The Conquest[1] of Canaan

Joshua 6–10

Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside[2] because of the people of Israel. The LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand. You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. Then, all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat."

So they did for six days. On the seventh day, they rose early and marched around the city seven times. At the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city." The people shouted, and the wall fell down flat. They devoted all in the city to destruction.

Then, the five kings of the Amorites gathered their forces. The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you."

Joshua came upon them suddenly. The LORD threw them into a panic before Israel. As they fled before Israel, the LORD threw down large stones from heaven on them, and they died. There were more who died because of the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

Joshua spoke to the LORD in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, over the Valley of Aijalon." And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance[3] on their enemies. The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day.

Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that He swore to give to their fathers. They took possession of it, and they settled there. Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.[4]

Explanatory Notes

[1]Capture of the land. [2]Surrounded by. [3]Took revenge. [4]God always keeps His promises.



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For Reflection

1. List the miracles God performed to help His people.
2. How did God keep the promise He made to the people of Israel?
3. How has God kept His promises to you?

Words to Remember

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works. *Psalm 145:13*

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