

## 2018 02 25 Scripture Reading

The Lord said to Joshua, "Look. I have given Jericho and its king into your power, along with its mighty warriors. Circle the city with all your soldiers, going around the city one time. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry seven trumpets made from rams' horns in front of the chest. On the seventh day, circle the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.

"Have them blow a long blast on the ram's horn. As soon as you hear that trumpet blast, have all the people shout a loud war cry. Then the city wall will collapse, and the people will rise up, attacking straight ahead."

So Joshua, son of Nun, called the priests. He said to them, "Lift the covenant chest. Let seven priests carry seven trumpets made from rams' horns in front of the Lord's chest." He said to the people, "Go forward. Circle the city. Let the armed soldiers go in front of the Lord's chest." As soon as Joshua had spoken, the seven priests carrying seven ram's horn trumpets moved forward in front of the Lord. They blew the trumpets. The Lord's covenant chest followed. The initial group of soldiers was going in front of the priests who were blowing the trumpets. The rear guard was coming behind the chest, with trumpets blowing continuously. Joshua ordered the people, "Don't shout. Don't let your voice be heard. Don't let a word come out of your mouth until the day I tell you, 'Shout!' Then shout!"

He made the Lord's chest circle the city, going around one time. They went back to the camp and stayed there overnight. Joshua got up early in the morning. The priests lifted the Lord's chest. The seven priests carrying seven trumpets made from rams' horns were going in front of the Lord's chest, blowing trumpets continuously. The armed soldiers were going in front of them. The rear guard came after the Lord's chest, blowing trumpets continuously. They circled the city one time on the second day. Then went back to the camp. They did this for six days.

On the seventh day, they got up at dawn. They circled the city in this way seven times. It was only on that day they circled the city seven times. The seventh time, the priests blew the trumpets. Then Joshua said to the people, "Shout, because the Lord has given you the city! Then the people shouted. They blew the trumpets. As soon as the people heard the trumpet blast, they shouted a loud war cry. Then the wall collapsed.

Joshua 6:2-16, 20a