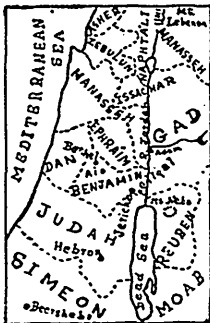


to be used for the Tabernacle services. Keep... from the devoted thing (Rev. Ver.); do not take for your own use what belongs to God. Lest... ye... make... Israel a curse; bring a curse upon the whole people through disobedience to His command. Since everything in Jericho not destroyed was to go into God's treasury, Achan (ch. 7) was guilty of sacrilege.

III. JERICO CAPTURED.—20. The people shouted; giving vent at Joshua's command (v. 10) to their feelings, restrained till that moment. Wall fell down flat. Stone walls, like the Red Sea and the swollen Jordan, must make way for those whom God leads. Went... every man straight before him; each taking his own share in the capture.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



About a mile west of the spot where Israel crossed the Jordan grows a magnificent old tamarisk tree, to the east of which are about a dozen small mounds. These the Arabs call Tell-elat Jiljilieh ("the little hillocks of Gilgal"). It was here that Israel pitched their first camp in Canaan, and built their memorial altar of twelve stones. Some two or three miles westward of Gilgal is Jericho, now containing,

a traveler tells us, "forty or fifty of the most forlorn habitations that I have ever seen... These houses, or rather huts, are surrounded by a peculiar kind of fortification, made of nubk, a species of bush very abundant in the plain. Its thorns are so sharp and the branches are so plaited together, that neither horse nor man will attack it."

AN ORIENTAL SIDELIGHT

"Enervated by the great heat, and unable to endure on their bodies aught but linen, it was impossible that the people of Jericho could be warriors... No great man was in Jericho; no heroic deed was ever done in her. She has been called the 'key', and 'the guardhouse' of Judea; she was only the pantry. She never stood a siege, and her inhabitants were always running away."

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How was Israel's faith tested at the taking of Jericho?
2. What were they forbidden to use for themselves?
3. Whom were they to spare, and why?

LESSON QUESTIONS

Where was Israel's first camping place in Canaan?
8-16 Who had come to Israel's help? Describe the order of the procession round Jericho. How often was it "compassed" on each of the first six days? Of what would the delay be a test? Which parable of our Lord teaches perseverance in prayer, in spite of delay in the answer? (Luke 18: 1-8.) How often was the city compassed on the seventh day? Explain the frequent use of the number "seven." What command did Joshua finally give? What assurance?

17-19 What was to be done with the inhabitants of Jericho? What with the city itself? What with the treasures found in it? Who in Jericho escaped destruction? How is this escape explained in Hebrews? (Heb. 11: 31.)

20 Describe the fall of the walls of Jericho. What is said of this in Hebrews? (Heb. 11: 30, 31.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Victories won by faith.
2. The destruction of Jericho's inhabitants: was it just?

A LESSON FOR LIFE

Napoleon once said, "God is on the side of the big battalions". But his big battalions did not save the proud emperor from defeat and exile. Little or big, weak or powerful, God is on our side only when we are right. And when we are right, no enemy can overcome us, no obstacle can hinder us. Fighting with us and for us, is the heavenly army, led by the "Captain of the Lord's host", and against these allies no power can prevail.

Prove from Scripture—That we can conquer all our foes.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment? A. The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbour's wealth or outward estate.

The Question on Missions—3. How did our Indian missions begin? Forty-one years ago the Rev. James Nisbet, with his family and helpers, drove in carts 400 miles across the prairie from the Red River, and began a mission among the wandering Indians of the Saskatchewan, at what is now the town of Prince Albert.