

Joshua 6 : 8-20—Memory Verse, 20.

Golden Text—By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.—Hebrews 11 : 30.



city. 17 And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD : only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the 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 Israel 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 with the trumpets : and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The first city that the children of Israel came to in the land of Canaan was called Jericho. It had a high, strong wall built all around it ; but the Israelites were not afraid to fight against the city, for God had promised to be with them to help them. It was the people of Jericho who were afraid, for they had heard of some of the wonders which the God of Israel had done and had shut up the gates of their city, and would not let any one go out or come in.

Then the Lord spoke to Joshua and told him the strange way in which the Israelites were to take the city. They were to march round the city once every day for six days ; and the priests were to carry the ark with them. Seven priests were to go before the ark, blowing upon trumpets. On the seventh day, the Israelites were to march round Jericho seven times, and the priests were

8 And it came to pass, when Josh'ua 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 rereward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

10 And Josh'ua 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'ua 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 rereward 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'ua said unto the people, Shout ; for the LORD hath given you the city. Shout ye, for the LORD hath given you the city.

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still to blow their trumpets. Then, when the people heard them blow a long blast, they were to give a great shout, and the walls of the city would tumble down, and they could then go in and take possession of it.

So Joshua called the people together, and told them what God had commanded them to do. On the morning of the first day the procession started round the city. A company of armed men led the way. Next came the seven priests blowing upon their trumpets. After these followed the priests bearing the ark, and last came another company of men. And so the great procession marched round the city of Jericho, but, except for the priests who were blowing the trumpets, the people were very quiet, for Joshua had said that they were not to speak or make any noise until he told them to do so. Then, when they had gone once round the city,