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## PREPARE TO FIGHT FOR REST

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Joshua 1:10** Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, <sup>11</sup> "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.'"
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# PROBLEM 1: JORDAN RIVER



# PROBLEM 2: JERICHO

## 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 15,000 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 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.

## Glory and collapse

The apparition of the Canaanites implied changes in house planning. This people absorbed the original culture and took Jericho to its most glorious times. According to archeological records, the city was destroyed by 1500 BC to be re-founded in the 9th century BC.

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

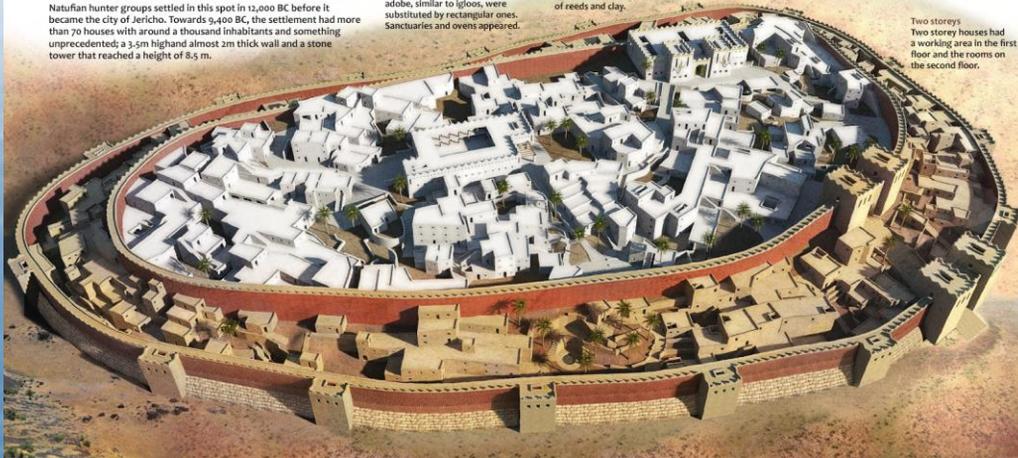
Courtyards  
The buildings usually had a 7 metre square courtyard used to cook and preventing smoke from entering inside the house.

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 7220 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.



# PROBLEM 3: CANAANITES



## THE GOOD NEWS ...

- <sup>NIV</sup> **Luke 18:27** Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

## THEY WOULD CONQUER

- <sup>NAS</sup> **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. <sup>3</sup> "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses... <sup>9</sup> ...the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

## IT WOULD NOT BE EASY

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Joshua 1:6** "Be strong and courageous... <sup>7</sup> "Only be strong and very courageous; ... <sup>9</sup> ...Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed ..."

## THE OUTCOME WAS PROMISED

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Joshua 1:13** "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God gives you rest, and will give you this land.' <sup>14</sup> "Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but you shall cross before your brothers in battle array, all your valiant warriors, and shall help them, <sup>15</sup> until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as *He gives* you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to your own land, and possess that which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise."

## THE PROMISE WAS ROOTED IN COVENANT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Joshua 1:4** "From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, will be your territory.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Genesis 15:18** On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: <sup>19</sup> the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite <sup>20</sup> and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim <sup>21</sup> and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite."

## NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Joshua 1:18** "Anyone who rebels against your command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous."

# APPLICATIONS

## TRUE REST

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 4:8** For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. <sup>9</sup> There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

## NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 4:1** Therefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it.

## THE DANGER: UNBELIEF

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 4:2** For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 3:12** Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 10:12** Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

## THE CHARGE: FIGHT FOR REST

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 4:11** Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Peter 1:10** Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

## THE WEAPON: THE WORD OF GOD

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 5:13** But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 11:31** But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

# CONCLUSIONS

## CONQUER IN CHRIST: FIGHT FOR REST

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 4:11** Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through *following* the same example of disobedience.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Philippians 2:12** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

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## REST IN CHRIST

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 11:28** "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> "Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **2 Corinthians 1:20** For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 2:9** but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."