

The Fall of the Wall of Jericho

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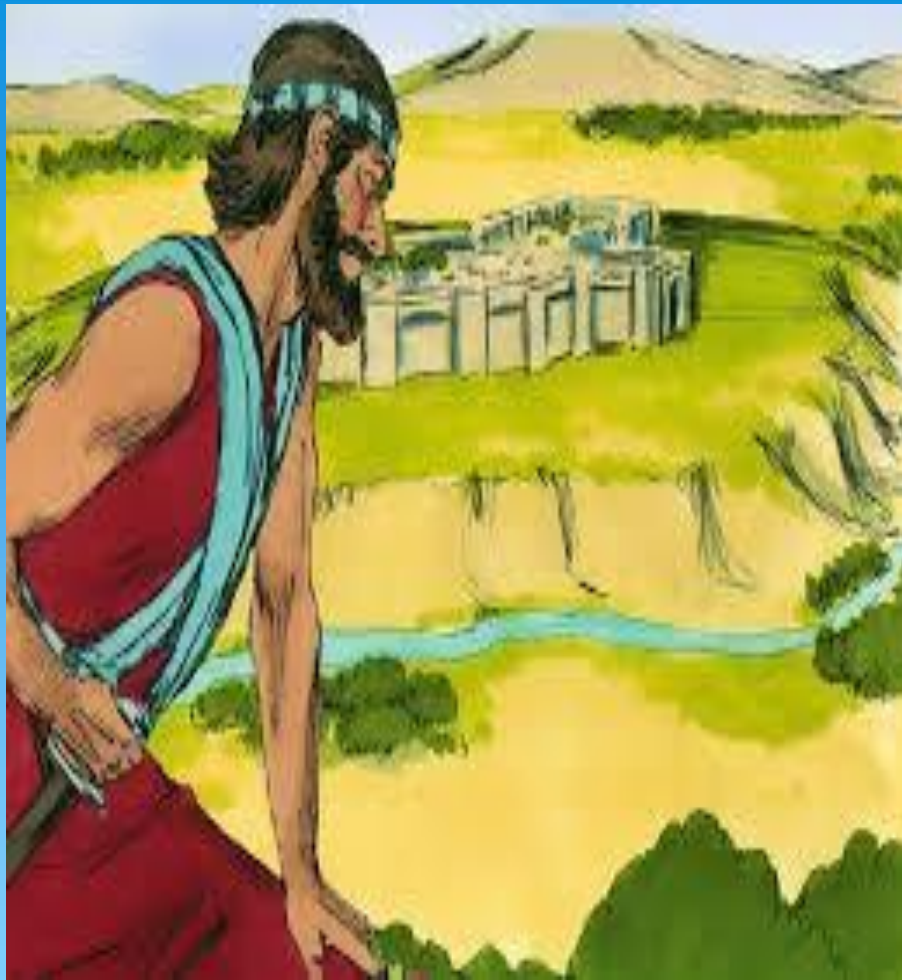
The Holy Bible:/Hebrews 11: 30/

OBJECTIVE:

Learn to trust the Lord God whole heartedly and follow His commandment, and to understand that the Lord God fulfills His promise to the faithful and the obedient.

MEMORY VERSE: "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days"

/Hebrews 11: 30/



This is the story of the Israelites that took place when the Lord God set them free from slavery in Egypt. God was leading them to the land He promised to give which is Jerusalem. The Israelites had to go through a place called Jericho on their way to Jerusalem. In this lesson, you will learn about what the Lord God told Joshua in order to go through Jericho, and how the walls of Jericho were destroyed. Joshua was the man who led the Israelites after the death of Moses.

Jericho was a city surrounded by strong walls, to protect the inhabitants from their enemies. The Israelites had to pass through Jericho to go to Jerusalem, but the king would not let them pass. So, the Lord spoke to Joshua and said "now therefore, rise, go over this Jordan to the land which I am giving to them-the children of Israel. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you" The Israelites under the leadership of Joshua obeyed what GOD told them to do in order to capture Jericho.

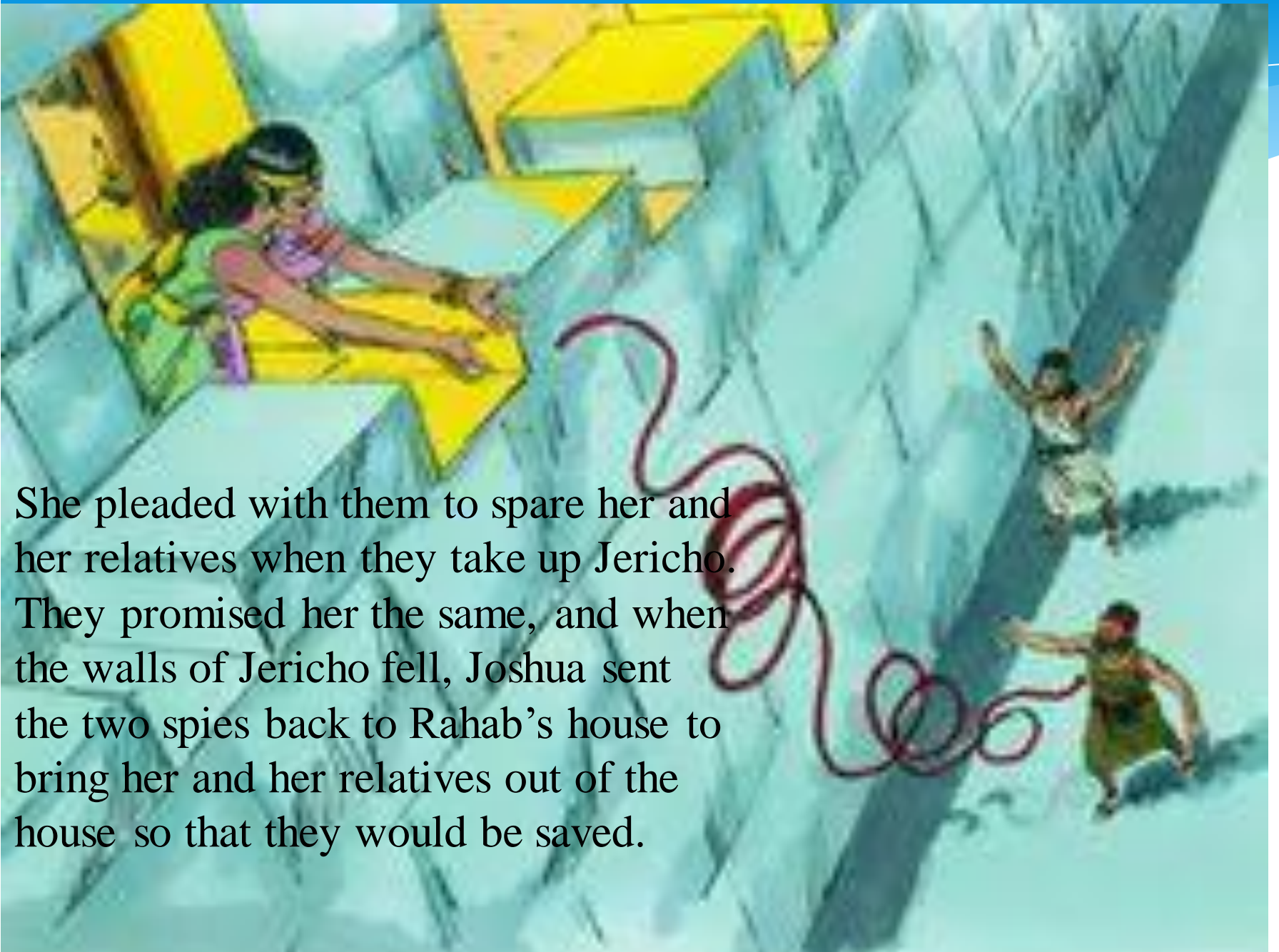


There was only one woman and her relatives in Jericho, who was saved from the destruction of Jericho. Her name was Rahab. Before the destruction of the walls of Jericho, Joshua sent two men to spy on Jericho. Rahab heard how the Lord God, with a mighty hand, freed the Israelites from slavery. So, she knew that the Lord God was with them, and she hid them in her house.



They marched around the city once a day for six days, carrying the Ark of the Covenant. Then on the seventh day, they marched around seven times. During the seventh march, the priests blew trumpets and all the people shouted as loud as they could. The walls of the city collapsed. The Israelites then went in and conquered the city.





She pleaded with them to spare her and her relatives when they take up Jericho. They promised her the same, and when the walls of Jericho fell, Joshua sent the two spies back to Rahab's house to bring her and her relatives out of the house so that they would be saved.

CONCLUSION:

- The Israelites were able to take the city of Jericho because of their obedience and their faith. It didn't make sense to march around the walls of Jericho hoping that the wall would be destroyed.
- But, instead of resisting God's commandment, they obeyed and did as the Lord God commanded them – thus the walls of Jericho were destroyed just as the Lord God had promised them.
- The Israelites had many soldiers and weapons. But they carried the Ark of God when marching around the walls of Jericho, for they knew that God was with them, wherever the Ark was, as long as they were obedient and faithful.

