

Faith That Makes Walls Fall Joshua 6

A strategy that sounds too absurd, 1-5

- 6:1 is parenthetical and reveals the hopelessness of any attack.
- 6:2-5 probably continues words of the *captain of the hosts* in 5:15.

A siege that sounds too much like a parade, 6-19

- All the people march w/o complaining regardless of any ridicule.
- Rules of engagement = total destruction of all life, see 6:21--*under the ban* (NASB) *devoted* (NIV) *devoted to destruction* (ESV), *accursed* (KJV). Idea = unredeemable things set apart for God alone (wrath). Lv. 27:28, Dt. 13:17, 20:16,17, I Sam. 15:21. See later in 7:1,11-13.
- Check out Jdgs 7 and II Chron. 20 for similar odd battle strategies.

A slaughter that sounds too cruel, 20-2

- Total destruction is accomplished but for metals, which are dedicated to the treasury (I Kgs. 7:51)—the only thing not off limits.
- Consequence for disobeying the ban = a fate that mirrors it (later it is applied to Achan and all he has, 7:24-26).
- Rahab and her family are miraculously delivered as promised.
- The “Jericho curse” (26) will strike disobedient Hiel in I Kgs. 16:34.

Do people ridicule us today for God's plans or commands that sound a bit “silly” or too “severe”?

What does Paul say concerning the world's view of the Gospel? Look at I Cor. 1:18-25

