

## JERICO

Jericho, guardian of Canaan, you stand tall over your plains with impenetrable walls and towers, bars and gates, a mighty fortress with imposing stature no mortal man can dispossess. But outside your walls is holy ground, where Joshua, with shoes removed, lies prostrate before the Captain of the LORD of Hosts, who has come to the aid and comfort of the armies of Israel (cf. Joshua 5:14-15). Within thee, Jericho, is a righteous one, Rahab, whose faith has saved, and by her acts of kindness and succor to the spies, she shall find refuge in the Camp of Israel, along with all that are with her in her father's house (cf. Joshua 6:25).

Jericho, though your walls are great and high; yet, those within you are full of fear, and terror, and their hearts do melt from hearing of the mighty deeds of the LORD, the God of heaven and earth (cf. Joshua 2:9-11; Exodus 15:16). Though you are shut up with none going out and none coming in, yet the word of the Lord has been uttered to Joshua, son of Nun, "See, I have given into thine hand Jericho and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor" (Joshua 6:2).

Jericho, seven days are determined for you and then your end shall come. Six days the armies of Israel shall compass your gates with the Ark of the Covenant of the Almighty. On the seventh day there shall come a mighty shout from all the people, and with the sounding of the trumpets (*showphars*) of rams' horns from the seven Priests, your mighty walls shall fall flat and the armies of God shall ascend (cf. Joshua 6:5).

Jericho, you are under a curse, and all that is within you is cursed, except the righteous one and her household. The hour of your judgment has come and the time for your removal is here for

Joshua has come from Gilgal at the command of the LORD. Even now you shall be destroyed, consumed by fire and sword and none shall escape (cf. Joshua 6:21,24).

Jericho, because of you and your great fall, the fame of Joshua, and the LORD with him is now known in all the Land (cf. Joshua 6:27). Oh, Jericho, first in the East, chief of Cities, you have come to naught. Now, all the kings throughout the Land: Hittite, Amorite, Canaanite, Perizzite, Hivite, and Jebusite know thereof; and all have gathered as one to fight against the LORD and against His anointed (cf. Joshua 9:2)

#### Psalms 2

*WHY do the heathen rage, and the people image a vain thing?  
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD,  
and against His anointed, saying,  
Let us break their bands asunder, and cast their cords from us.  
He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.  
Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure.  
Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion.  
I will declare the decree: the LORD has said unto Me.  
Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee.  
Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of  
the earth for Thy possession.  
Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.  
Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.  
Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling,  
Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish from the way,  
When His wrath is kindled but a little.  
Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.*

#### **The Battle is the Lord's**

Adonizedek, King of Jerusalem, Hoham, King of Hebron, Piram, King of Jarmuth, Japhia, King of Lachish, and Debir, King of Eglon; Kings of the Amorites, who dwell in the mountains and hill country of Canaan; you have imagined a vain thing to fight against the men of Gibeon who are

aligned with Israel (cf. Joshua 10:6). Do you not know that Joshua is coming from Gilgal (the place of removal) to destroy you? Do you not know that the word of the Lord has been spoken, “Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee” (Joshua 10:8). Do you not know that you shall be removed from the Land this day? The LORD Himself shall fight against you with a great slaughter, with great stones from heaven, and that more of you shall die from the stones than with the sword? (cf. Joshua 10:11). For even the sun shall stand still and the moon shall stay his course in that day, so glorious is the God of Israel (cf. Joshua 10:13).

Makkedah, Libnah, Gezer, your fate is the same as the kings before you, fallen at the hand of Joshua and the armies of Israel because the Lord their God did fight for them. And after all these kings were defeated, Joshua returned and all Israel with him, unto the camp at Gilgal, the place of removal (cf. Joshua 10:43).

Oh, what a cleansing has taken place. Oh, what a sanctifying work of the Lord is being wrought in the Land. Sin and uncleanness, wickedness and idolatry have been removed. Principalities and powers have been shaken, cast down and destroyed by the power of His mighty hand. The Promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and the Seed are being fulfilled. The Land shall yield her increase, and bring forth the fruit of righteousness.

### **A New Day in the Land**

Jericho, your walls of resistance have fallen, your king has been removed. Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, Eglon, Makkedah, Libnah and Gezer your kings are dead, and all of your former things are gone. A new day has come. You are now the inheritance of the LORD and His

people Israel. A new King reigns, the LORD of Hosts is His name. He reigns in righteousness, holiness and purity. Gone are the former things, behold all things are new.

Jericho, look forward, for the time will come when the sons of the Prophets shall abide in you (cf. II Kings 2:5,15). Elijah and Elisha shall be in your midst. Yes, by the hand of Elisha your waters and your barren land shall be healed (cf. II Kings 2:21-22). Restoration and salvation shall come; even through the line of your righteous one saved from destruction that fateful day, Rahab.

### **Rahab, A Mother in Israel**

Rahab, the one whose faith has saved, along with all her father's house (cp. Hebrews 11:31).

Rahab, by your confession, "for the LORD, your God, He is God in heaven above and in earth beneath" (Joshua 2:11) you have been delivered from destruction. Your "line of scarlet thread" has marked your house and spared you from certain death (cp. Joshua 2:18).

And now, Rahab, you dwell in Israel (Joshua 6:25) and have been given in marriage to Salmon by whom you shall bear a son and call his name, Boaz. Boaz, the kinsman redeemer for Naomi, the Moabitess. Boaz, husband to Ruth. Yes, through your lineage, Rahab, shall come the son of Jesse, David (Beloved), by whom shall come forth He that shall rule God's people, Israel, even the Lord of Glory, the Messiah, Jesus, the Son of God.

Yes, Jericho, even of your daughter, Rahab, from the ashes of destruction and desolation, He shall come forth to establish the Kingdom. The Seed shall return to the Land and shall come within your borders (cf. Mark 10:46). Your masses will turn to Him (cf. Matthew 20:29). He shall open blind eyes (Luke 18:42); He will preach in your streets the Gospel, and the Kingdom

shall come nigh unto thee. Even to the house of Zacchaeus, a son of Abraham, shall salvation come (cf. Luke 19:9). Yes, even to all, Jericho, who dwell within your gates.

### **Jericho, City of Palms**

Jericho, there is hope for you, as there is hope for all the Land. Believe in the LORD and you shall be established once again. Believe His Prophets and you shall prosper (cf. II Chronicles 20:20). Jericho, you City of Palms, lay your branches before your Savior; sing Hosanna to your King (cp. John 12:13). Bow down and worship, give Him laud (cp. Romans 15:11). Yes, Jericho, it shall be even as the Psalmist has declared:

*The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
Those that He planted in the House of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.  
They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;  
To show that the LORD is upright: He is thy Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.  
(Psalms 92:12-15)*