



THE
COMMANDER
OF THE
LORD'S ARMY

JOSHUA 5:10~6:5

A green rectangular sign with rounded corners and a white border of reflective dots. The sign is mounted on two wooden posts and is tilted upwards. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text 'Promised Land' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the sign.

Promised Land

Joshua 5:4 (NLT)

⁴ Joshua had to circumcise them because all the men who were old enough to fight in battle when they left Egypt had died in the wilderness.

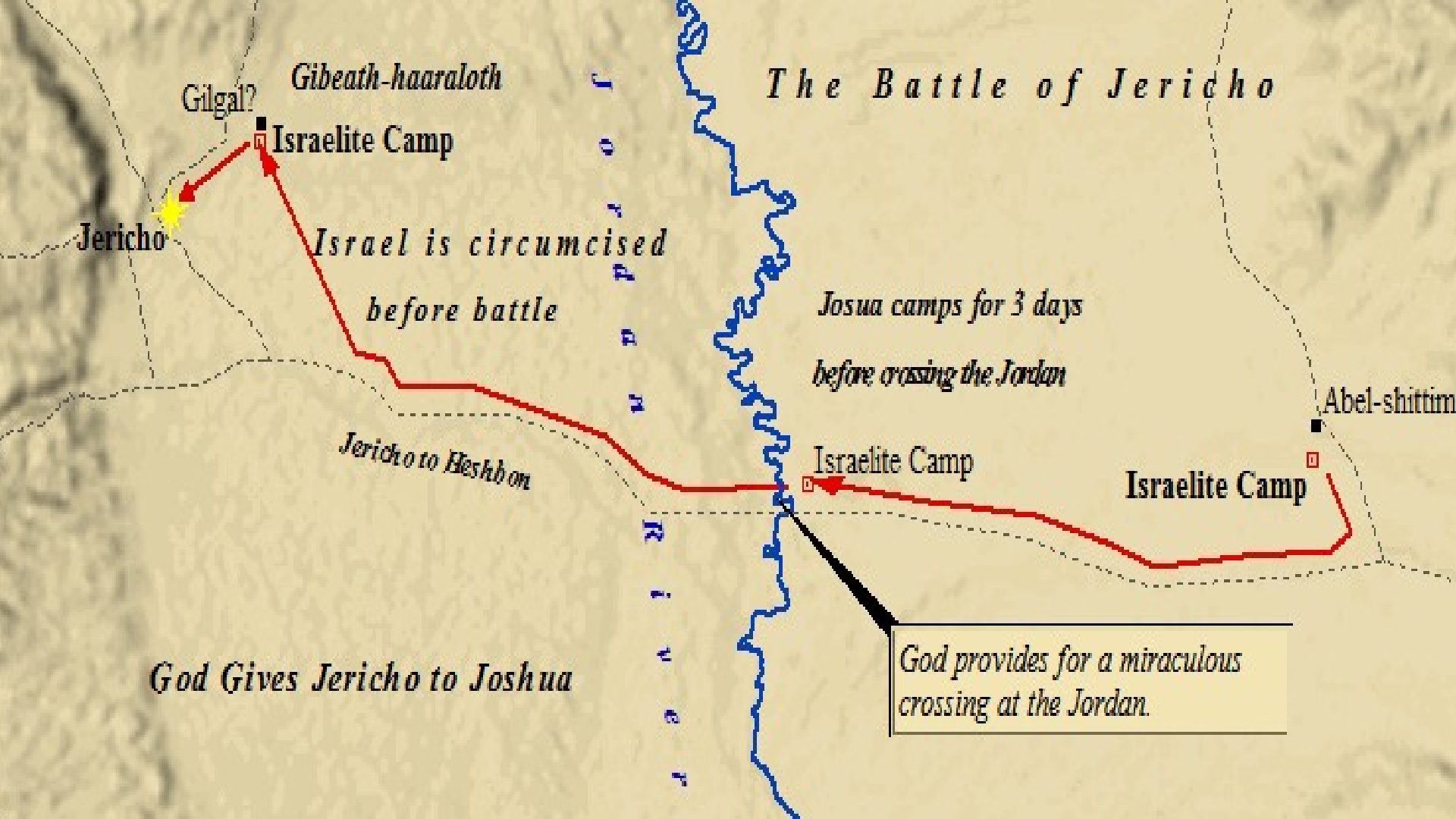
Joshua 5:8-9 (NLT)

⁸ After all the males had been circumcised, they rested in the camp until they were healed.⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt.” So that place has been called Gilgal to this day.

Joshua 5:10-12 (NLT)

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month.¹¹ The very next day they began to eat unleavened bread and roasted grain harvested from the land. ¹² No manna appeared on the day they first ate from the crops of the land, and it was never seen again. So from that time on the Israelites ate from the crops of Canaan.

The Battle of Jericho



Gilgal? Gibeath-haaraloth

Israelite Camp

Jericho

Israel is circumcised before battle

Josua camps for 3 days before crossing the Jordan

Abel-shittim

Jericho to Heshbon

Israelite Camp

Israelite Camp

God Gives Jericho to Joshua

God provides for a miraculous crossing at the Jordan.

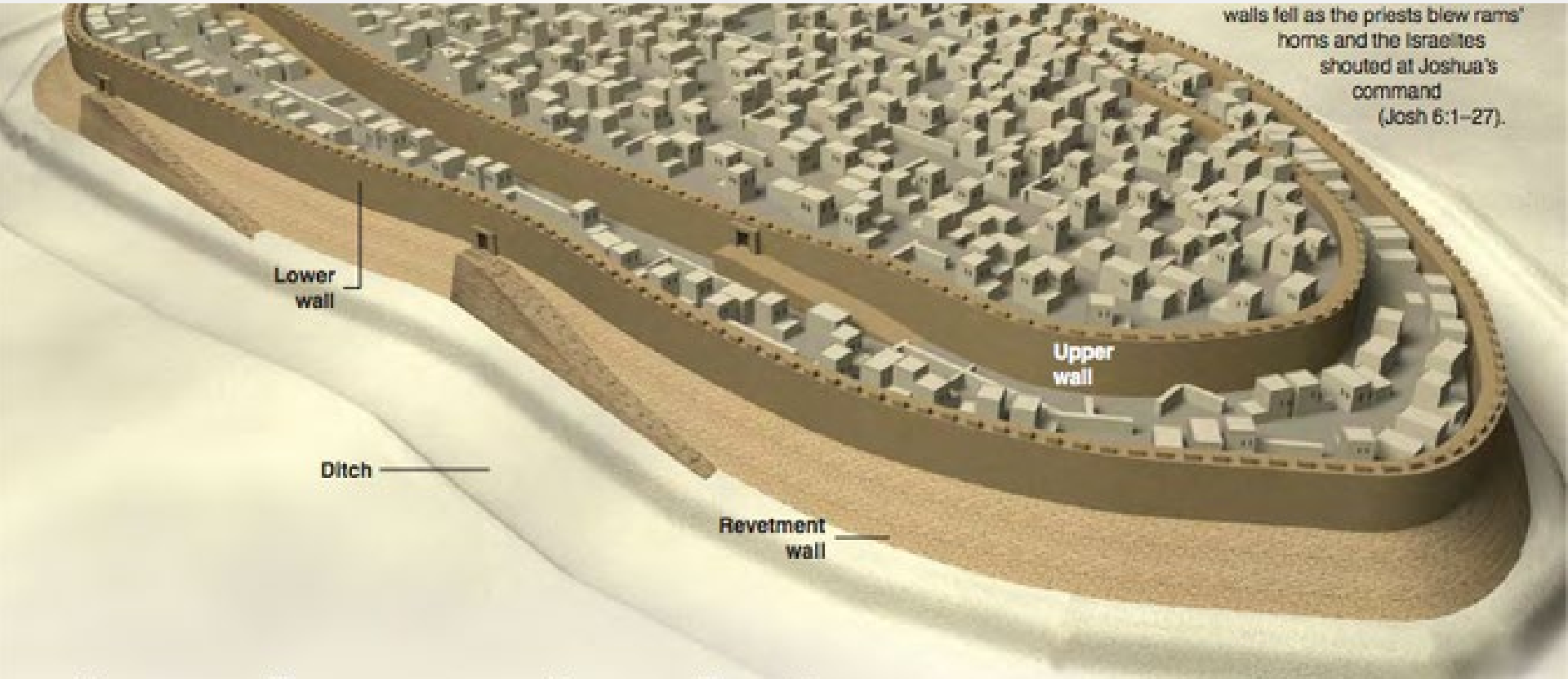
Joshua 6:1-5 (NLT)

Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. ² But the LORD said to Joshua, “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. ³ You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days.

Joshua 6:1-5 (NLT)

⁴ Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram's horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. ⁵ When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams' horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town."





walls fell as the priests blew rams' horns and the Israelites shouted at Joshua's command (Josh 6:1-27).

Lower wall

Upper wall

Ditch

Revetment wall

Ancient Jericho

Toward the end of the Bronze Age



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Joshua 5:13-15 (NLT)

¹³ When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, “Are you friend or foe?”

Joshua 5:13-15 (NLT)

¹⁴ “Neither one,” he replied. “I am the commander of the LORD’s army.”

At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. “I am at your command,” Joshua said. “What do you want your servant to do?”

Joshua 5:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ So He said, “No, but *as* Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.”

Joshua 5:13-15 (NLT)

¹⁵ The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did as he was told.

The sword is drawn



Ephesians 6:11-17 (NLT)



His Side is defined



His service is demanded



The Ground is Holy



Joshua 5:1 (NLT)

When all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings who lived along the Mediterranean coast heard how the LORD had dried up the Jordan River so the people of Israel could cross, they lost heart and were paralyzed with fear because of them.



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