

Jericho is thought to be the first walled city in the world.

Joshua 6:6-27

The Conquest of Jericho

Marching Order (6:6-10)

- Armed men
- 7 priests with horns
- Ark of the Covenant
- More armed men



Priests blow
horns



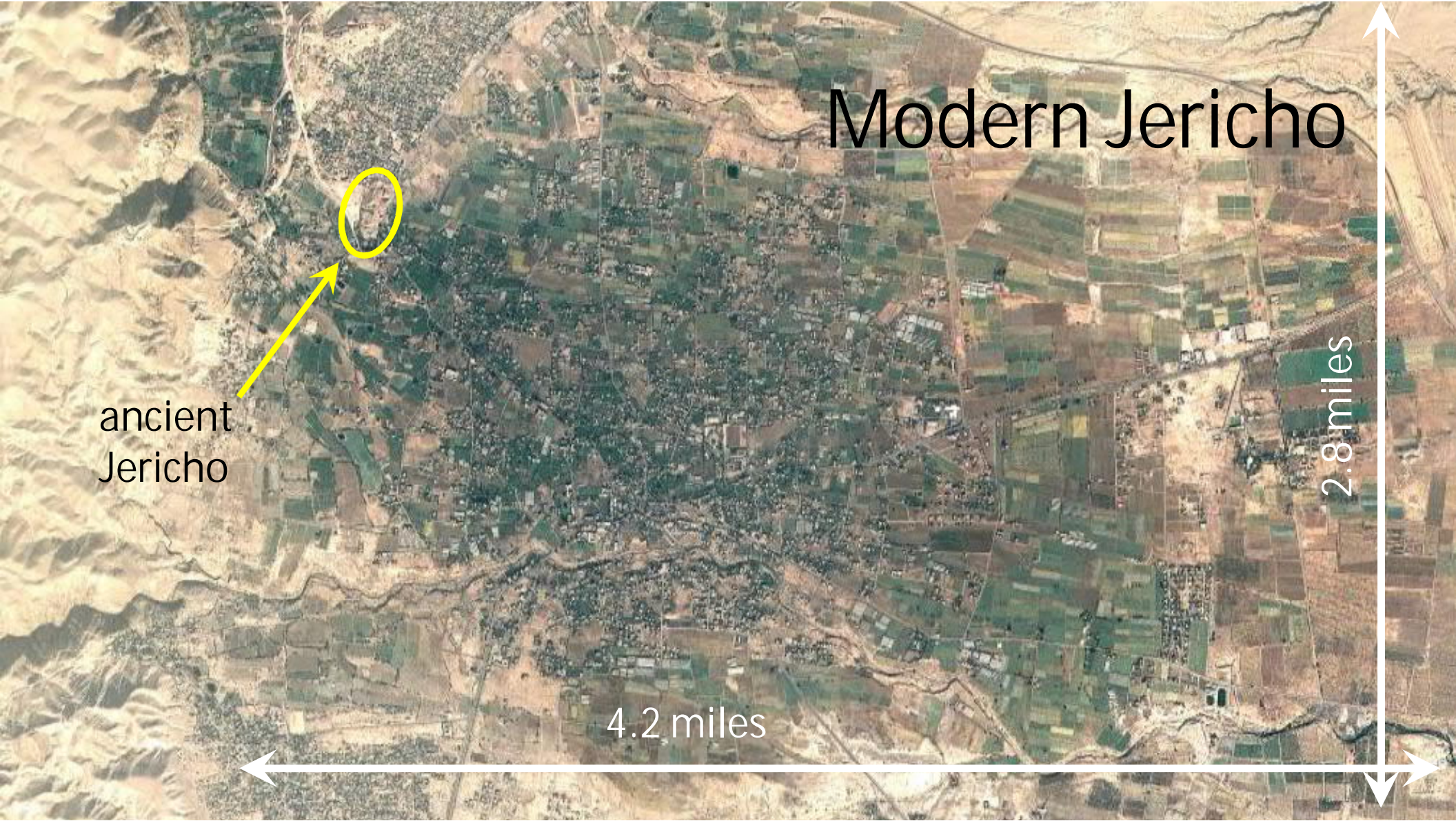
Everybody else says
nothing



Round and Round (6:11-14)

- Day 1: circle the city once
- Day 2: circle the city once
- Day 3: circle the city once
- Day 4: circle the city once
- Day 5: circle the city once
- Day 6: circle the city once
- What are the residents thinking on day 1? Day 6?
- What are the Israelites thinking on day 1? Day 6?
- What is Rahab thinking?





Modern Jericho

ancient
Jericho

4.2 miles

2.8 miles





Walls Fall Down (6:15-25)

- Day 7: circle the city 7 times
- SHOUT!!
- What stuff could be taken?
 - Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron
 - for God, not you
 - “Under the ban”, devoted to destruction (LV 27:28; Ex 22:20)
- What people could be spared?
 - Rahab and whoever is with her
 - Rescued by the same guys



And the Walls Came Tumbling Down



Stones from city wall were found down at this level.

Epilogue (6:25-27)

- Rahab lived among Israel; whom did she marry?
- Joshua curses whoever dares to rebuild Jericho
- Will lose first-born upon laying foundation
- Will lose youngest upon setting up gates
- Hiel of Bethel during Ahab's reign (I Kings 16:34; 874-853 BC)
- Joshua was famous



Dates	Jericho	Egypt	Archaeology
1050	IA IB	Early 21st Dyn	IA IB
1100	Town	Late 20th Dyn	Late Judges
1150	GAP	Ramesses III	IA IA
1200		20th Dynasty	Early Judges
1250		Ramesses II	LB IIB
1300	Conquest	19th Dynasty	Moses & Exodus
1350	LB IIA	Akhenaten	LB IIA
1400	Conquest	Late 18th Dyn	Sejourn
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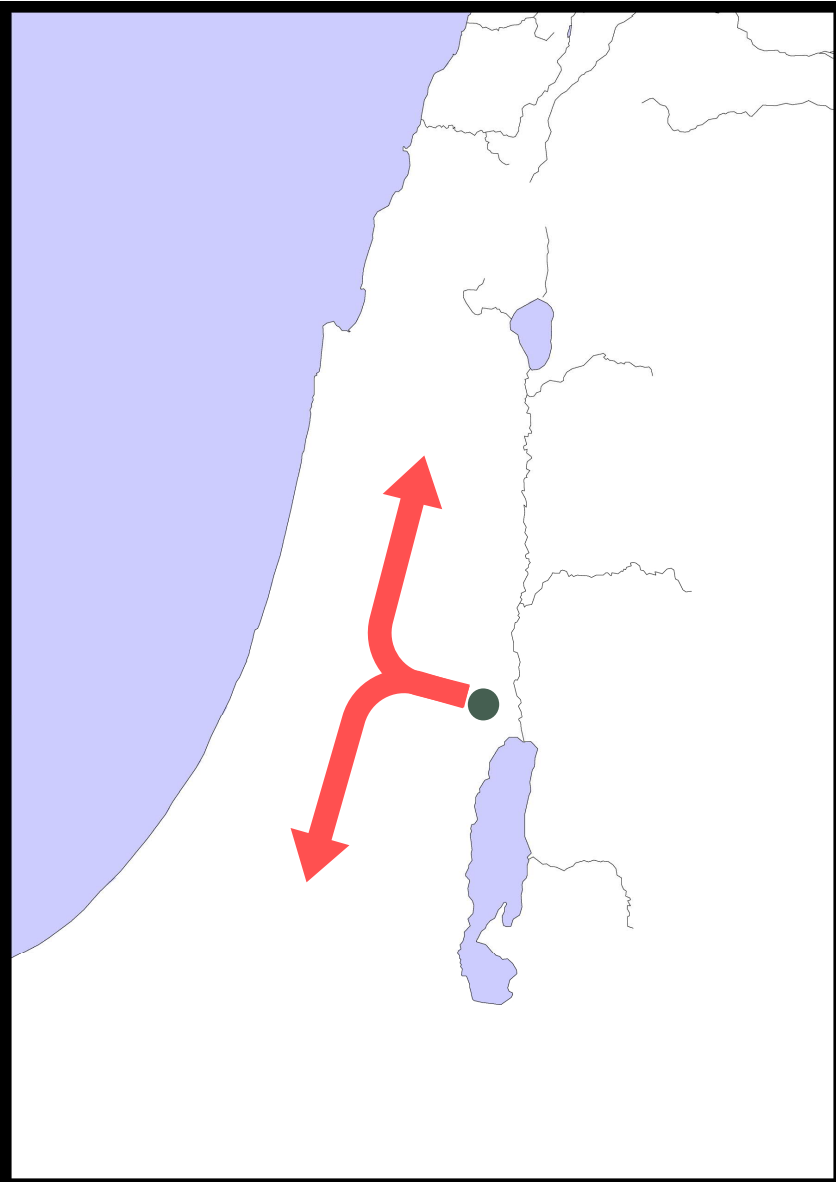
Screen shot from David Rohl lecture (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2He5ZyIP8k>)

Battle Plan

Attack the middle first

Split Canaan in half

Divide and conquer



Lessons for Us

- The circling of Jericho was an act of faith (Heb. 11:30)
- God's ways may seem foolish but are effective (II Cor. 10:3-4)
- Israel's strength was in God, who has a plan and is in control
- Heroes of faith can be found in unlikely places (Heb. 11:31)
- Fall of Jericho is a type of judgement (I Thess. 4:16)
- Read your Bible! Hiel obviously didn't.