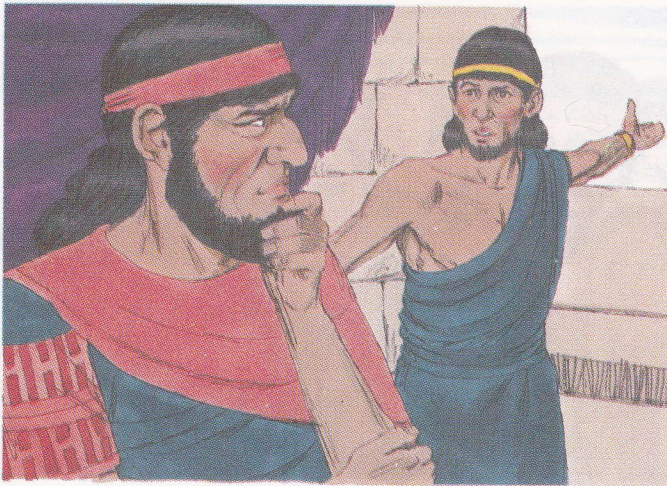
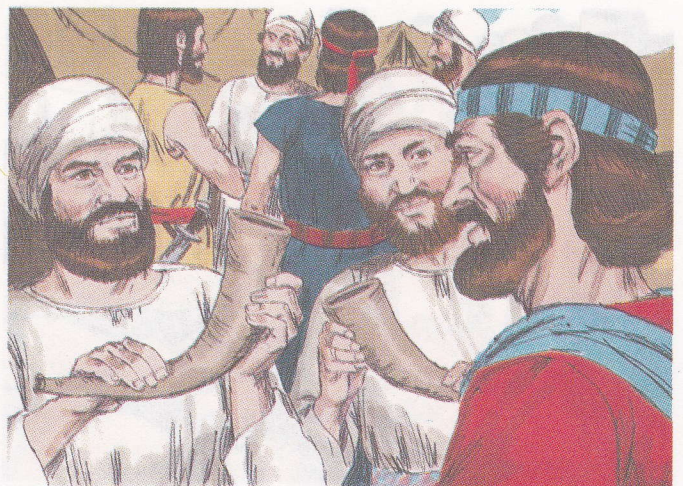


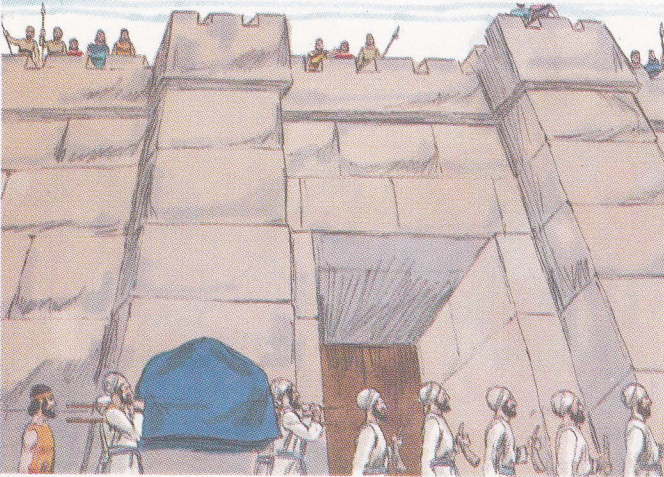
The Battle of Jericho



1 The people of Jericho knew that Israelite spies had been in their city, and they were very worried. After the spies escaped, no one was permitted to go in or out of the city.



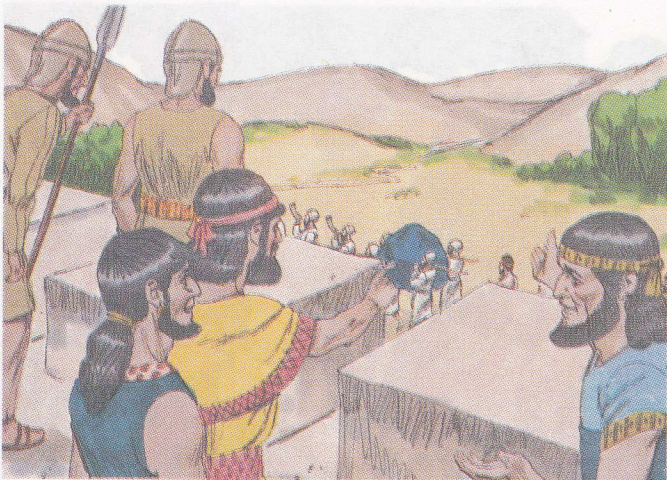
2 The Lord said to Joshua, "I have delivered Jericho into your hands." He told Joshua to have seven priests with trumpets of rams' horns march ahead of the priests carrying the Covenant Box.



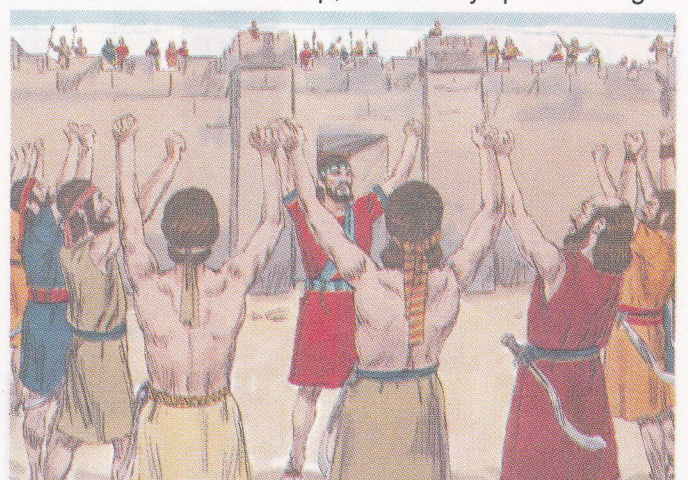
3 So Joshua ordered his men to march around the city of Jericho. Some of the soldiers marched in front of the priests with the trumpets, and the rest marched behind the Covenant Box.



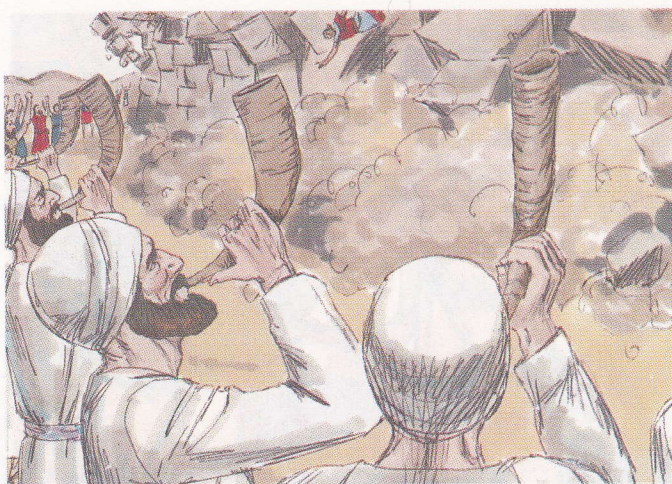
4 As they marched around the city, the priests blew on their trumpets, but the soldiers kept silent, as Joshua had ordered. They circled the city one time and then returned to their camp, where they spent the night.



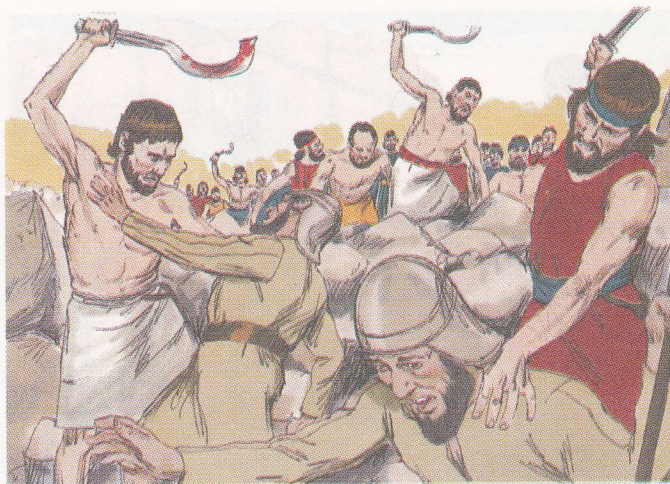
5 Each day for six days Joshua and his men marched around Jericho one time, making no sound except for that of the rams' horn trumpets.



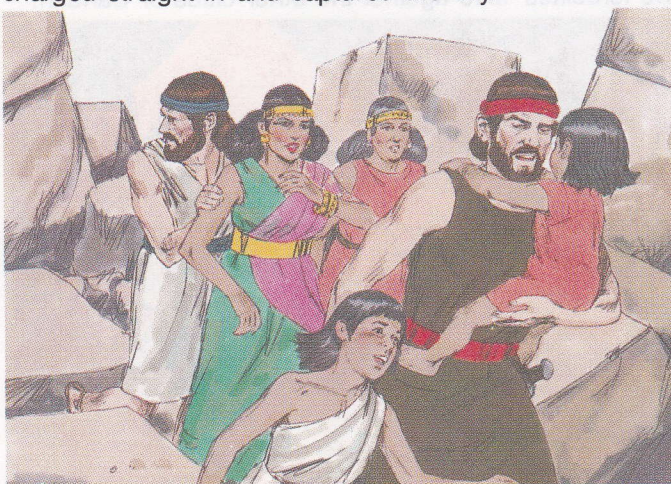
6 But on the seventh day they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times! On the last time around Joshua said to his men, "Shout! The Lord has given you the city!"



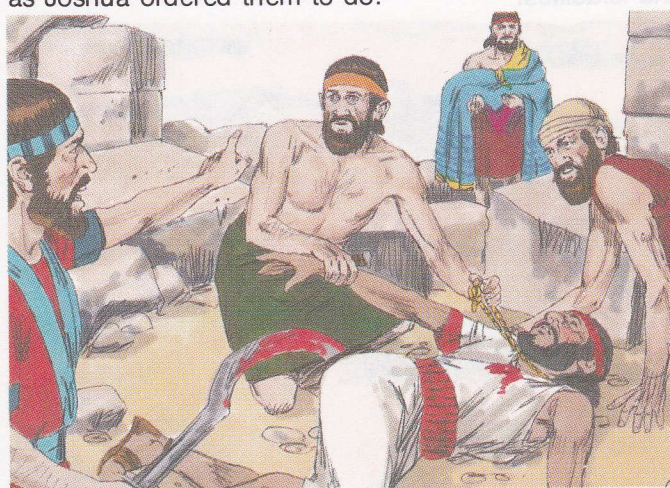
7 So the priests blew one long note on the trumpets and all the soldiers gave a great shout—and the walls of Jericho fell down! Immediately Joshua's men charged straight in and captured the city.



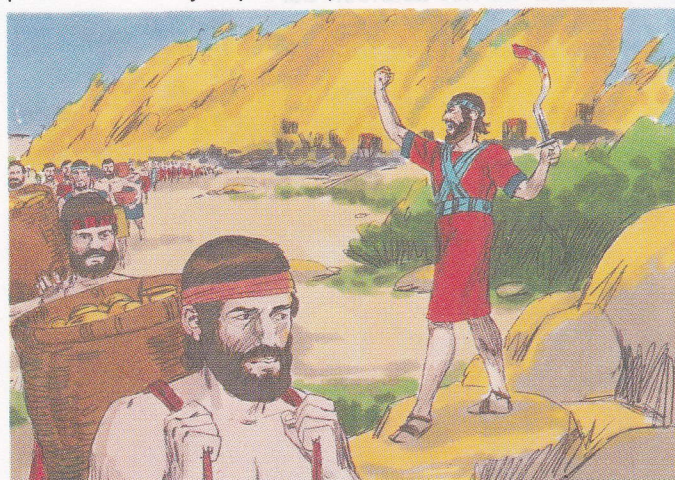
8 With their swords the Israelite soldiers killed everyone in the city—both men and women, young and old. They even killed the cattle, sheep, and donkeys, as Joshua ordered them to do.



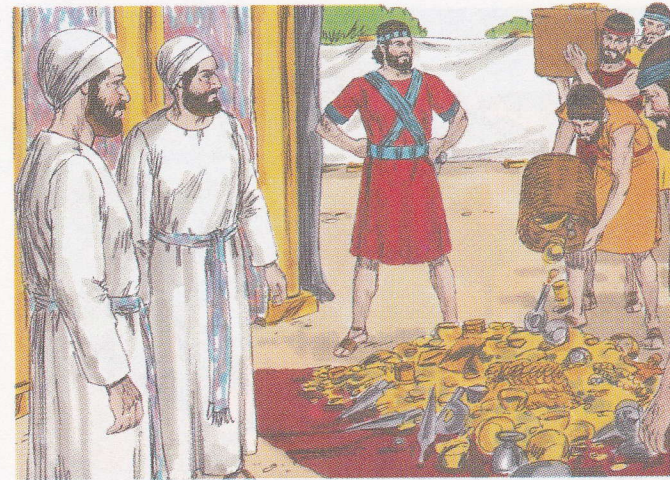
9 Only Rahab and her family were spared. The two spies went to the house with the red cord tied to the window and led out Rahab and her family to a safe place. Thus they kept their promise to her.



10 Joshua warned the soldiers, "Don't take anything from the city. Everything metal must be set apart for the Lord. Anyone who takes something for himself will bring trouble upon our people."



11 Then the Israelites set fire to the city and burned it to the ground, along with everything left in it. At that time Joshua gave this warning: "Anyone who tries to rebuild this city will be under the Lord's curse."



12 Afterwards, Joshua put the silver and gold and things made of bronze and iron in the treasury of the Lord's house. Thus the Lord was with Joshua and his fame spread throughout the land.