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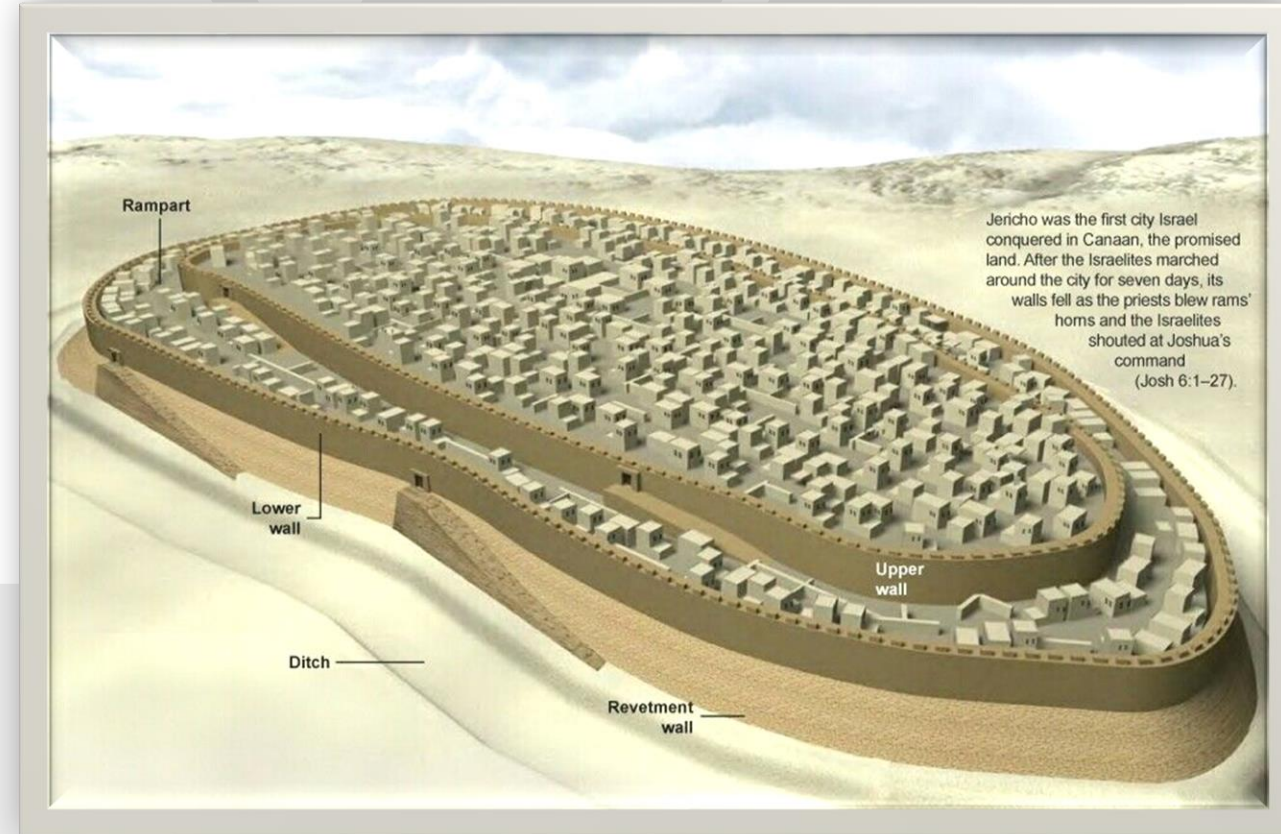
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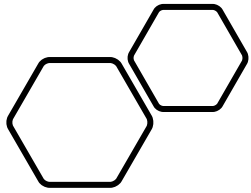




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Lessons from

# Jericho's Defeat

# Jericho's defeat is a lesson in **God's Grace**

- ❑ Jericho was defeated by God's heavenly army – Josh. 5:13-15
- ❑ Jericho was a gift – Josh. 6:1-2
- ❑ **Lesson:** Our conquest of the “walls” of sin must begin by God's grace in Christ – Heb. 2:9-11

# Jericho's defeat is a lesson in Conditional Grace

- ❑ God gave conditions to be met  
– 6:3-5
- ❑ Jericho was received as a gift  
when God's conditions were  
met – 6:16
- **Lesson:** As recipients of God's  
grace that brings us victory...
  - We must not assume grace negates  
conditions – Heb. 5:8-9
  - Meeting conditions still means God  
saves us – Rom. 6:17-18



- Israel did **all** God said to do just as God said to do it – 6:6-16
- Israel's complete obedience is emphasized, highlighting its importance in taking the city – 6:20-25
- **Lesson:** We must do all God says to do as God says to do it – Deut. 29:29; Mt. 7:21

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# Jericho's defeat is a lesson in **Sanctification**

- Sanctification is to “separate from profane things and dedicate to God”
- Sanctification is what God demanded of Israel as they received Jericho – 6:17-19
- **Lesson:** Our reception of God's grace to save includes the necessity of sanctification – Rom. 6:1-2; Heb. 12:14

# Jericho's defeat is a lesson in Faith

- Jericho was received from God by faith  
– Heb. 11:30
  - Faith was seen in their following God's battle plan
  - Their faith that obeyed plus God's grace meant on the 7<sup>th</sup> day on the 7<sup>th</sup> lap the walls fell!
- **Lesson:**
  - Reception of God's grace today requires faith that obeys – Heb. 11:30
  - True faith that obeys presents us as a spectacle to the world – 1 Cor. 4:9-10; 1 Pet. 4:3-4
  - At the end, the wisdom of having faith that obeys God will be known by all – Heb. 11:31; 2 Thess. 1:6-8