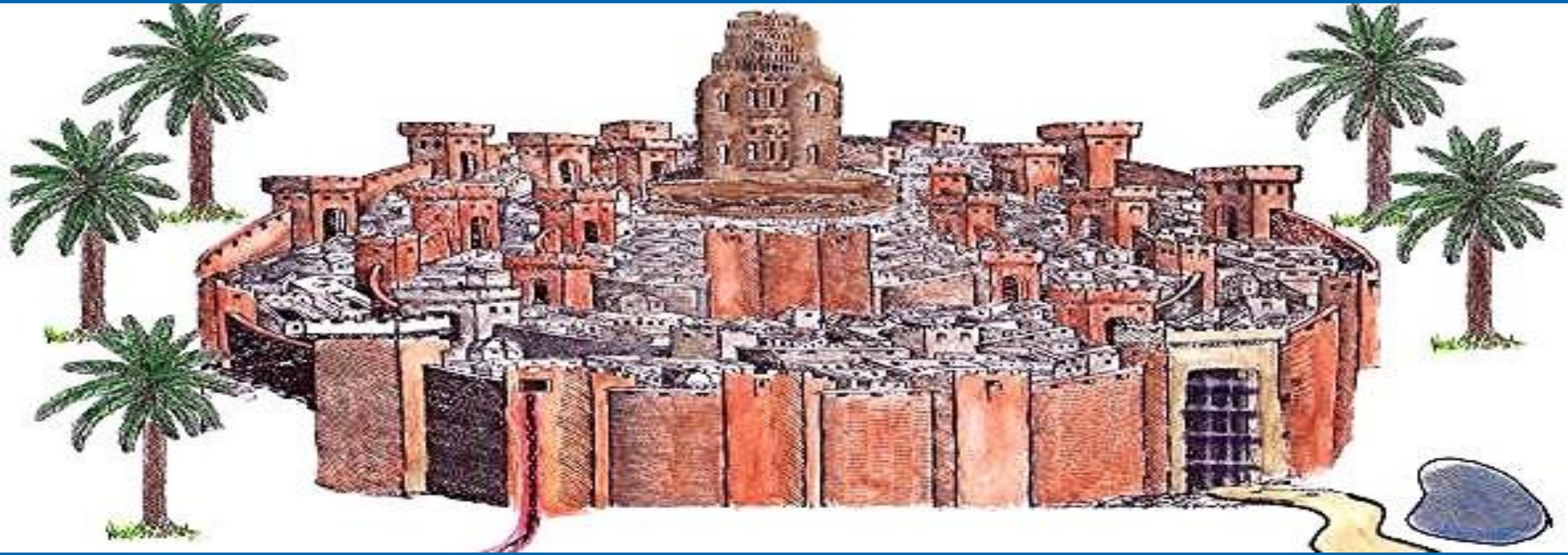




COMMANDER OF GOD'S ARMY

- This was a manifestation of God; not an angel
- By answering “no” to Joshua’s question, the Commander meant that He answered to no earthly authority
- God’s army of spiritual beings = warrior angels
- God’s army of physical beings = Israel’s warriors
- There should be **NO BREAK** between Joshua chapters 5 and 6

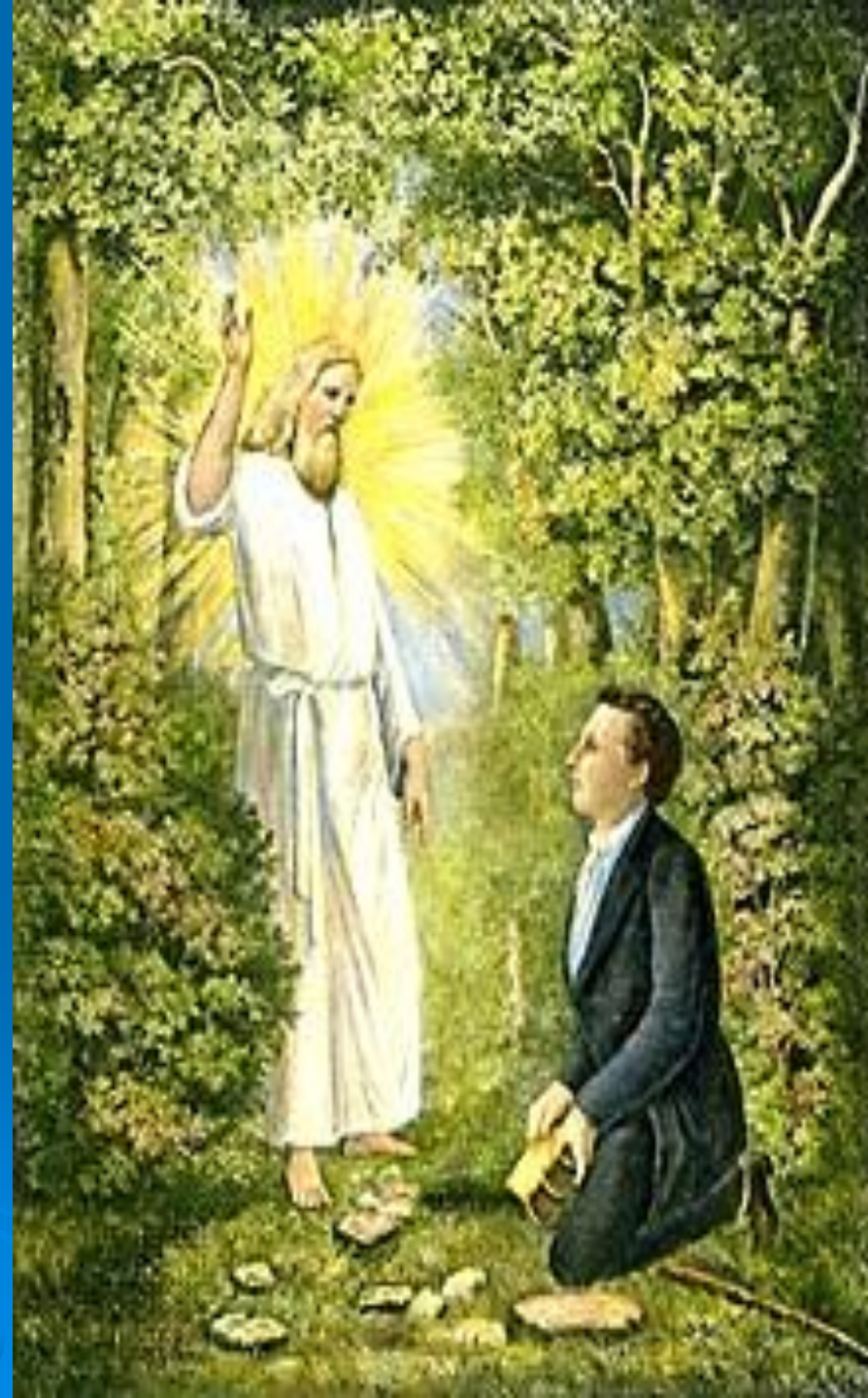
NONE COULD GO OUT OR COME IN



- Residents barricaded themselves inside Jericho's walls
- God's truth is best revealed in His PATTERNS
- Shortcuts give us crude and incomplete views
- The New Testament does NOT create God-patterns; it follows the ones created in the Old Testament

THE DANGER OF IGNORING GOD-PATTERNS

- Standard Christian method of debate: My verse is better than YOUR verse!
- Mormons established in 1800's based on Joseph Smith and Angel Moroni
- The claim is that Moroni brought a 3rd (newest) Bible testament
- Christians have actually created doctrines for such a thing to be deemed theologically possible!



CAN GOD DECLARE HIS WORD TO BE PERMANENT, AND THEN CHANGE IT!?

- Most mainstream Christians denominations have said “YES” to this question
- God said 100’s of times that the Torah and laws were forever, but then supposedly replaced them with the “New Testament” (Jesus repeated this)
- If God did it once already, why not again?
- Why should we believe that the NT is forever, if God can add another “testament” at any moment that abolishes the previous one?
- Mormons simply applied that same theology and now have the **NEWEST TESTAMENT**

Hardening of the Heart



- God-pattern: hardening of the will and mind towards God brings our certain destruction
- King of Jericho ordered his city to harden itself against God and His people
- The day is coming when this same situation will be played out over the entire planet



THE OUTCOME HAS BEEN DECIDED



- All inhabitants of Jericho will be annihilated
- God has already won the battle in Heaven, now Joshua's men will do mop-up on Earth
- March around the city for 7 consecutive days
- One revolution per day for 6 days, then 7 revolutions on the 7th day



ARK IS AT THE CENTER OF THE PROCESSION

- Indicates God's "Holy Spirit" presence
- Priests AND warriors to blow shofars
- On 7th day warriors are to shout
- BUT.....until the 7th day all are to be silent during their march around Jericho
- *Rua* = shout
- Shofars AND people are to *rua* (shout)

THE SHOFAR IS A SIGNALING DEVICE

- Shofar is not a musical instrument
- Has the same use as a Bugle
- *Yobel* = animal horn
- Noise could be heard above the din of battle
- Also connected with Prophets and with the coming of God's wrath
- Soldiers who walked around Jericho were the 40,000 men of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh



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THE DAY OF DESTINY

- 7 is symbolic of the works of God
- The 7th day was a long day for Israel
- They had to march around Jericho 7 times
- The soldiers AND the shofars *rua* (shout)



THE LAW OF HEREM

- Spoils of war
- God is the commander-in-chief of a Holy War, so all spoils belong to Him
- **Herem** = ban (banned from being used)
- All spoils destroyed as the only way to set them aside for God, for that which is set aside for God is holy
- This includes people, animals, possessions
- Only the metal objects were to be saved, and given to the Priesthood in service to Yehoveh
- Rahab and her family to be spared



1 THESS.4:16 LORD WILL DESCEND.....WITH A SHOUT!!



- The Rapture is announced with a SHOUT
- Day of life for the saved
- Day of death for the rebellious
- *Rua* = shout
- Same as at Jericho!!

THE PRINCIPLE OF RAHAB

- Rahab an enemy at one time
- Born a gentile, pagan
- Decided to stand with God and so she was saved from destruction by God's grace
- Lived OUTSIDE the camp for a time
- Later lived INSIDE the camp
- With the return of Israel we now have an opportunity to move spiritually and physically nearer God's chosen people
- We're still saved either way, but inside the camp brings us a greater relationship with God
- Enjoy the feast God has for us!!

