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**Law & Grace: An Overview**  
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*For the Law was given through Moses...*

*...but grace & truth were realized through Jesus Christ - John 1:17*

Special thanks to Dr. Vern Peterman for access to his insights and resources.

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- I. Review
  - A. Purpose, Aim, and Objective
  - B. Session 13
- II. Breaking & entering (Joshua 6)
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**OUR PURPOSE, AIM AND OBJECTIVE**



...is to Compare and Contrast **Law** and **Grace** so as to properly understand these two important themes and *how they are related to the life of the New Testament Believer.*

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**C. I. SCOFIELD, D. D.**

*The Grace of God, The Fundamentals Vol. 3, Chapter VII, p. 98*

We have, most of us, been reared and now live under the influence of **Galatianism**. Protestant theology, alas, is for the most part, thoroughly **Galatianized**, in that neither law nor grace are given their **distinct** and **separated** places, as in the counsels of God, but are mingled together in one incoherent system.

***The law is no longer, as in the Divine intent, a ministration of death (2 Cor. 3:7), of cursing (Gal. 3:10), of conviction (Rom. 3:19), because we are taught that we must try to keep it, and that by Divine help we may.***

Nor, on the other hand, does grace bring us blessed deliverance from the dominion of sin, for ***we are kept under the law as a rule of life despite the plain declaration, "Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14).*** (emphasis mine)

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**William R. Newell**

*Romans Verse-by-Verse (p. 274).*

Grand Rapids, MI: Christian Classics Ethereal Library.



It is because Reformed theology has kept us Gentiles under the Law,—if not as a means of righteousness, then as “a rule of life,” that all the trouble has arisen. ***The Law is no more a rule of life than it is a means of righteousness. Walking in the Spirit has now taken the place of walking by ordinances.***

God has another principle under which He has put his saints: “Ye are not under law, but, under grace!” (italics mine)

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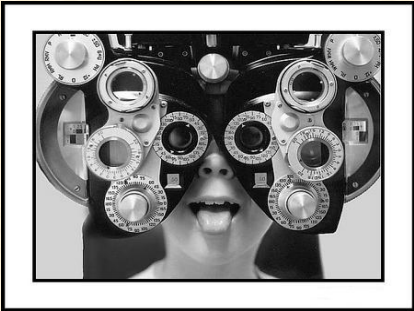
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Law & Grace: Session 13 Review

**The Law of Moses: Which is Better?**



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**The Law of Moses: Blessing?**



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**The Law of Moses: Cursing?**



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**The Law of Moses: Blessing & Cursing**  
 Deuteronomy 28

- **The Law of Moses** was about staying alive and doing well if you obeyed **it all** or dying if you broke some of the laws, and punishment for breaking others.

**Blessing**  
**Cursing**

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Law & Grace: Contrast and Comparison		
Steward	MOSES	CHRIST
Governing Principle	Law	Grace
Who's Works are you depending on?	Self	Christ
People Group	ISRAEL	CHURCH
Baptism	Into Moses	Into Christ
MINISTRY CHARACTERISTIC	DEATH / CONDEMNATION	SPIRIT / RIGHTEOUSNESS
Nature of Blessings	Conditional (If) / Earthly	Unconditional / Heavenly
Earthly Difficulties	Curses for disobedience	Growth or discipline

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**The Law of Moses: Blessing & Cursing**  
 Deuteronomy 28

The **1<sup>st</sup> covenant 'at Horeb'** (Deu. 5:2) was the **Law covenant** and the **foundation** for the entire Law of Moses **starting** in Exo. 20:1 and **ending** in Deu. 28:68 (v.69 Heb).




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### The Law of Moses: Blessing & Cursing Deuteronomy 28

The 2<sup>nd</sup> covenant '*in Moab*', introduced here as they are about to enter the land, establishes the Law as **the one basis** for the blessing and cursing of the Children of Israel **in the land** of Israel. These are the rules for how to continue to live in, and enjoy, the land!



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### Important Question: Did God expect that the Israelites would keep the Law of Moses?

Deuteronomy 31:16-17b

<sup>16</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers; and this people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of **the land**, into the midst of which they are going, and will forsake Me and **break My covenant** which I have made with them. <sup>17</sup> "Then My anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide My face from them, and they will be consumed, and many evils and troubles will come upon them..."



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### What if someone wants to be under the Law? Deuteronomy 28

- They're **about 3400 years late**.
- Likely from **the wrong family** tree –
- God **won't be happy** with them (Gal. 3:10-14).
- The Law makes the sin issue **worse!**
- Demonstrates **ignorance** or **willful denial of** our shared, personal, history that believer has in Christ!

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**Motive, Means & Opportunity**

PRINCIPLE	MOTIVE	MEANS	OPPORTUNITY
	Blessings on this earth if you do it, but curses if not	You do it, with no help from God – not of faith	<u>Stir up the sin nature</u> as its instrument, curse and death
	Blessed in the heavenlies in Christ – now, permanently	Holy Spirit enabled empowered and energized	To be <u>God's instrument, blessed</u> , live by <u>Christ's life</u>

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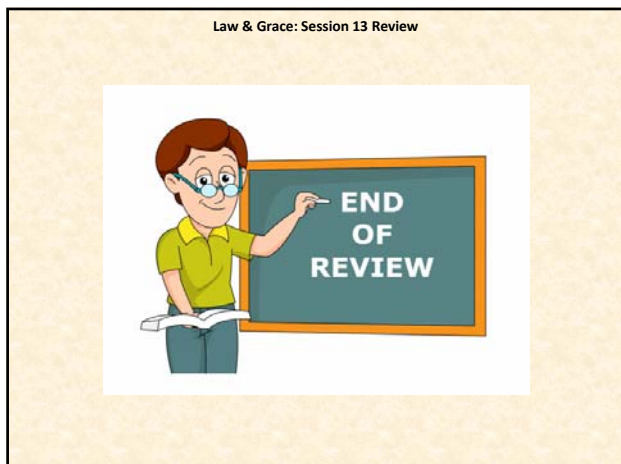
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**Joshua 6:20**

So the people shouted, and priests blew the trumpets; and when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted with a great shout and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ahead, and they took the city.



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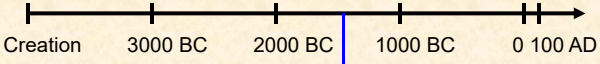
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**Historical Timeline of the Bible**



Creation    3000 BC    2000 BC    1000 BC    0    100 AD

After 40 years in the desert east of Canaan, east of the Jordan River, Israel invaded Canaan under the leadership of Joshua (Joshua 1:1-11).



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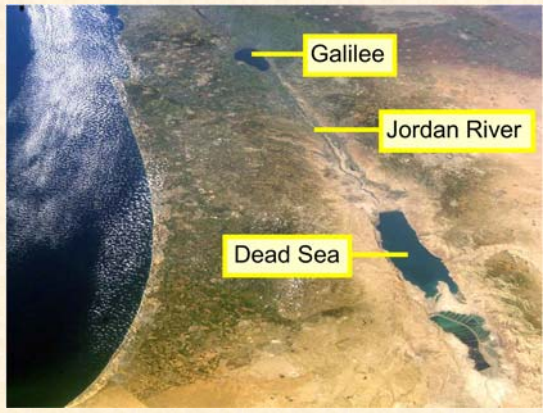
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Galilee

Jordan River

Dead Sea

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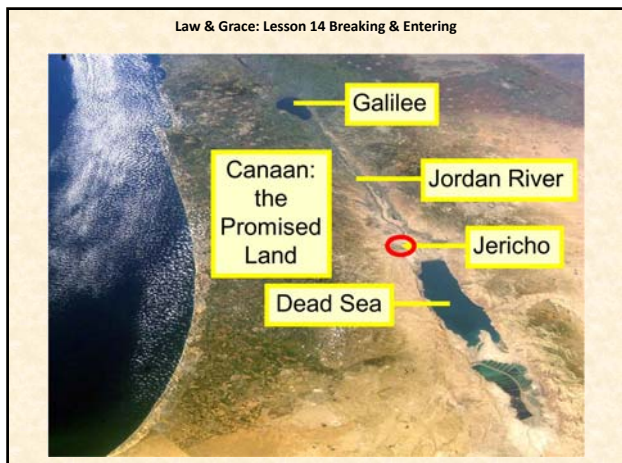
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### Passing the Baton

Deuteronomy > Joshua

- In our last session we had **our last look at the life and writings of Moses in this Law and Grace series.**
- Those writings of Moses gave **613 individual laws of the Law of Moses.**



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### Passing the Baton

Deuteronomy > Joshua



- As we turn from Deuteronomy to the book of Joshua, **Moses has passed the leadership of the people of Israel onto Joshua**, who will lead them into the promised land.

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**Deuteronomy 20:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> "When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, **do not be afraid of them**; for the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you. <sup>2</sup> When you are approaching the battle, the priest shall come near and speak to the people. <sup>3</sup> He shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, you are approaching the battle against your enemies today. **Do not be fainthearted. Do not be afraid, or panic, or tremble before them**. <sup>4</sup> for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'"



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**Deuteronomy 31:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> "**Be strong and courageous**, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you." <sup>7</sup> Then Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "**Be strong and courageous**, for you shall go with this people into the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall give it to them as an inheritance." (cf. Deu.31:23; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18; 10:25.)



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**There's only one problem...**  
Joshua

- The one problem is that there are other people in the land where God wants them to go...
- ...and God wants them to take out or drive out the inhabitants of the land of Canaan.



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**Exodus 23:29-30**

<sup>29</sup> "I will not drive them out before you in a single year, that the land may not become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. <sup>30</sup> "I will drive them out before you little by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land.

**Deuteronomy 7:22**

<sup>22</sup> "The Lord your God will clear away these nations before you little by little; you will not be able to put an end to them quickly, for the wild beasts would grow too numerous for you.



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**On the Way to Jericho**

- God's Charge to Joshua – 1:1-9
- Joshua Assumes Command – 1:10-18
- Rahab Shelters Spies – 2:1-14
- The Promise to Rahab – 2:15-24
- Israel Miraculously Crosses the Jordan – 3-4
- Israel Is Circumcised – 5
- **The Conquest of Jericho – 6**

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**First Up, the City of Jericho**  
Joshua 6



- And as they cross over the Jordan river into the land that the Lord had promised, **the first city they encounter will be a very well-fortified city – the city of Jericho.**

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**Under the Law of Moses and Principle of Law**  
Joshua

- As the Children of Israel entered the promised land they were living under the entire **Law of Moses.**
- They were also living under a **principle** of law which specifically governed such things as how they would do battle, what to destroy and keep.



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**Under the Law of Moses and Principle of Law**  
Joshua

- Under the **principle** of Law, failing to follow the specific orders from God for the battle meant both defeat and potentially, death.



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**Joshua 1:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> They answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. <sup>17</sup> "Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you; only may the LORD your God be with you as He was with Moses. <sup>18</sup> "Anyone who rebels against your command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous."



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**Joshua 6:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Now Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel; no one went out and no one came in. <sup>2</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the valiant warriors. <sup>3</sup> "You shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days. <sup>4</sup> "Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. <sup>5</sup> "It shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people will go up every man straight ahead."



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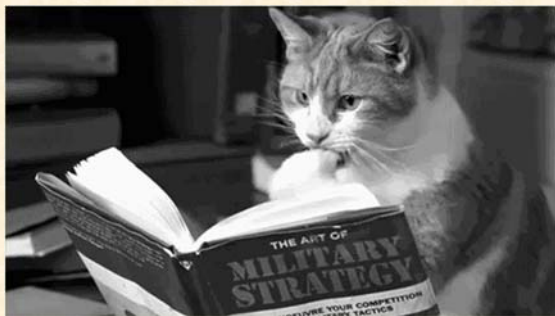
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**Did Joshua gain the upper hand through a study of Military Strategy?**



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**Did Joshua learn how to predict, or even cause, an Earthquake?**



**EARTHQUAKE!!**

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**Did Joshua plan to take them out with superior physical strength & firepower?**



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**God Had Them Do This**  
Joshua 6:6-21



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**God Had Them Do This**  
Joshua 6:6-21

- But on the seventh day they walked all around Jericho the same way, seven times and shouted.



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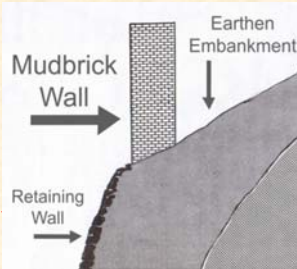
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**God Had Them Do This**  
Joshua 6:6-21



- At the shout the walls fell outward, making a ramp for Israel's soldiers.

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**Jericho at the time of the conquest**  
Joshua 6



Computer model of Jericho at the time of the conquest (1406 BC) – Oblique view

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**What to destroy, what to keep**  
Joshua 6

- The soldiers were to destroy everything and everyone in the city, keeping only the gold and silver bronze and iron articles for the treasury of the Tabernacle of the Lord.



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**What to destroy, what to keep**  
Joshua 6



- They were to burn the city, even with its freshly harvested grain and other crops.
- But Rahab alone was kept alive because she had helped Israel's spies.

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**What was so special about Rahab?**  
Joshua 2 & 6

- Rahab the harlot had sheltered and protected the two Israelite spies who had come to check out the city of Jericho.



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**What was so special about Rahab?**

Joshua 2 & 6



- Reminiscent of letting Paul down the city wall in a basket, **Rahab let the two Israelites spies down the city wall.**
- **So, Rahab & her father's household** were spared that day.



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**Score: Israelites 1, Jericho 0**

Joshua 6

- So, the Israelites clearly and only by the hand of God, had scored a great victory that day.
- It was the first step in capturing the land God had promised, in a way that would not be repeated.



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**4 Additional Considerations**

Joshua 6

1. Archaeology
2. Rahab's lineage
3. Rahab's faith
4. Law and Grace



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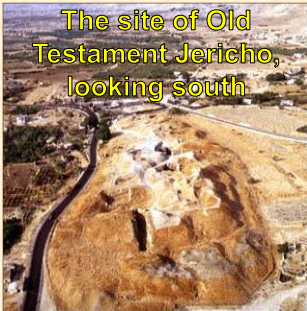
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### 1. Archaeology

Joshua 6



The site of Old Testament Jericho, looking south

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### 1. Archaeology

Joshua 6

- Jericho Excavations showing portion of the city destroyed by Israel's invasion.



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**1. Archaeology**  
Joshua 6



Dr. Bryant G. Wood at Jericho excavation

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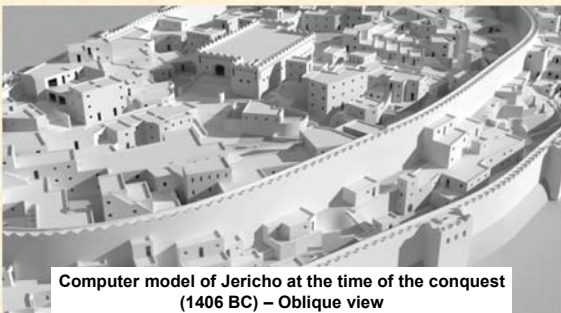
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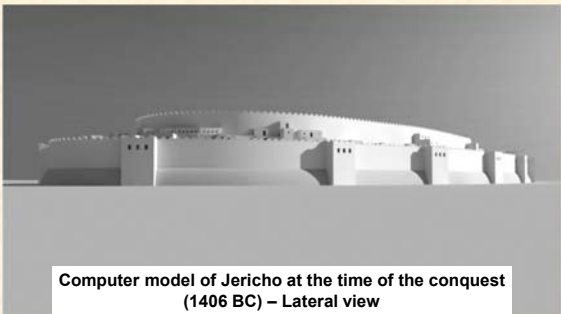
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Computer model of Jericho at the time of the conquest  
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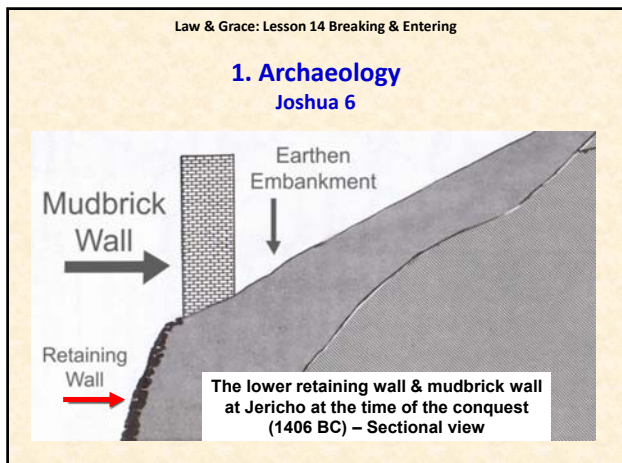
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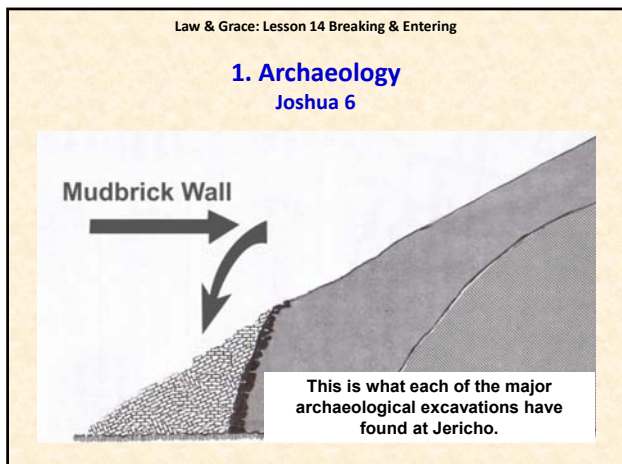
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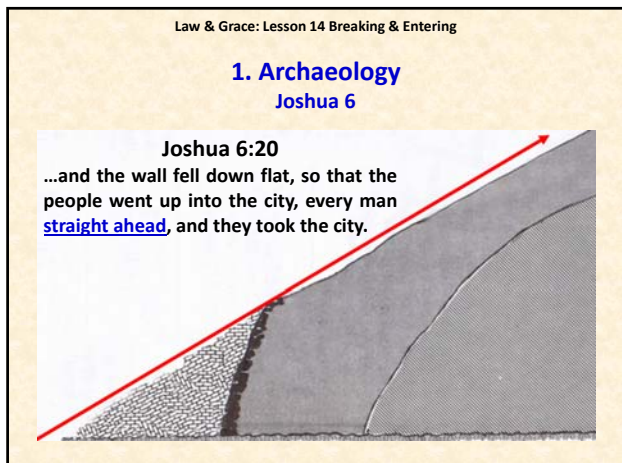
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**1. Archaeology**  
Joshua 6



The lower retaining wall at Jericho  
with mudbrick wall removed

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**Joshua 3:15**

“and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all **the days of harvest**)...”

**Joshua 6:17, 24**

“<sup>17</sup> **The city shall be under the ban**, it and all that is in it belongs to the LORD;.... <sup>24</sup> **They burned the city with fire, and all that was in it.** Only the silver and gold, and articles of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord.”



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Dr. Bryant G. Wood at Jericho excavation in front of pottery from the time of the destruction of Jericho (1406 BC)

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**Seals found in tombs near Jericho**

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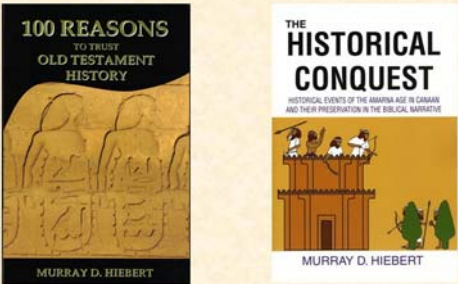
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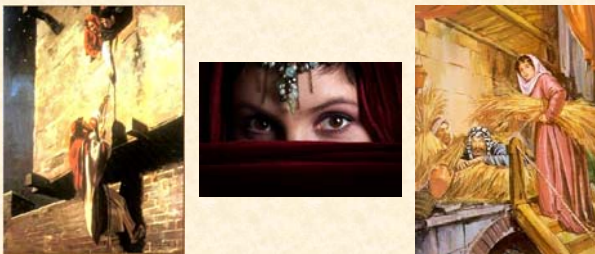
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**2. Rahab's lineage**  
Matthew 1:2-3, 5-6, 16



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**Matthew 1:2-3, 5-6, 16**

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. <sup>3</sup> Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram... <sup>5</sup> Salmon was the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, Boaz was the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse. <sup>6</sup> Jesse was the father of **David the king**. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah... <sup>16</sup> Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom **Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah**. (cf. )



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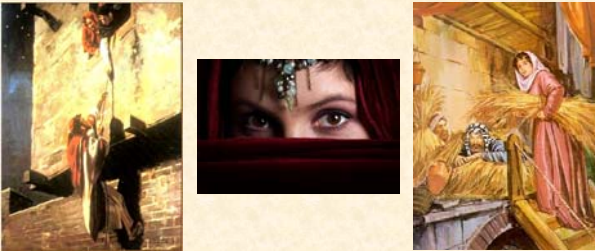
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**3. Rahab's faith**  
Hebrews 11:30-31



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**Hebrews 11:30-31**

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.



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**Session 14 Outline**

- I. Review
  - A. Purpose, Aim, and Objective
  - B. Session 13
- II. Breaking & entering (Joshua 6)
  - A. General Information & Commentary
- III. **Concluding Observations**

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#### 4. The Israelites - Under Both Law & Limited Grace Joshua

- The Israelites were under the Law of Moses, and **they were under a principle of law as they entered the promised land.**

Joshua 1:16,18

They answered Joshua, saying, "...Anyone who rebels against your command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, **shall be put to death**; only be strong and courageous."



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#### 4. The Israelites - Under Both Law & Limited Grace Joshua



- But the Lord was also gracious to the people of Israel and to a few others who were not of the people of Israel, such as Rahab.

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#### But we in the Body of Christ...

- But we in the Body of Christ do not live under any mixture of Law and Grace. **We live under pure, pristine, uncontaminated...**



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**Romans 5:15,17**

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, **much more** did the **grace of God and the gift by the grace** of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many...<sup>17</sup> For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, **much more** those who receive **the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**



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**Romans 5:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, **grace abounded all the more,** <sup>21</sup> so that, as sin reigned in death, even so **grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**



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