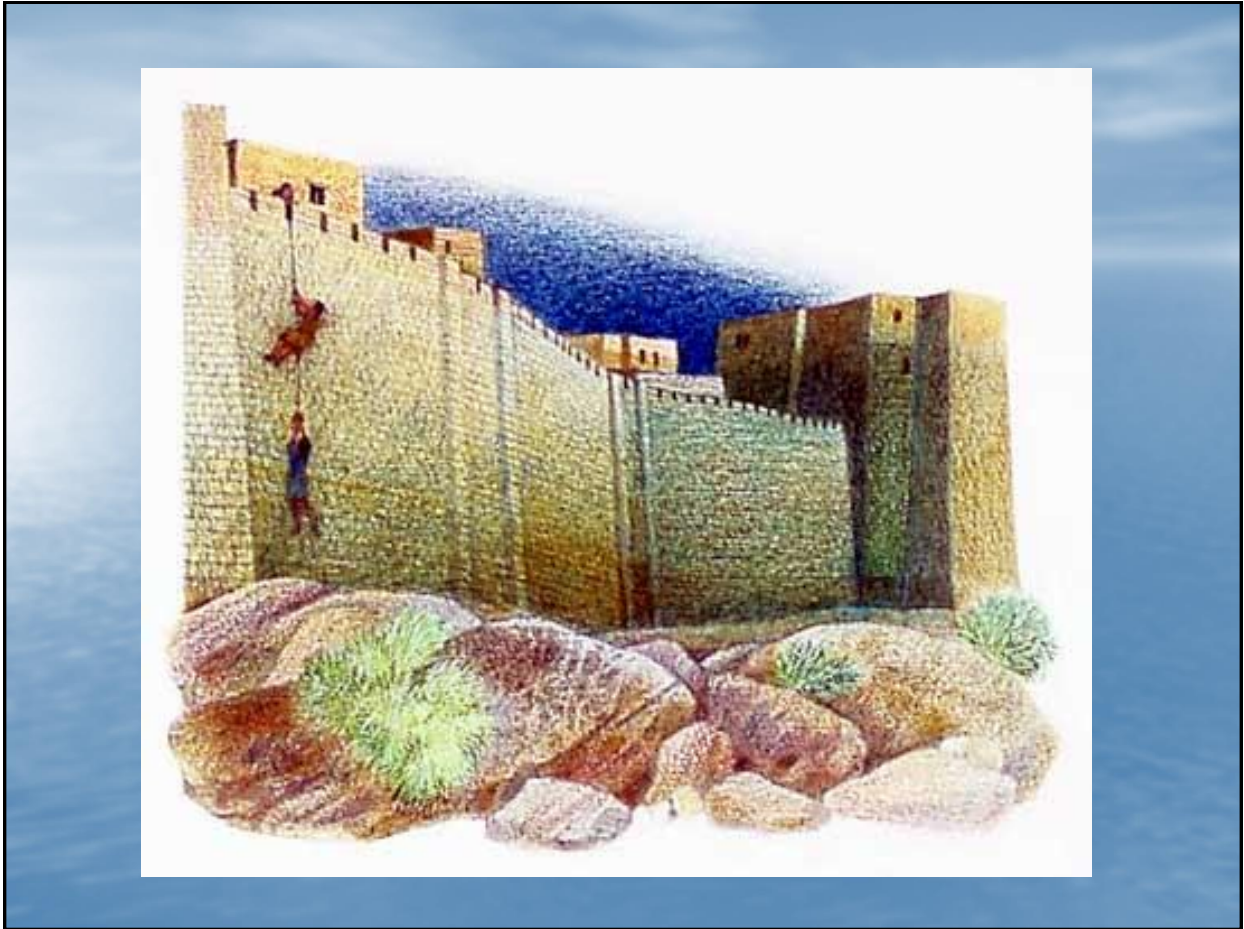
Double fortification
Similar to medieval fortifications, these were 3 m wide and more than 4 m high by 1700 BC. They were reconstructed at least 15 times.

Resources
There is evidence of cultivated plants and possible sheep breeding since 7200 BC. There was a water canal system.

The Jordan River
Jericho was favored by the river and trade. Its walls became thicker and were surrounded by a moat.

Two storeys
Two storey houses had a working area in the first floor and the rooms on the second floor.





DIVINE PROVIDENCE: SUCCESS

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 2:22** And they departed and came to the hill country, and remained there for three days until the pursuers returned. Now the pursuers had sought *them* all along the road, but had not found *them*. ²³ Then the two men returned and came down from the hill country and crossed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they related to him all that had happened to them.

SPY REPORT: ROUND 1

- ^{NAS} **Numbers 13:27** ... "We went in to the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, ...
²⁸ "Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified *and* very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there...³¹ ...
"We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us." ³² ... "The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of *great* size. ³³ "There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

SPY REPORT: ROUND 2

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 2:24** And they said to Joshua, "Surely the LORD has given all the land into our hands, and all the inhabitants of the land, moreover, have melted away before us."

APPLICATIONS

EMBRACE THE OBJECT LESSON

- ^{NAS} **1 Corinthians 10:6** Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved...¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.
- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 3:13** But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

CONCLUSIONS

TRUST GOD'S PROMISES

- **NAS 2 Corinthians 1:18** But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no. ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us-- by me and Silvanus and Timothy-- was not yes and no, but is yes in Him. ²⁰ For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. ²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, ²² who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

- Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.
- Standing on the promises I shall not fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call.
Resting in my Savior as my All in all,
Standing on the promises of God.