

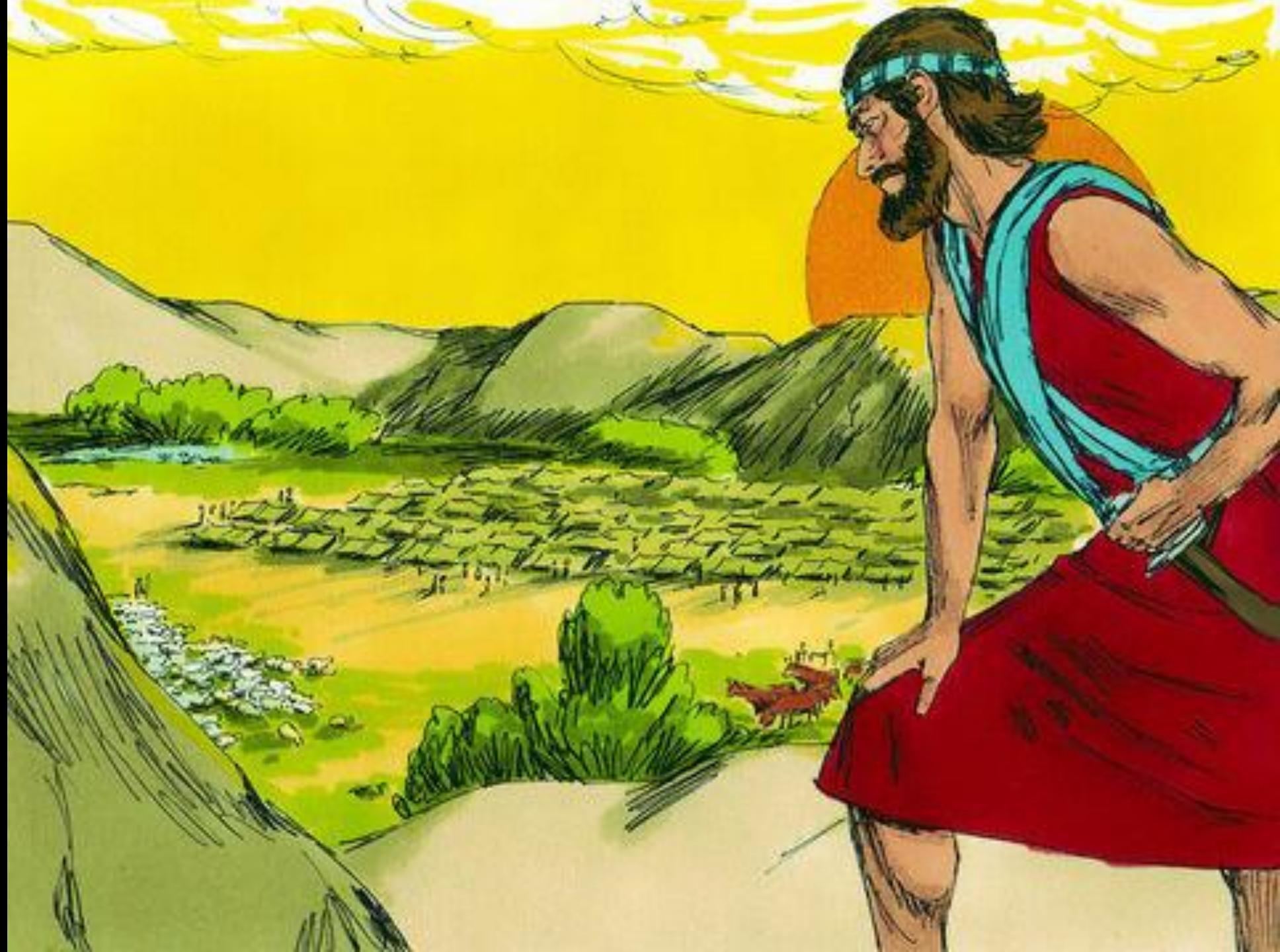


THE STORY OF MOSES

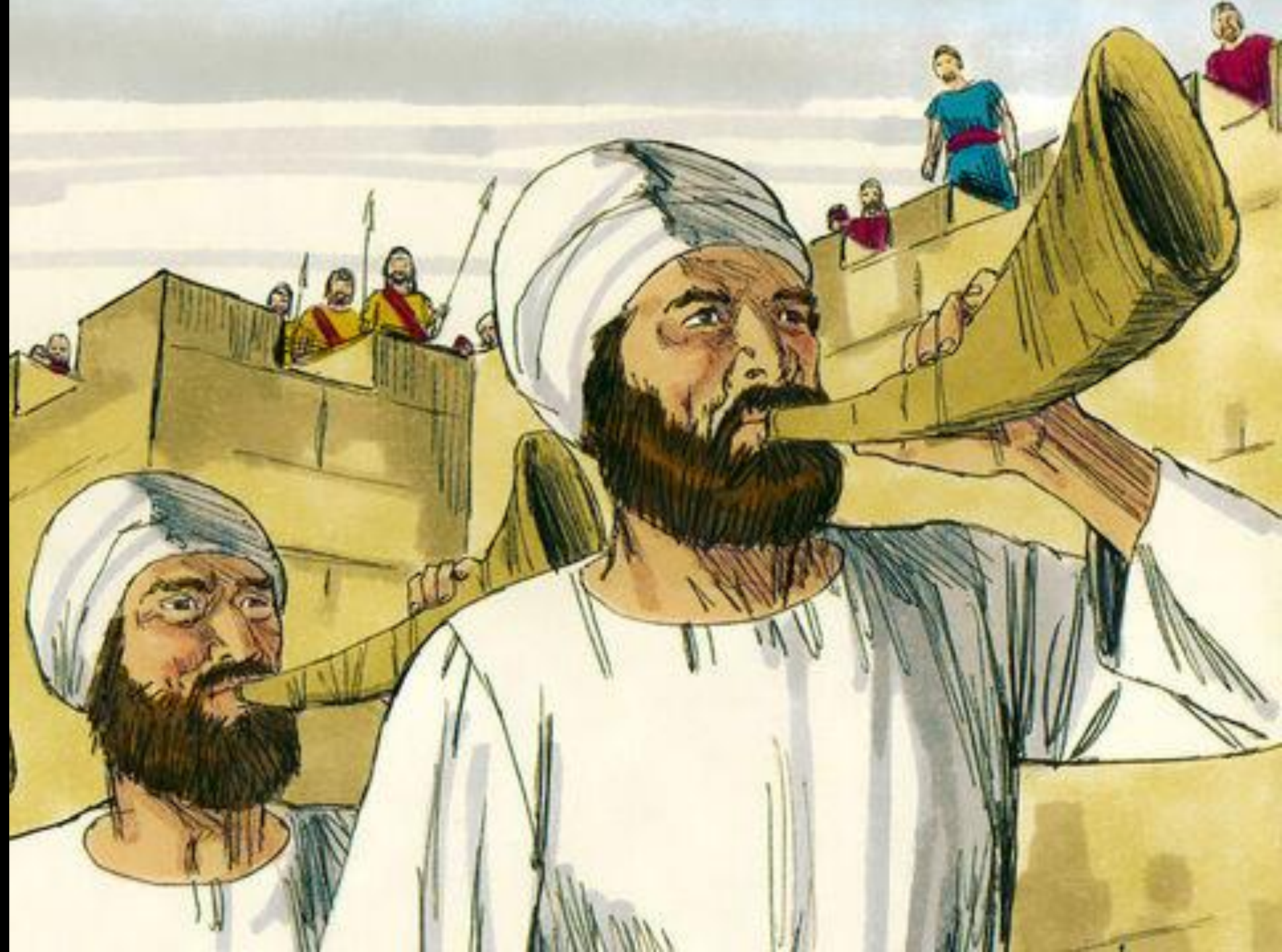
PART 18 - JERICHO

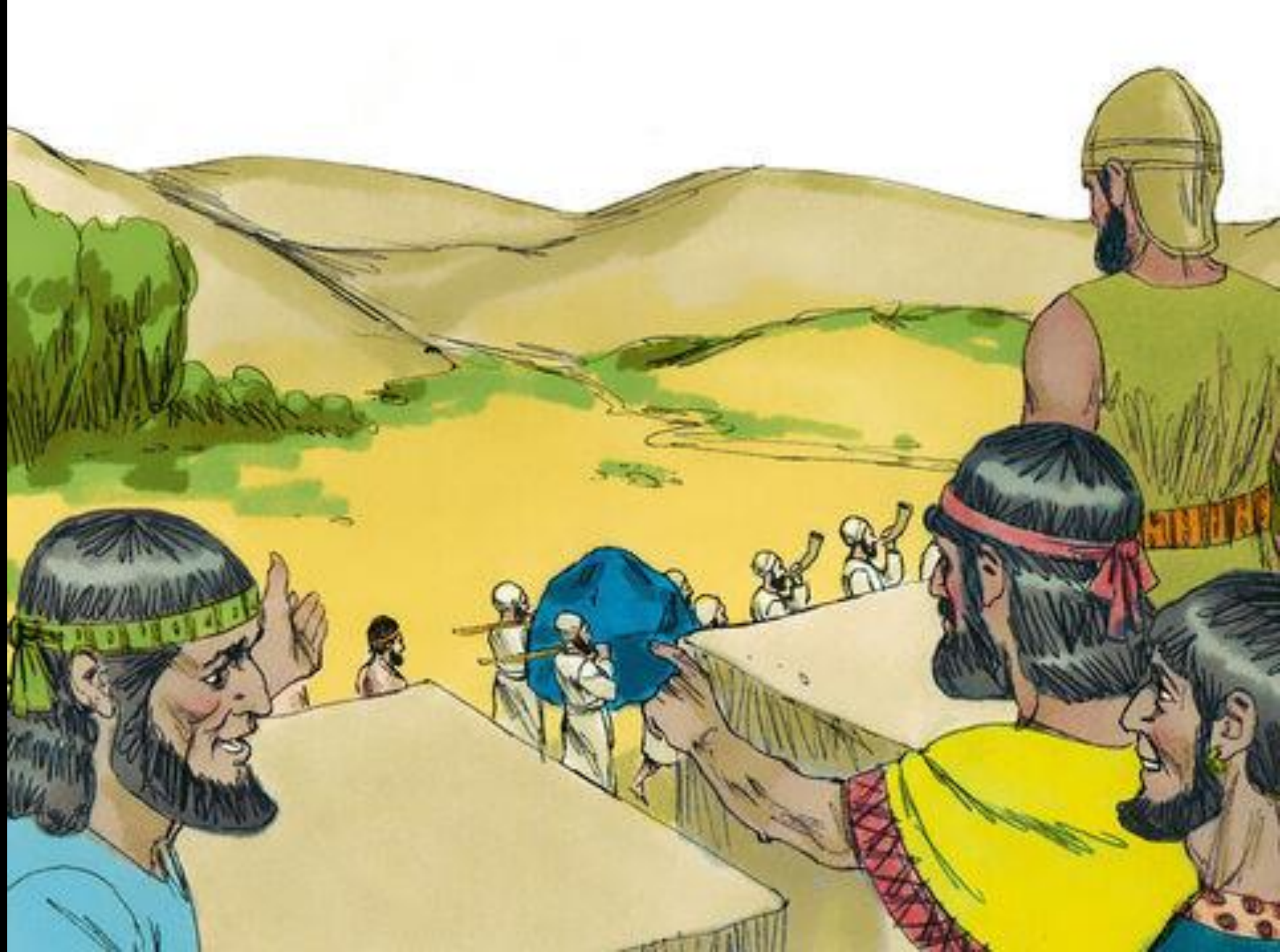
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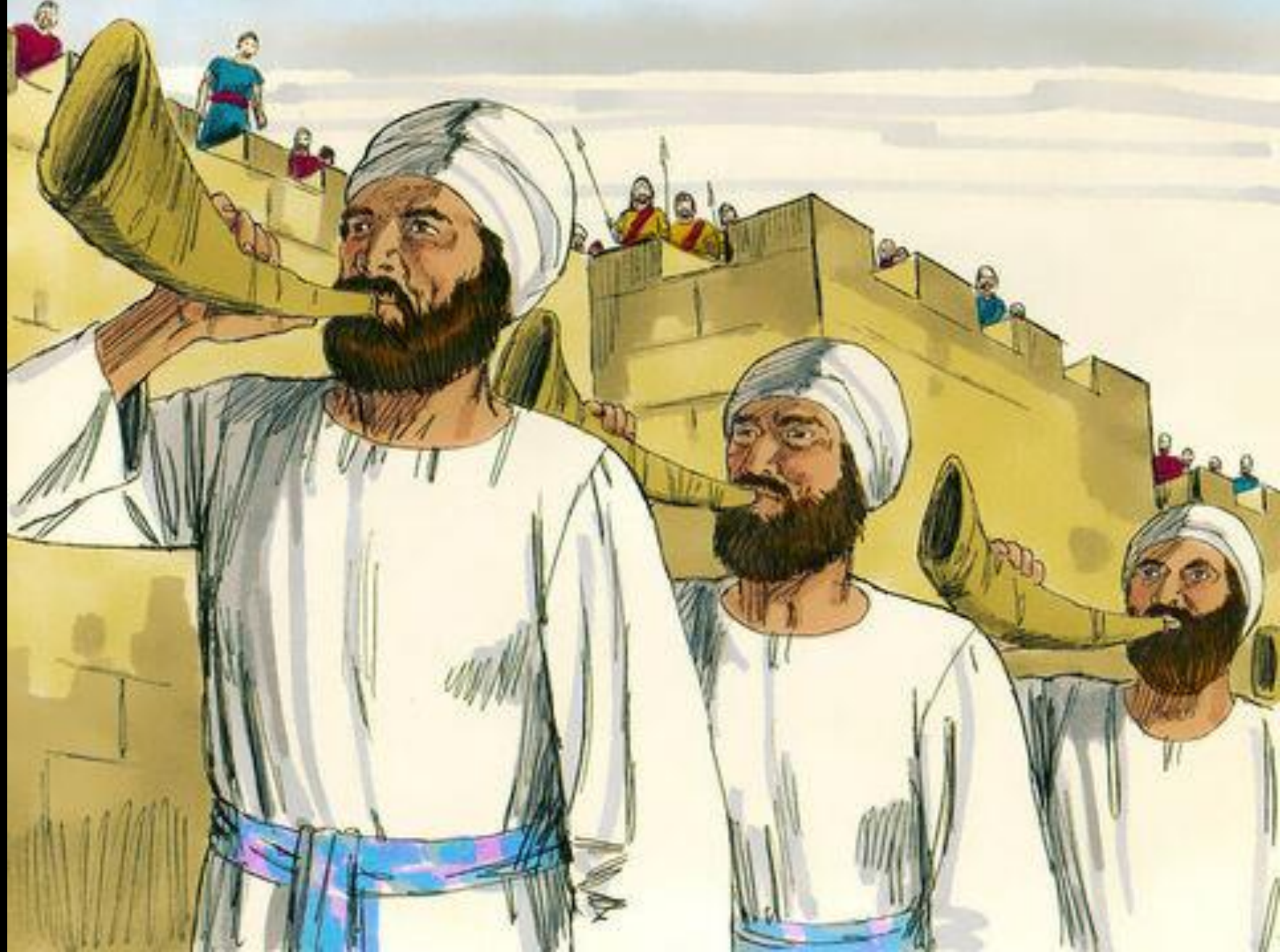














INTRODUCTION

- For God's people to move forward the walls of Jericho had to fall
- We too may have walls that must fall
 - Dealing with broken relationships
 - Struggling with habits and addictions
 - Low self-esteem
 - Learning to trust after being let down
 - Depression
 - Simply stuck!!
- How do I move forward from here?



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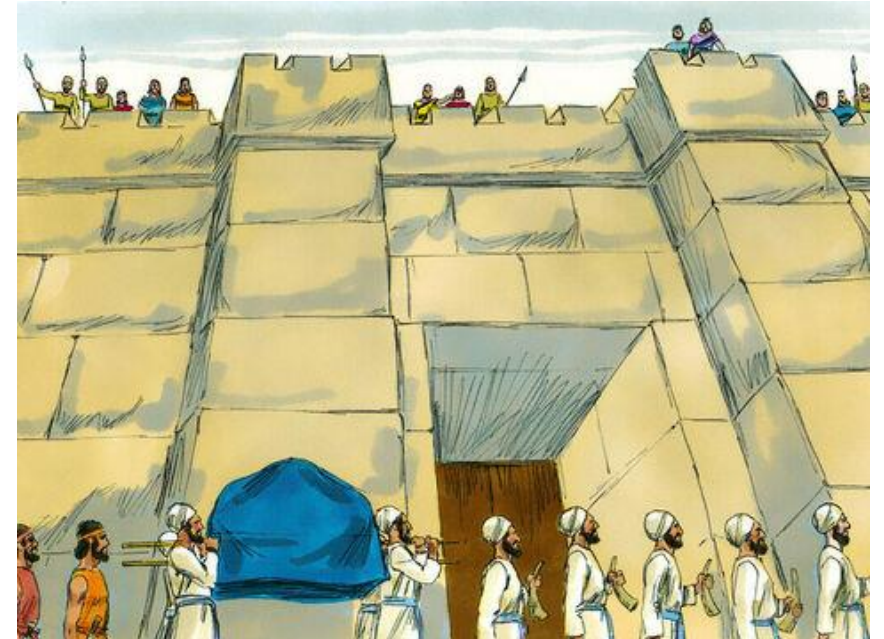
How did the Israelites conquer Jericho?

- They walked in silence
- They blew their trumpets
- They shouted victory



THEY WALKED IN SILENCE

- The army were told “*Do not say a word*”.
- Why do we need silence?
 - God speaks to us in the silence
 - Elijah found God in the still small voice
 - Jesus withdrew from the crowds
 - A time to reflect on God’s faithfulness

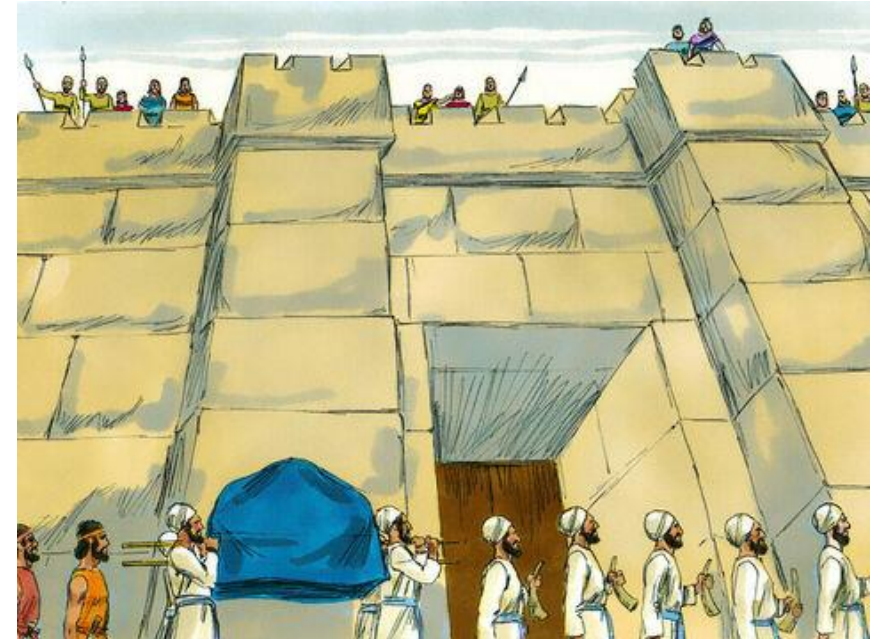


THEY WALKED IN SILENCE

- Why haven't the walls fallen yet?
 - *Walking around these walls, I thought by now they'd fall, but you have never failed me yet. Waiting for change to come, knowing the battle's won, for you have never failed me yet. Your promise still stands, great is your faithfulness, faithfulness, I'm still in your hands, this is my confidence, you've never failed me yet.*
- James 1:4
 - *Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

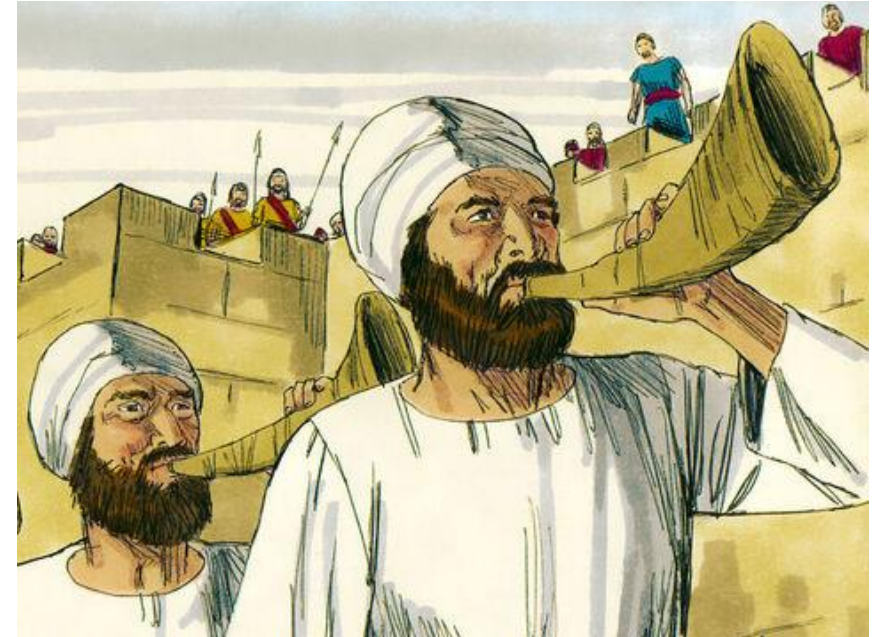
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- It was important they kept on walking, kept on obeying
 - Cf. Naaman dipping in the River Jordan seven times
- Keep walking, keep listening, keep seeking, keep believing...



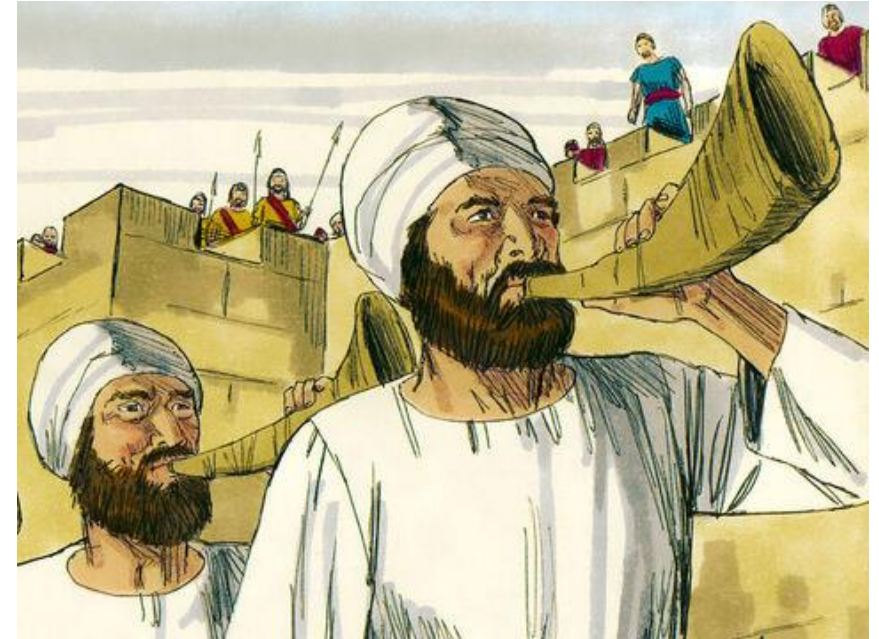
THEY BLEW THEIR TRUMPETS

- Why did the priests need to blow their trumpets?
 - Leviticus 25, The Year of Jubilee
 - Isaiah 61, The Year of the Lord's Favour
 - Land would be restored to its original owner, slaves would be set free, debts cancelled...



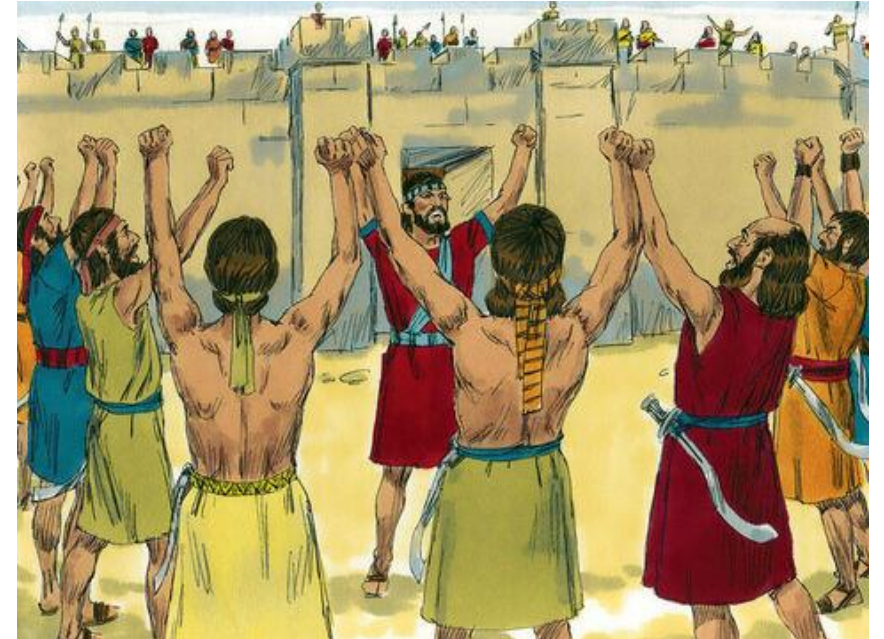
THEY BLEW THEIR TRUMPETS

- The sound of the trumpet reminded the people of God's faithfulness and love
- Today we need to be confessing the truth of God's word and living in it
- Jubilee has come in Jesus



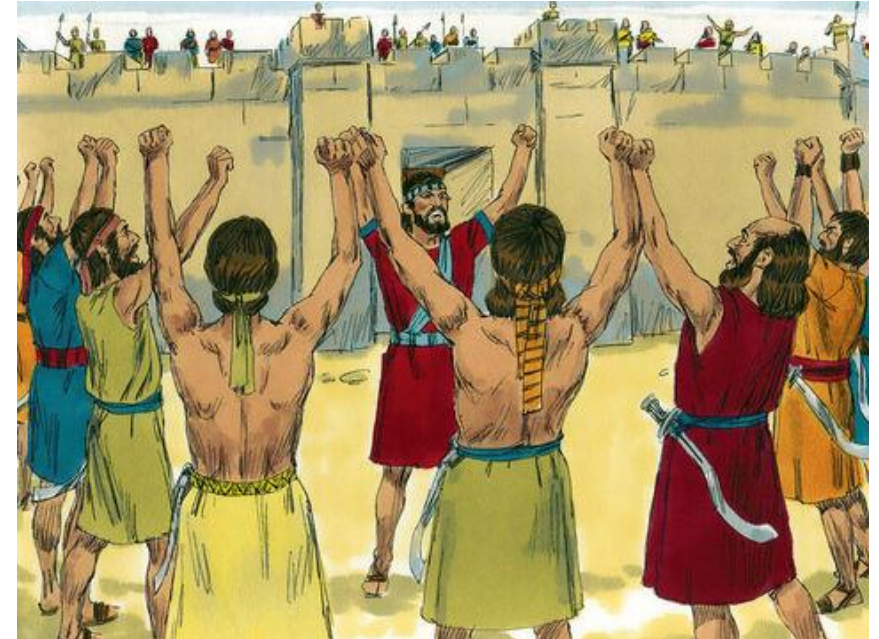
SHOUT!!!

- You cannot shout on empty
- By now God's people were in a place of faith to shout victory
- Shouting means faith welling up within us, rising up into the heavenly places, declaring victory



SHOUT!!!

- Let's Raise a Hallelujah!!
- As a church we need to grow, but growth seems like walking around the walls again and again.
- We need to be committed to listening, waiting and responding in obedience and then shouting victory.



SUMMARY

- What walls are you dealing with?
 - Ask God to help you walk around these walls, purposely and in faith
 - Find space for silence to allow God to fill your mind and spirit with truth
 - Live in that truth; believe in his promises
 - When the time is right, shout!!

