

**15** And he said to him:

**16** Command the priests, that carry the ark of the covenant, to come up out of the Jordan.

**17** And he commanded them, saying: Come ye up out of the Jordan.

**18** And when they that carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, were come up, and began to tread on the dry ground, the waters returned into their channel, and ran as they were wont before.

**19** And the people came up out of the Jordan, the tenth day of the first month, and camped in Galgal, over against the east side of the city of Jericho.

**20** And the twelve stones, which they had taken out of the channel of the Jordan, Josue pitched in Galgal,

**21** And said to the children of Israel: When your children shall ask their fathers tomorrow, and shall say to them: What mean these stones?

**22** You shall teach them, and say: Israel passed over this Jordan through the dry channel,

**23** The Lord your God drying up the waters thereof in your sight, until you passed over:

**24** As he had done before in the Red Sea, which he dried up till we passed through:

**25** That all the people of the earth may learn the most mighty hand of the Lord, that you also may fear the Lord your God for ever.

## Chapter 5

Now when all the kings of the Amorrites, who dwelt beyond the Jordan, westward, and all the kings of Chanaan, who possessed the places near the great sea, had heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the children of Israel, till they passed over, their heart failed

them, and there remained no spirit in them, fearing the coming in of the children of Israel.

**2** At that time the Lord said to Josue: Make thee knives of stone, and circumcise the second time the children of Israel.

**3** He did what the Lord had commanded, and he circumcised the children of Israel in the hill of the foreskins.

**4** Now this is the cause of the second circumcision: All the people that came out of Egypt that were males, all the men fit for war, died in the desert, during the time of the long going about in the way:

**6** Now these were all circumcised. But the people that were born in the desert,

**6** During the forty years of the journey in the wide wilderness, were uncircumcised: till all they were consumed that had not heard the voice of the Lord, and to whom he had sworn before, that he would not shew them the land flowing with milk and honey.

**7** The children of these succeeded in the place of their fathers, and were circumcised by Josue: for they were uncircumcised even as they were born, and no one had circumcised them in the way.

**8** Now after they were all circumcised, they remained in the same place of the camp, until they were healed.

**9** And the Lord said to Josue: This day have I taken away from you the reproach of Egypt. And the name of that place was called Galgal, until this present day.

**10** And the children of Israel abode in Galgal, and they kept the phase, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, in the plains of Jericho:

**11** And they ate on the next day unleavened bread of the corn of the land, and frumenty of the same year.

**12** And the manna ceased after they ate of the

corn of the land, neither did the children of Israel use that food any more, but they ate of the corn of the present year of the land of Chanaan.

**13** And when Josue was in the field of the city of Jericho, he lifted up his eyes, and saw a man standing over against him, holding a drawn sword, and he went to him, and said: Art thou one of ours, or of our adversaries?

**14** And he answered: No: but I am prince of the host of the Lord, and now I am come.

**15** Josue fell on his face to the ground. And worshipping, said: What saith my lord to his servant?

**16** Loose, saith he, thy shoes from off thy feet: for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Josue did as was commanded him.

## Chapter 6

Now Jericho was close shut up and fenced, for fear of the children of Israel, and no man durst go out or come in.

**2** And the Lord said to Josue: Behold I have given into thy hands Jericho, and the king thereof, and all the valiant men.

**3** Go round about the city all ye fighting men once a day: so shall ye do for six days.

**4** And on the seventh day the priests shall take the seven trumpets, which are used in the jubilee, and shall go before the ark of the covenant: and you shall go about the city seven times, and the priests shall sound the trumpets.

**5** And when the voice of the trumpet shall give a longer and broken tune, and shall sound in your ears, all the people shall shout together with a very great shout, and the walls of the city shall fall to the ground, and they shall enter in every one at the place against which they shall stand.

**6** Then Josue, the son of Nun, called the priests, and said to them: Take the ark of the covenant: and let seven other priests take the seven trumpets of the jubilee, and march before the ark of the Lord.

**7** And he said to the people: Go, and compass the city, armed, marching before the ark of the Lord.

**8** And when Josue had ended his words, and the seven priests blew the seven trumpets before the ark of the covenant of the Lord,

**9** And all the armed men went before, the rest of the common people followed the ark, and the sound of the trumpets was heard on all sides.

**10** But Josue had commanded the people, saying: You shall not shout, nor shall your voice be heard, nor any word go out of your mouth: until the day come wherein I shall say to you: Cry, and shout.

**11** So the ark of the Lord went about the city once a day, and returning into the camp, abode there.

**12** And Josue rising before day, the priests took the ark of the Lord,

**13** And seven of them seven trumpets, which are used in the jubilee: and they went before the ark of the Lord, walking and sounding the trumpets: and the armed men went before them, and the rest of the common people followed the ark, and they blew the trumpets.

**14** And they went round about the city the second day once, and returned into the camp. So they did six days.

**15** But the seventh day, rising up early, they went about the city, as it was ordered, seven times.

**16** And when in the seventh going about the priests sounded with the trumpets, Josue said to all Israel: Shout: for the Lord hath delivered the city to you:

**17** And let this city be an anathema, and all things that are in it, to the Lord. Let only Rahab, the harlot, live, with all that are with her in the house: for she hid the messengers whom we sent.

**18** But beware ye lest you touch ought of those things that are forbidden, and you be guilty of transgression, and all the camp of Israel be under sin, and be troubled.

**19** But whatsoever gold or silver there shall be, or vessels of brass and iron, let it be consecrated to the Lord, laid up in his treasures.

**20** So all the people making a shout, and the trumpets sounding, when the voice and the sound thundered in the ears of the multitude, the walls forthwith fell down: and every man went up by the place that was over against him: and they took the city,

**21** And killed all that were in it, man and woman, young and old. The oxen also, and the sheep, and the asses, they slew with the edge of the sword.

**22** But Josue said to the two men that had been sent for spies: Go into the harlot's house, and bring her out, and all things that are hers, as you assured her by oath.

**23** And the young men went in, and brought out Rahab, and her parents, her brethren also, and all her goods, and her kindred, and made them to stay without the camp.

**24** But they burned the city, and all things that were therein; except the gold and silver, and vessels of brass and iron, which they consecrated unto the treasury of the Lord.

**25** But Josue saved Rahab the harlot, and her father's house, and all she had, and they dwelt in the midst of Israel until this present day: because she hid the messengers whom he had sent to spy out Jericho. At that time, Josue made an imprecation, saying:

**26** Cursed be the man before the Lord, that shall raise up and build the city of Jericho. In his firstborn may he lay the foundation thereof, and in the last of his children set up its gates.

**27** And the Lord was with Josue, and his name was noised throughout all the land

## Chapter 7

But the children of Israel transgressed the commandment, and took to their own use of that which was accursed. For Achan, the son of Charmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zare, of the tribe of Juda, took something of the anathema: and the Lord was angry against the children of Israel.

**2** And when Josue sent men from Jericho against Hai, which is beside Bethaven, on the east side of the town of Bethel, he said to them: Go up, and view the country: and they fulfilled his command, and viewed Hai.

**3** And returning, they said to him: Let not all the people go up, but let two or three thousand men go, and destroy the city: why should all the people be troubled in vain, against enemies that are very few?

**4** There went up therefore three thousand fighting men: who immediately turned their backs,

**5** And were defeated by the men of the city of Hai, and there fell of them six and thirty men: and the enemies pursued them from the gate as far as Sabarim, and they slew them as they fled by the descent: and the heart of the people was struck with fear, and melted like water.

**6** But Josue rent his garments, and fell flat on the ground, before the ark of the Lord, until the evening, both he and all the ancients of Israel: and they put dust upon their heads.