



Introduction

Having just crossed the river Jordan, the first city the Israelites encounter is Jericho.



Questions

1. What were the men of war to do for six days?
2. What were the men of war to do on the seventh day?
3. Who were the only people of Jericho to be allowed to live, and why?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 14** The gates of Jericho (see map) are shut as the Israelite soldiers and the priests blowing trumpets march round the city once a day for six days
- **v 15 to 21** On the seventh day they march around seven times, then they shout, the walls fall down and they are able to take the city. They trust what God has said (see theme) about how to conquer the city
- **v 22 to 25** As previously agreed with the spies, Rahab and her family are saved from destruction
- **v 26 and 27** Joshua says anyone rebuilding the city will be cursed

Timeline 1400 BC (see below)



Theme / Information

Past experience can encourage us to trust God

A selection of verses showing that past experience can encourage us to trust the God of the Bible:

When the Israelites had escaped from slavery in Egypt and had seen the Egyptian army destroyed, they realised that God had power to help them:

Exodus 14 verses 30 and 31

Before the Israelites crossed the river Jordan in a miraculous way, God told Joshua that what he was about to do should make them trust him:

Joshua 3 verses 9 and 10

God tells the prophet Isaiah that the Jews are his witnesses to everyone that he can be trusted:

Isaiah 43 verses 10 to 12

We can look at their history and see that what God said would happen has happened. Have a look at the Evidence-you decide website (theevidence.org.uk) to see how the witness of the Jews and other nations can encourage us to trust in God.

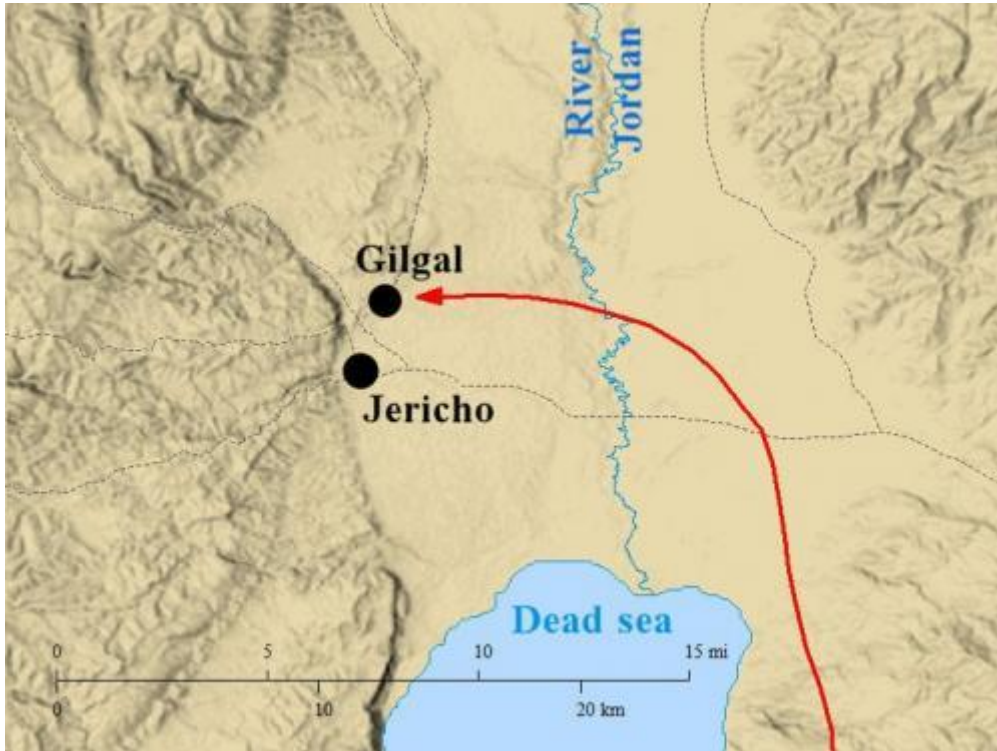
God challenges us to find any other god who can foretell the future like he has:

Isaiah 41 verses 21 to 23, 46 verses 9 and 10



Map showing Jericho and Gilgal

Map showing the approximate route of the Israelites as they approach Gilgal and Jericho (Joshua 2 and 4).



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3, Q 2: v 4 and 5, Q 3: v 17



Bible timeline

