

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

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LESSON IX. THE FALL OF JERICHO.

[Sept. 1.]

GOLDEN TEXT. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. Heb. 11. 30.

Authorized Version.

Josh. 6. 8-20. [*Commit to memory verses 15, 16.*]

[Study connection in 5. 10 to 6. 27].

8 And it came to pass, when Josh'u-a had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the Lord, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.

9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rearward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

10 And Josh'u-a had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

11 So the ark of the Lord compassed the city, going about it once; and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 And Josh'u-a rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord.

13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rearward came after the ark of the Lord, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Josh'u-a said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city.

17 And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the Lord: only Ra'hab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in her house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Is'ra-el a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the Lord: they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew

Revised Version.

8 And it was so, that when Josh'u-a had spoken unto the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Lord passed on, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them. And the armed men went before the priests that blew the trumpets, and the rearward went after the ark, the priests blowing with the trumpets as they went. And Josh'u-a commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. So he caused the ark of the Lord to compass the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 And Josh'u-a rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; and the rearward came after the ark of the Lord, the priests blowing with the trumpets as they went.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early at the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they

16 compassed the city seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Josh'u-a said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city. And the city shall be devoted, even it and all that is therein, to the Lord: only Ra'hab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest when ye have devoted it, ye take of the devoted thing: so should ye make the camp of Is'ra-el accursed, and trouble it. But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are holy unto the Lord: they shall come into the treasury of the Lord. So the people shouted, and the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew