

SINCE THE EXODUS: A LOOK BACK

After exploring Canaan, the people rebel against Moses and Aaron, and 40 years of wandering commences as a result. See Numbers 14:20-23

Moses' disobedience (Numbers 20; see also Ex 17) cost him the opportunity to enter the Promised Land. He was allowed only to look into it (Deut. 34:1-4)

Joshua is called out to lead (Deut. 34:9)



THE ANCIENTS WERE
COMMENDED:
NOT BY MIGHT, NOT BY POWER


Joshua 1:1-9; 6:1-21

JOSHUA 1:1-5

Marching orders : “Get ready to cross the Jordan”

Assurance : “No one will be able to stand up against you...”

Don't run off just yet. Consider Ai? (Chap 7)



Passing the baton: “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Have you ever noticed how easy it is to identify with the hymn lyric, “Prone to wander, Lord I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love” ?

Don't expect the blessing of God to go with you in your wandering and going astray.

1:6-9

“Be strong and (very) courageous” 3 times

Great! That's it?

Nope.

Carefully obey God's word, w/o wavering.

Speak it. Meditate on it. Then do it!

James 1:22-25

MUST I MUSTER STRENGTH?

Ephesians 6:10-20 “Be strong in the Lord...”

Zech. 4:6 “not by might, not by power”

Chap. 3 Miraculous crossing of the Jordan

Chap. 4 Stones of remembrance (Vss. 1-7)

Chap. 5 Circumcision at Gilgal

JOSHUA 6:1-21

Joshua humbled before the Lord (5:15)

Vss. 2-5 The plan sounds bizarre, but the battle was already won (vs. 2)

If God is in it, it cannot fail. If God is NOT in it, it cannot be helped (See Acts 5:38-39)



VSS. 8-14

“This is what we trained for!!”

Well, not exactly

Six days. Six...

The Ark. The priests. The trumpets. The marching.

VSS. 15-21

And on Day 7?

More marching. 7 times around in fact, with no military action.


And then? A trumpet blast and a mighty shout.
Well, of course!

S'pose anyone was ready for a new leader?

VSS. 18-19

“...keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the Lord and must go into His treasury.”

(See chapter 7)



“When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.”