

Jericho: A Battle March on the Sabbath???

The Questions that comes to mind in regards to the 7 day Jericho March is; “Did YHWH instruct Israel to march around the wall of Jericho on the Sabbath day? Did YHWH permit Israel to go to war on the Sabbath day?



According to **Exodus 16:29** the Instructions given to Israel is that they are to be within their place and no man is to go out of his area on the 7th day Sabbath, however to say that Joshua and his army did go to war on the Sabbath day would of course contradict Exodus 16:29. According to the ancient records (Scriptures) there is no record what's so ever that the Israelites has ever gone to war on the 7th day Sabbath.

The Entire chapter of Joshua 6 portrays the historical fact that the walls of Jericho did fall on the 7th day and they did invade / destroyed the city of the Canaanites.



The exact same story of the 7 day march is also documented in

Jasher 88:14-18

14. And it was in the second month, on the first day of the month, that the Lord said to Joshua, Rise up, behold I have given Jericho into thy hand with all the people thereof; and all your fighting men shall go round the city, once each day, thus shall you do for six days.

15. And the priests shall blow upon trumpets, and when you shall hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall give a great shouting, that the walls of the city shall fall down; all the people shall go up every man against his opponent.

16. And Joshua did so according to all that the Lord had commanded him.

17. And on the seventh day they went round the city seven times, and the priests blew upon trumpets.

18. And at the seventh round, Joshua said to the people, Shout, for the Lord has delivered the whole city into our hands.

The estimate time period of the 7 Day Jericho march would be give or take 1446 B.C. During this time period the only calendar that was ever acknowledge and observed by the Israelites, is a calendar that constituted New moon as the beginning of the month. Rome however was not yet in power till 700 years later and its first Roman solar calendar that was instituted by Julias Caesar, did not come into existences till 1,500 years later.

According to scripture, the days that were acknowledge and observed per each lunar month, per each week is New moon day, 6 Working days & the 7th Day Sabbath. Upon carefully reading Ezekiel 46:1-3 and Amos 8:5, it does explain that New moon day is not part of the 6 day work week, nor is it a secular work day as in a day of business / commerce. New moon day however in ancient Israel was recognized as day 1 of every month as it always been acknowledged to be the beginning of the Hebraic lunar month.

As we line up the scriptures with the historical facts, Israel did not go to war on the Sabbath, but rested on the 8th day which is technically the 7th day Sabbath after New moon day.

7 Day Jericho March

The diagram illustrates the 7 Day Jericho March, showing the progression of the moon from New Moon Day to the 7th Day Sabbath. It consists of eight panels, each showing a different phase of the moon. The first panel is labeled 'New Moon Day' and 'Day 1 of the March'. The subsequent panels are labeled 'Work day #1' through 'Work day #6' and 'Day 2 of the March' through 'Day 7 of the March'. The final panel is labeled '7th Day Sabbath' and shows a full moon. To the right of the panels, there is a label 'Eve of New Moon' with three arrows pointing to the first three panels.

Joshua 6:2-5 / Jasher 88:14-18

Exodus 16:29

See, for that YHWH hath given you the **Sabbath**, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, **let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.**