

## Chapter 6

*Some prieftes carying the arke, others founding Iubilee trumpetes, armed men going before, and the rest of the people folowing, goe euerie day once, fix dayes together, and the feuenth day, feuen times, round about Iericho. 16. At laft al making a great shoote, the walles fal downe, and they entering in kil and deftroi al (22. fauing Rahab and her kinred.) The gold, filuer, brafse, and iron are brought into the treafurie. 26. And he is curfed that shal build the citie againe.*

The fecond part. Of conquering the Land of promife.

**A**nd Iericho was flut and fenfed, for feare of the children of Ifrael, and no man durft goe out or come in. <sup>2</sup> And our Lord faid to Iofue: Behold I haue geuen into thy handes Iericho, and the king therof, and al the valiant men. <sup>3</sup> <sup>a)</sup>Goe round about the citie al you that be men of warre once a day: fo shal you doe fix daies. <sup>4</sup> And the feuenth day the prieftes shal take vp the feuen trumpettes, which are vfed in the Iubilee, and shal goe before the arke of the couenant: and you shal goe about the citie feuen times, and the prieftes shal found with trumpetes. <sup>5</sup> And when the voice of the trumpet shal found in length and with a broken tune, and shal found in your eares, al the people shal crie together with a verie greate fhoote, and the walles of the citie shal fall to the ground, and they shal enter in euerie one at the place againft which they shal ftãd. <sup>6</sup> Iofue therefore the fonne of Nun called the prieftes, and faid to them: Take vp the arke of the couenant: and let feuen other prieftes take vp the feuen trūpettes of the iubilees, and march before the arke of our Lord. <sup>7</sup> To the people alfo he faid: Goe, and cōpaffe the citie, the armed going before the arke of our Lord. <sup>8</sup> And when Iofue had ended his wordes, and the feuen prieftes founded with feuen trumpettes before the arke of the

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<sup>a</sup> God appointed this long and folemne proceffion to the end it might appeare, that the walles of Iericho fel not by chance, nor by force of mans induftrie, but by the mightie hand of God.

couenant of our Lord, <sup>9</sup> and al the armed hofte went before, the reft of the commō people folowed the arke, and al places founded with the trumpettes. <sup>10</sup> But Iofue had commanded the people, faying: You shal not crie, neither shal your voice be heard, nor any word goe out of your mouth: vntil the day come wherin I shal fay to you: Crie, and shoote. <sup>11</sup> Therefore the arke of our Lord went about the citie once a day, and returning into the campe, abode there. <sup>12</sup> Iofue therefore ryfing in the night, the prieftes tooke the arke of our Lord, <sup>13</sup> and feuen of them feuen trumpettes, which are vfed in the iubilee: and they went before the arke of our Lord walking and founding: and the armed people went before them, and the reft of the common people folowed the arke, and they founded with trumpettes. <sup>14</sup> And they went round about the citie the fecond day once, and returned into the campe. So did they fix daies. <sup>15</sup> But the feuenth day, ryfing vp early, they went about the citie, as it was ordained, feuen times. <sup>16</sup> And when in the feuenth going about the prieftes founded with the trumpettes, Iofue faid to al Ifrael: Make a shoote: for our Lord hath deliuered to you the citie: <sup>17</sup> and let this citie be anathema: and al thinges that are in it, to our Lord. Onlie Rahab the harlot let her liue, with al that be with her in the houfe: for fhe hidde the meffengers whom we fent. <sup>18</sup> But you beware you touch not ought of thofe thinges, that are commanded, and be guiltie of preuarication, and <sup>a</sup>)al the campe of Ifrael be vnder finne, and be trubled. <sup>19</sup> But whatfoeuer gold or filuer there shal be, and of brafen veffels and yron, let it be confecrated to our Lord, layd vp in his treasures. <sup>20</sup> Therefore al the people making a shoote, and the trumpettes founding, after that the voice and the found thundred in the eares of the multitude, the walles forthwith fell: and euerie man went vp by

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<sup>a</sup> Manie are held guiltie of finne, and are iuftly punifhed for the fact of one or few, either becaufe they cōfented, or concealed, or neglected to punifh the offenders: or els they fuffer temporal affliction for their warning to abhorre finne, & for increafe of their merite. *S. Aug. q. 8. & 9. in Iofue.*

the place, that was againft him: and they tooke the citie, <sup>21</sup> and killed al thinges that were in it, from man to woman, from the infant to the old man. The oxen alfo and sheepe, and the affes they ftroke in the edge of the fword. <sup>22</sup> But to the two men that had bene fent for fpies, Iofue faid: Goe into the houfe of the woman the harlotte, and bring her forth, and al thinges that be hers, as you affured her by oath. <sup>23</sup> And the young men going in, brought out Rahab, and her parentes, her brethren alfo and al her ftuffe and kinred, and made them to tarie without the campe. <sup>24</sup> But the citie, and al thinges, that were found therein they burnt; except the gold and filuer, and brafen veffels, and yron, which they confecrated vnto the treafurie of our Lord. <sup>25</sup> But Rahab the harlotte and the houfe of her father, and al that fhe had, Iofue caufed to liue, and they dwelt in the middes of Ifrael vntil this prefent day: for that she hidde the meffengers, which he had fent to view Iericho. At that time, Iofue pronounced a curfe, faying: <sup>26</sup> <sup>a)</sup>Curfed be the man before our Lord, that shal rayfe vp and build the citie of Iericho. In his firft borne lay he the foundations therof, and in the laft of his children fette he vp the gates therof. <sup>27</sup> Our Lord therefore was with Iofue, and his name was bruided in al the earth.

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<sup>a</sup> Hiel fel into this curfe for reparing Iericho. *3. Reg. 16. v. 34.*