

Lesson III.

THE FALL OF JERICO

October 19, 1902

Joshua 6 : 12-20. Study Joshua 6 : 8-20—Memory Verse, 20.

Golden Text—By faith the walls of Jericho fell down.—Heb. 11 : 30.

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'rael 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

As soon as the king of Jericho heard that the army of the Israelites had crossed the Jordan and that they were now coming against him, he shut himself up with his people inside the great stone walls of Jericho, with food enough to last for some time, and commanded the gates to be shut. He felt sure that no one could break into the city.

Shortly before this, however, Joshua had sent two men secretly to Jericho to find out the strength of the city. These men had been helped and their lives saved by a woman called Rahab, whom they had promised to protect if ever the Israelites should take the city.

Just as Joshua was wondering how he and his soldiers should prepare to move against the heathen king, suddenly an angel

stood before him with a drawn sword in his hand. And the angel said, "I am the captain of the Lord's host," and from him Joshua learned all that he must do.

And Joshua got up early the next morning and set his armies in marching array and gave them their orders.

At the very head of the procession he placed a company of well-armed soldiers. After them came seven priests each blowing in time upon a trumpet made of a ram's horn, and behind them came the holy ark of the covenant carried by the rest of the priests. After the ark followed all the men of Israel on foot, only the women and children remaining in their tents.

The first day Joshua led his men silently once around the walls of Jericho, and came home. The next day he did the same, and