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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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**HE BROUGHT ME UP ALSO OUT OF AN
HORRIBLE PIT
OUT OF THE MIRY CLAY
AND SET MY FEET UPON A ROCK**

PSALM 40:2

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Deeper Study of Jericho's Walls

The walls of Jericho falling is something we learned at a young age. Most remember that the people of Jericho shut themselves within their walled city (Josh. 6:1). The Israelites recognized they would not be able to break through those walls by force and they faced a test of their faith in God. God provided the instructions to the people and the Israelites followed exactly what God told them to do (Josh. 6:2-20). Like Noah, the Israelites that destroyed Jericho teach the vital lesson of following God's instructions fully (Gen. 6:22). As much as we need the basic lessons, we also need to challenge ourselves and study events deeper than just the surface. In this article we will examine some information I recently studied that caused me to appreciate the walls of Jericho even more.

Depending on the date one subscribes to when Joshua lived, I hold to somewhere around 1300 B.C. or thereabouts, what should amaze you is that walled cities were already being constructed this early in history. Maybe you had not noticed in your personal study of the Old Testament, but Jericho is the first mention of a city with walls. There is no mention of a wall in Egypt, not in the Sinai Peninsula, not anywhere before this account. It is strange that Jericho's walls are mentioned and to the best of my knowledge, not another walled city is mentioned during the conquering of Canaan. Archaeologists and scientists were baffled at this for centuries. In their minds, nations were not being established at this age and groups of people most certainly would have still been hunter-gathers. When archaeologists found Jericho, this is what they discovered, "At Jericho... was an eight-acre town, housing 2000 or 3000 people, who made their living by cultivating the fertile zone of the surrounding oasis" (John Keegan, *A History of Warfare*, 124). Keegan continued to describe Jericho's walls as, "surrounded by a continuous wall ten feet thick at the base, thirteen feet high and some 700 yards in circumference" (Keegan 124). The cities of Jericho and Catal Huyuk in Turkey are the oldest walled cities discovered to date. The difference between these two cities is that Catal Huyuk's walls were made out of mud, while Jericho's were built with stone. That being said, it is likely that the walls of Jericho that God brought down during the time of Joshua were the first walls made by man and they certainly were the strongest walls built during the time.

If you are imagining a border-crossing wall just thrown together in haste, think again. The walls of Jericho included a curtain wall, a keep, and a moat. This wall was not a deterrent built to scare bandits away; the walls of Jericho were a true fortified stronghold that would be able to stand against large armies (Keegan 124). We must remember, siege engines were not invented yet. The only physical way someone could conquer Jericho was by forcing them inside their city for months until resources were depleted. It is safe to say that Jericho was impenetrable in a physical sense.

The stronghold fortress that archeologists dated as being built as early as 7000 BC (Must be careful with dating, do not take this date literal. I provide this so you know it is the same wall the Israelites faced), was brought down by God and it fell flat (Josh. 6:20). The power of God is clearly seen in His bringing down these walls without the use of destructive force. God did not need to rain down fire and brimstone as He did against Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19:24). He is Lord over all things, man's constructions are nothing in His sight. Just as God did at the tower of Babel, the Lord was able to thwart the walls of Jericho in a creative way (Gen. 11:1-9). These impenetrable walls simply fell over at the Lord's command. The power of the Lord struck terror in Jericho and the land of Canaan (Josh. 2:9); that same power should also strike terror in those who do not obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Thess. 1:5-10).

-Brandon Foresha

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: Gideon's Reassurance
6:00PM: God Drew Me Up From a Horrible Pit
Scripture Reading: Psalm 40:1-5

Member Info Change

Florentina 'Tina' Dorsey has moved. Her new address is 1667 Beech St., Ashland, KY 41102 and new phone # 606-393-5309. Please, note this in your member directory. Thank you.

Notes From The Elders

The Eldership wants to reemphasize our mask wearing and our precautions of social distancing. Greenup County is now listed as being in the orange or red zone on the KY COVID-19 incident rate map. These precautions that we are undertaking, we feel, may help protect all of us, especially our older and more susceptible members.

Dates to Remember

Nov 15- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p
Nov 29- Youth Lead Evening Service- 6p
Dec 20- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p



7 Precautions While Here

1. Please, in the parking lot, make every attempt to maintain a safe social distance as you quickly enter or exit the main entry.
2. Wear a facial covering, or mask, that covers both your mouth and nose at all practical times. If you do not have a mask, one will be made available to you as you enter the main foyer.
3. On Sunday, please pick up communion supplies in the foyer before service for you and your family. A collection box is located in the main foyer for your contributions.
4. Please move through the foyer quickly to avoid crowding in the foyer. Please, remember to social distance (six feet) and no handshaking or hugging ... for now. Plus, the drinking fountain is off limits for now.
5. The auditorium has every other row of pews closed off to allow appropriate spacing of households. Remember to maintain six feet spacing in the pew between households.
6. Restroom access will be allowed for only one person at a time; parent and child exceptions are allowed. Upon exiting the restroom, you are asked to please disinfect the areas of the restroom you have utilized. Sanitizing sprays are available in the restrooms. Any child under age 12 should be accompanied by an adult to ensure proper disinfecting.
7. Hand sanitizers are available in the foyer, as well as tissues and proper waste disposal containers.

Gauging Our Faith

| | <u>11/08/20</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>11/10/19</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Bible Study | 62 | 110 | 91 |
| AM Worship | 102 | 160 | 137 |
| PM Worship | 70 | 110 | 81 |
| Mid Week | 16 | 110 | nc |
| Contribution: | \$6212.00 | \$6000.00 | \$6100.00 |

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Ranie Wohnhas

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: John Gambill

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Nathan Adkins

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Morckel

PM: Gabe Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Mark Day

DEVOTION: Brandon Foresha

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Braydon Snell

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Brad Morris

COORDINATOR: Daniel Goshorn

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

*** Youth Notes ***

*** Youth Leaders ***

Every fifth Sunday evening service will be a youth lead service. Speak with Brandon Foresha.

*** Lads to Leaders ***

2021 Convention information is on the foyer board. Speak with Mark Day or Brad Morris.



Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you find on the table in the foyer. Please, put it in the wooden collection box on that same table in the foyer as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We offer free Bible correspondence courses you can receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study. Thank you for attending.