

Jericho Parts I and II

What important information have the excavations in Jericho taught us?

- a. It shows that there was city of Jericho that had people living in it during the time when Joshua and the Israelites would have been there
 - b. From the artifacts that have been found, it is clear that the Israelites laid siege to Jericho for many months before they were able to enter it
 - c. The way that the walls fell down are not at all consistent with them just falling down like the Bible says they did
 - d. There is a section of the wall that is still standing
 - e. The walls appear to have fallen in such a way so as to allow the Israelites to walk right up them, just like a siege ramp
 - f. A, D and E are correct
 - g. A, B and D are correct
8. **True or False:** The Bible says that after the Israelites defeated Jericho he burned the city, but there is a big problem with that because there is no archaeological evidence that anything was burned in the city.
9. You might need to read Joshua 6 to help you answer this question, but what things would the Bible have predicted would be found at Jericho that we learned today have already been found?
- a. Evidence that the Israelites walked around the city 7 times, once per day
 - b. Evidence of a battle that took many months before the Israelites won
 - c. Evidence that the city had been burned, including important things – like grain – that are usually kept by the side who wins the battle
 - d. Evidence that the walls had fallen down so that it would be easy for the Israelites to walk up into the city
 - e. B and C are correct
 - f. B, C and D are correct
10. **True or False:** The first person who did a lot of excavation at Jericho – Kathleen Kenyon – said that there was no archaeological evidence that the Bible story about Jericho was true.
11. **True or False:** Later excavations and research of the Jericho site gave archaeological evidence that did show that the Bible story about Joshua and Jericho was true.

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

- Jericho
- Walls
- Miracle
- Evidence
- Excavation
- Kathleen Kenyon
- Bryant Wood
- Debris
- Jars
- Grain
- Passover
- Rahab
- House

W O V N A G R A I N V T U Q U G N M L C I T W E E
 L A W P Z U T I P L U P U R J O M I R A C L E P A
 R H T K D E B R I S X I H M R O U Y N T H I Z Z N
 X M B K G Q J E G H E Y C H M T O L J B A S H V Q
 R X R X Y K L W D P B L G E Q C X P X T E E O D D
 Q C W H P S H P Q P H V M W K U X I A W R P J V V
 N F D M L B J S L B M C J E X C A V A T I O N T U
 I F X L U I E K L N S W A U T O Q L L J Z G T N I
 L R A V J B T S F N J E R I C H O N D D D N Y E U
 O W D X I B X X K E J P S X P I D C E V Z Q J V R
 W F D P Z A P X Y R Z O W S Y Y J I Z K X C E I U
 J L J K A T H L E E N K E N Y O N B R K O Q L D R
 Y I Z J G J H Y F E B F P Z P S E D R S E E D E A
 G Z J U N G P U R W G T G U K J D B N Q K O O N E
 I K T U W H L H Z K P A S S O V E R Y L O M F C T
 D O D Z W O D L Z S C D Z T M B M E G W G J W E W
 V T O V X U M L E H B T B B K T P J T X R F U A W
 G I F G Z S C K S T C X W I K O R N D G Y L B F Y
 G P X B D E C U B B D G B C L A A V A N J S Y E O
 Y A S R O T Q F C V A S Z W N Y F G Z A R A W J R
 Y A T J K U P H M P C Q W F R D W V I H A N M S M
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 B F G G J Y T F W F E B D D B N K S J H A M U A N
 J I U J T A M N M T I B D P B R B V Z U B N S V L
 S P X D K P I O P G Q P D E H A M T D D X S V G Z

FOR ADVANCED STUDY

12. Why was the finding of many large jars filled with burnt grain very important? (Try reading Joshua 6:18 – 21 for help, if you need it).

13. Using Joshua 6:18 – 21 for reference, if you were digging at this Jericho site and started to find many things made of silver, gold, iron and bronze, would that be what the Bible predicts you find?

14. For this question, keep in mind that the city of Jericho, like many other cities in the Middle East, was built in levels, with people building new layers of things on top of old layers of things, so that a hill (tel) is formed. Let's say that you were digging in Jericho and did start to find a lot of things made from bronze, iron, gold and silver. There are basically two explanations for that happening. Please describe the two basic reasons that explain why you are starting to find objects of this type. Which reason would you choose as being correct (yes, this is a tough one!)?

15. Perhaps the main reason that Kathleen Kenyon made incorrect conclusions about the Jericho site is because she was expecting to see certain items there, but as far as she knew, none of those items were present at the site. Although the absence of something you expect to find at a site can help to confirm what you are already thinking about the archaeological evidence, it is usually considered methodologically unsound to rely exclusively on the absence of information to drive scientific conclusions. Why do you think that making definitive conclusions based upon NOT finding an artifact somewhere that you think you should is scientifically dangerous?

16. I think the coolest thing about the Jericho excavation is the finding that there was a small section of the wall that had not fallen down. All the rest was fallen, but not that small section. Why is that so cool? (Joshua 2 might help you to answer, as well as keeping in mind the concept that the Bible making certain predictions about what might be found at a biblical archaeological dig.)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. One of the oldest cities in the world and Joshua took great interest in it
7. She helped the Israeli spies
9. Another word for burned
10. Bryant Wood found this that confirms the Bible
11. The part of the wall where Rahab's house was
13. When the wall fell, it formed this, for easier entry
14. Golden calves were placed in this northern city
15. God told the Israelites to do this to everything in Jericho

Down

2. This Gilgal structure was found surrounded by a wall and in the shape of a
3. Dr. Wood found jars filled with this valuable commodity
4. The Israelites defeated Jericho during the Jewish remembrance time of _____
5. She led excavations at Jericho in the 1950's
6. Archaeologist found wall _____ on the ground
8. Jericho was conquered in this many days
12. "The walls came _____ down"

