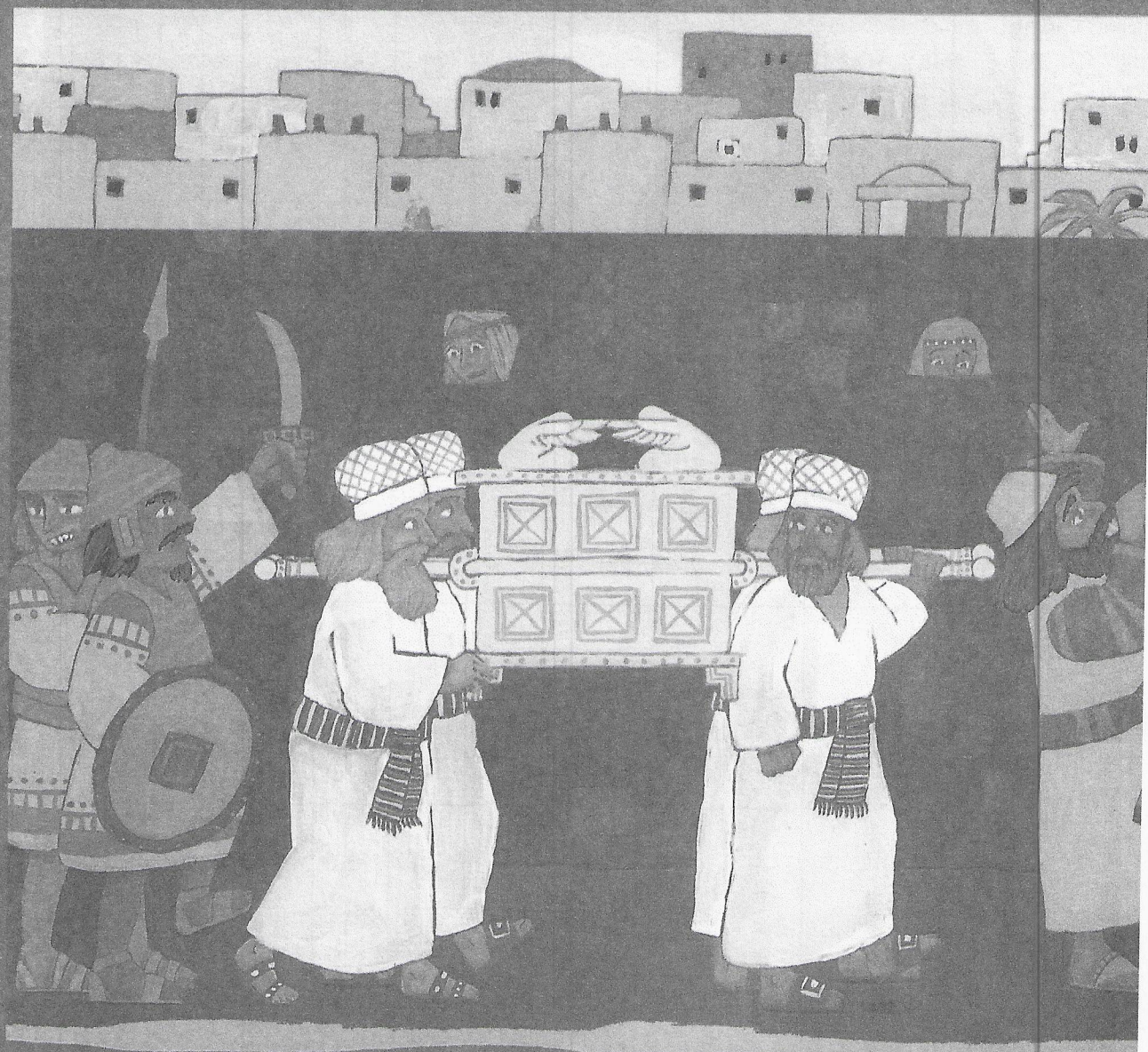


FULFILMENT OF THE PROMISE —  
TAKING POSSESSION OF CANAAN





## JOSHUA'S SELECTION AND MOSES' DEATH

Numbers 20: 24–29; 27: 18–23; Deuteronomy 34

At the end of the Israelites' journey, Moses was 120 years old. His brother Aaron, the high priest, had already died. His son Eleazar succeeded him as high priest.

When God let Moses know that he would soon die, Moses asked the Lord for a new leader for the people of Israel. The Lord chose Joshua for this purpose. Moses introduced him to the high priest Eleazar and the people of Israel as their new leader. As a sign of the commission he placed his hands upon him.

In a big farewell speech, Moses once again reminded the Israelites of all their experiences during the journey, and exhorted them to keep the Lord's commandments and laws. Then the Lord would continue to be with them.

According to God's will, Moses himself was not to enter into Canaan. The Lord led him up to Mount Nebo and allowed him to see the promised land. After that Moses died on the mountain and was buried there.

## CROSSING THE JORDAN

Joshua 1: 11; chapters 3–4

After the death of Moses, the Lord spoke with Joshua. At God's behest, Joshua commanded the Israelites to gather provisions for three days and to move toward the River Jordan. The Lord had promised a miracle to enable them to cross the river and reach Canaan.

First the priests went up to the Jordan with the ark of covenant. When they placed their feet into the river, the water flowed away and none followed. In this way the people were able to cross the Jordan without getting their feet wet.

Before crossing the Jordan, the Lord commanded that twelve men, one from each tribe, each take along on their shoulders one stone from the river. At Gilgal, situated between the Jordan and Jericho, Joshua erected these stones in remembrance of God's miracle which had enabled them to cross the Jordan.

## THE CAPTURE OF JERICHO AND THE REST OF THE LAND

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Joshua 6-11

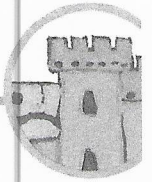
The first city which the Israelites were to capture was Jericho, a city with a thick wall for protection against enemies. It seemed impossible to capture this city, but the Lord again arranged a miracle to help the Israelites.

He gave the order for them to go around the city once on six consecutive days with seven trumpeters at the head. These were to be followed in silence first by those carrying the ark of the covenant and then the men of war.

On the seventh day, they were to go around the city seven times. The last time, all the people were to raise a war-cry. Then the walls would fall, and they would be able to take possession of Jericho.

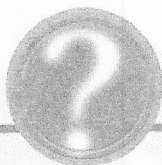
The Israelites followed the Lord's instructions exactly and captured Jericho.

The Lord was also with them to capture the remaining 31 cities. In the end, Joshua divided the land among the twelve tribes according to the Lord's will.





## EXERCISE 1



A journey lasting forty years

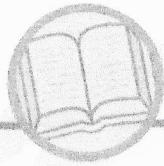
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Two scouts with faith in God.	A	Passing through the Red Sea
Here God proclaimed the Ten Commandments.	B	Pillar of cloud and pillar of fire
The Lord had chosen these two brothers as leaders.	C	Manna
Nourishment during the journey through the desert.	D	Sinai
Name of God's dwelling among His people.	E	Ark of the covenant
They did not wear out during the forty years.	F	Tabernacle of meeting
The box in which the tablets with the Ten Commandments were kept.	G	Joshua and Caleb
Rescued from the Egyptian army.	H	Clothing and shoes
They showed the people the way.	I	Moses and Aaron

A long time: In forty years I will be ..... years old!



## EXERCISE 2



Had radios and newspapers existed at that time, the incidents at Jericho might have been reported as follows:

Jericho Daily News:

### SENSATION!

Jericho This has never happened before! For the third day already the Israelites appear like ghosts to march around our city. Without a sound, the intruders from the desert walk around the city walls. Only the piercing sound of their seven trumpets interrupts the anxious silence.

How often will they repeat this spectacle? It ought to be clear, even to them, that we will not be driven out of our city in this absurd manner! When will they finally see this? What a foolish people!

Radio Free Canaan reports:

### MYSTERIOUS OR DANGEROUS?

From our Jericho correspondent:

This was already the sixth day of the Israelites' marching around Jericho. This takes place in silence and with complete discipline. The unrelenting sound of the trumpets can be heard far away. The musicians are followed by four men carrying a gilded box. Could there be a secret weapon in it? What does all of this mean? Uncertainty and fear are slowly spreading through the city! No one has an explanation for these mysterious processions around the city. We will continue to keep you informed.

CANAAN NEWS REPORT

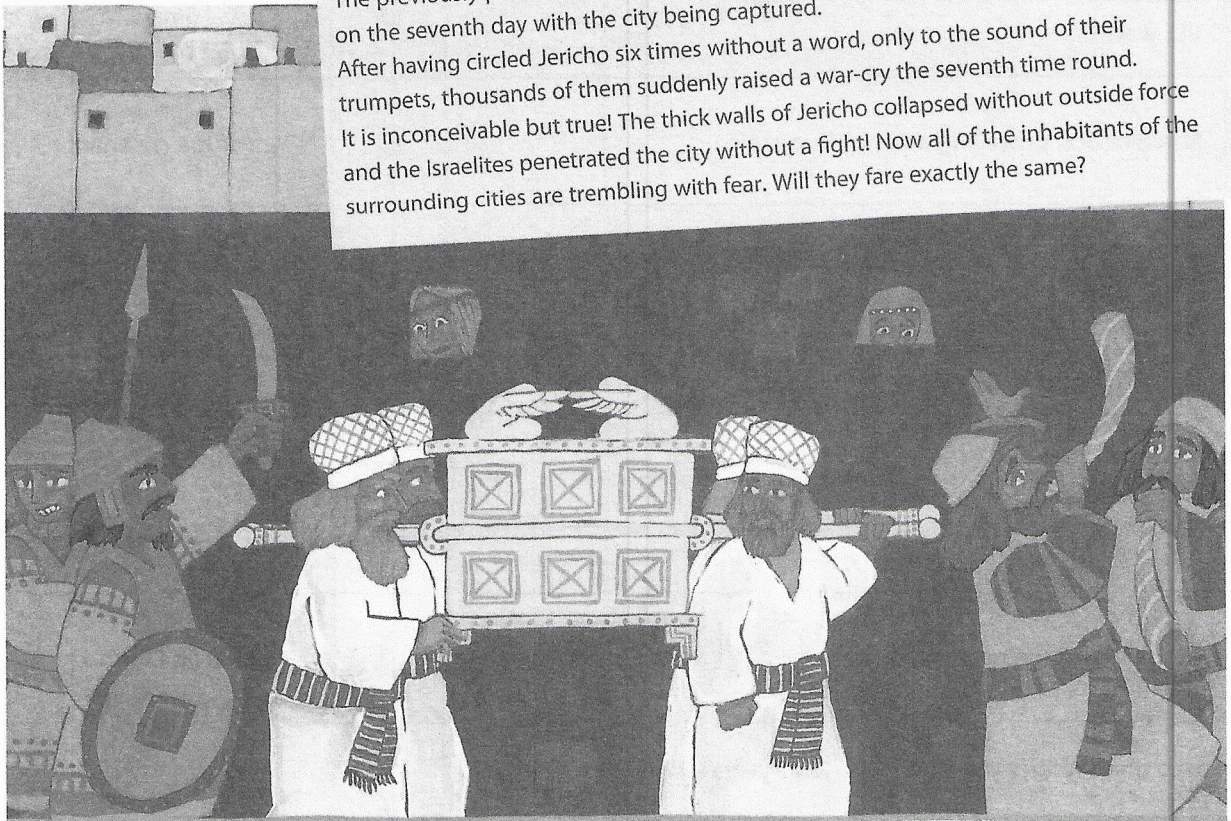
### DISASTER IN JERICHO

On the seventh day Israel strikes

The previously peaceful procession of the Israelites around the city of Jericho ended on the seventh day with the city being captured.

After having circled Jericho six times without a word, only to the sound of their trumpets, thousands of them suddenly raised a war-cry the seventh time round.

It is inconceivable but true! The thick walls of Jericho collapsed without outside force and the Israelites penetrated the city without a fight! Now all of the inhabitants of the surrounding cities are trembling with fear. Will they fare exactly the same?





EXERCISE 3



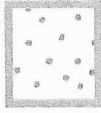
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Labeling

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Red Sea	Desert:	yellow
Dead Sea	Forest:	green
Mount Sinai (Horeb)		
Egypt		
Canaan		
Jericho		
Gilgal		
Mount Nebo		

