



Reclaiming our Jericho, God's way

(Joshua 5:13 – 6:27)

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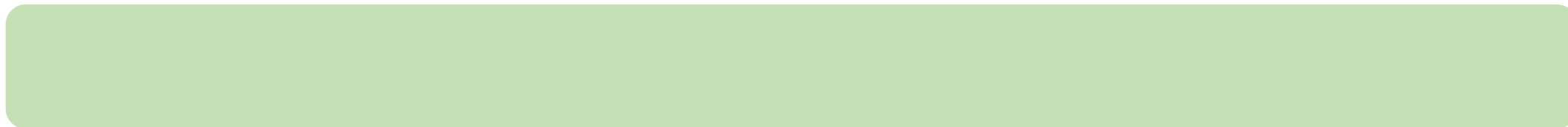
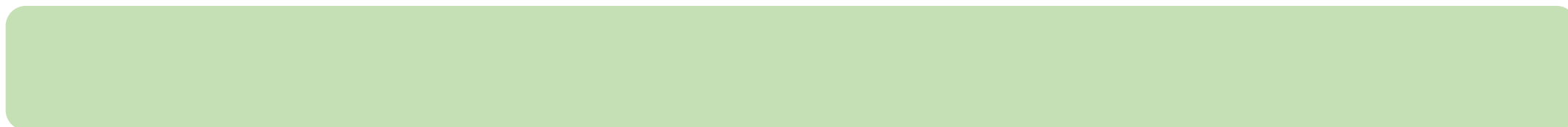
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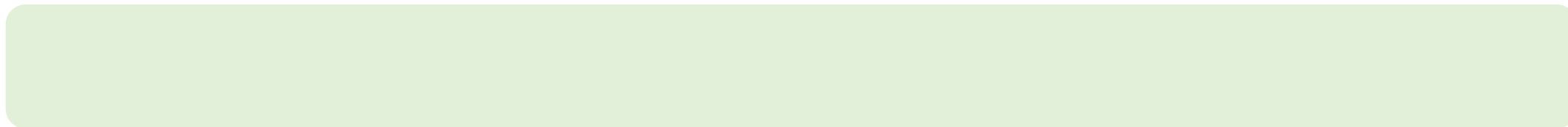


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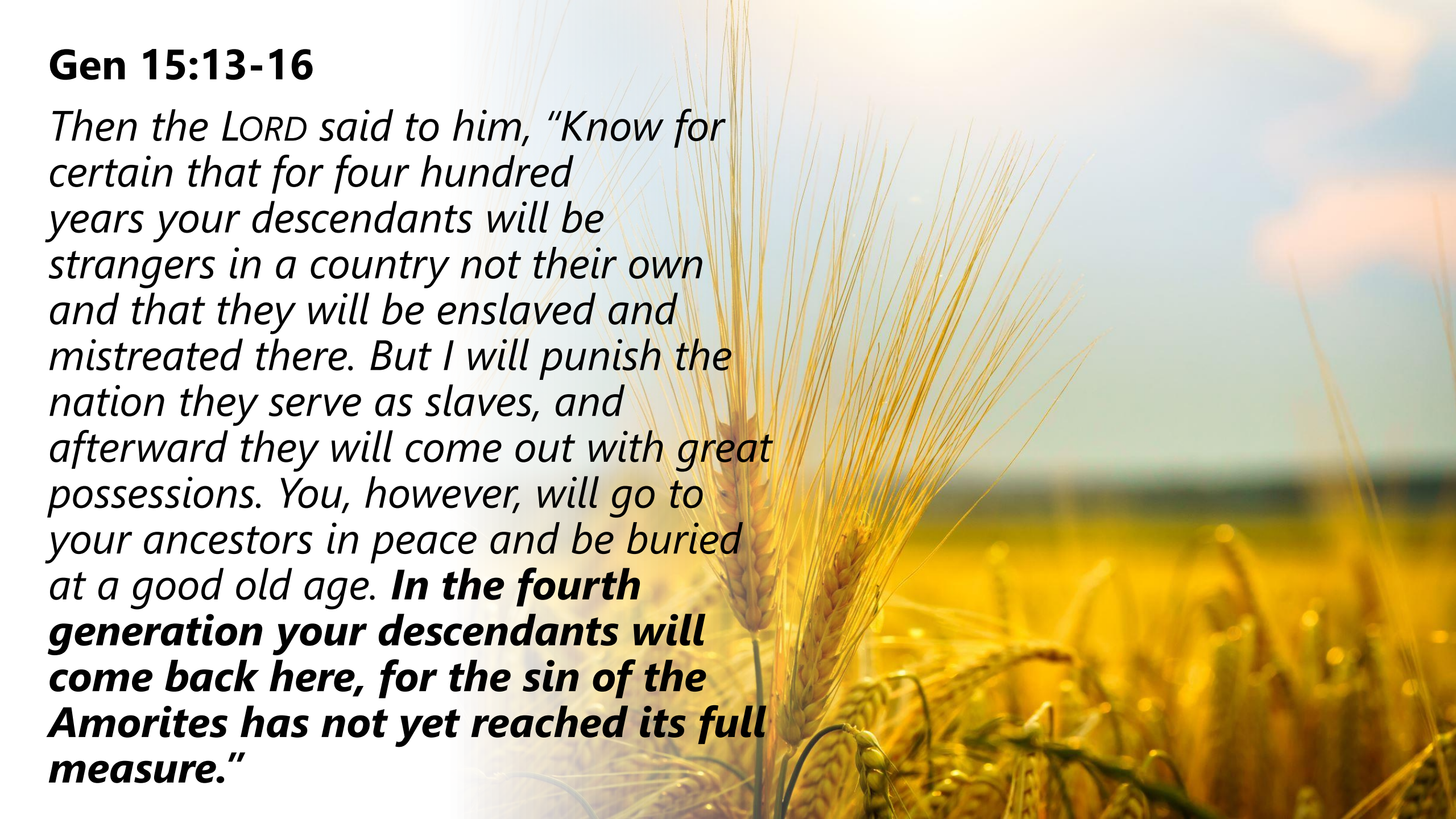
Gen 12:1-3

*The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household **to the land** I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*



Gen 15:13-16

*Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. **In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.**"*



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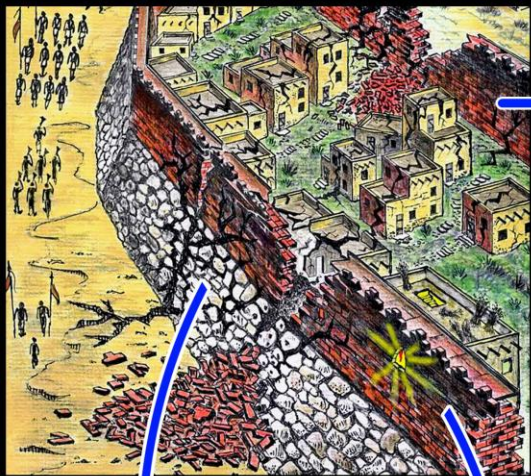
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Ancient Jericho



Archaeology of how the Walls of Jericho fell



“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down”
Heb 11:30

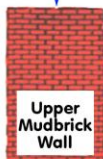
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Josh 6:20



Revetment Wall



Jericho Reconstruction



Upper Mudbrick Wall



Lower Mudbrick Wall

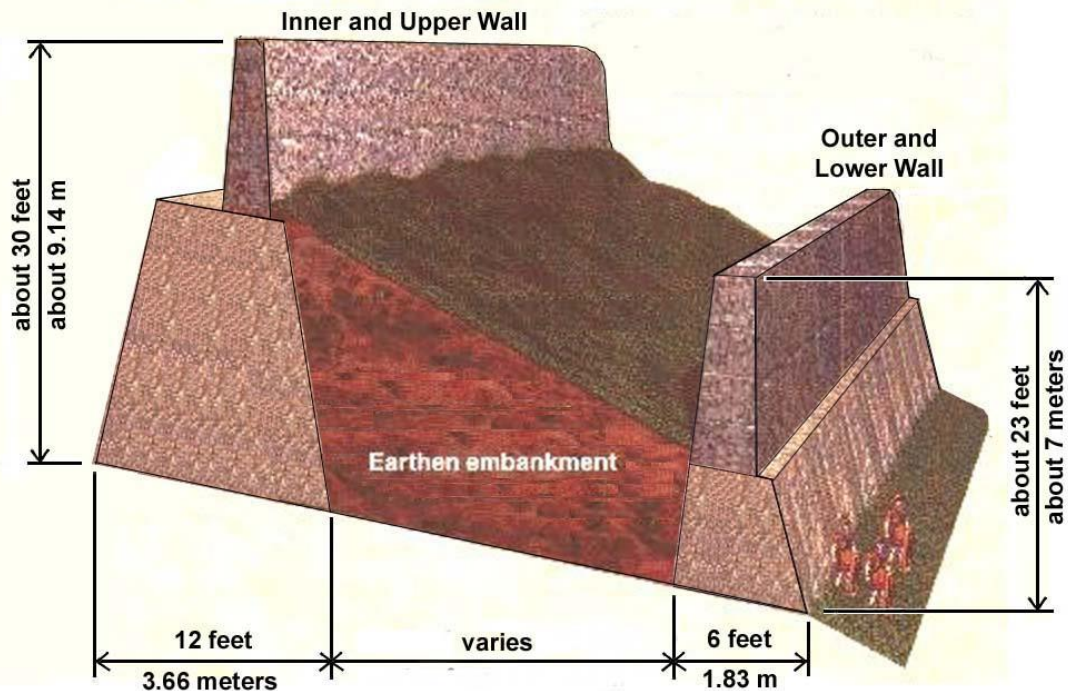


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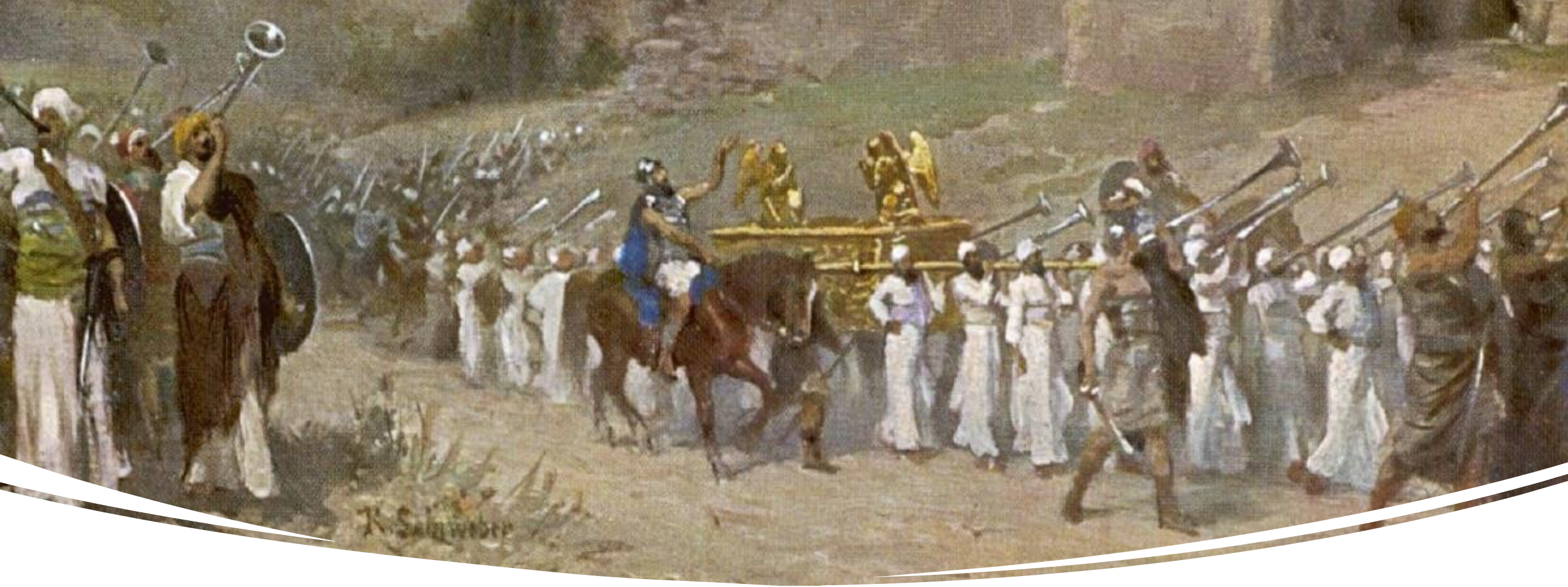
Pre-excavation surface level



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DOUBLE REDOUBTABLE WALL FOR THE ANCIENT CITY OF JERICO



Submitting to the Lord's Leadership

Joshua 5

¹³ Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

¹⁴ "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord^[e] have for his servant?"

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 so.



Submitting to the Lord's Leadership

- "How am I going to fit into the purposes that God has designed for me?"
- "Are my dreams and aspirations in life aligned with God to begin with?"
- "How am I going to fit into the ways in which God is going to win His victory in life on my behalf?"



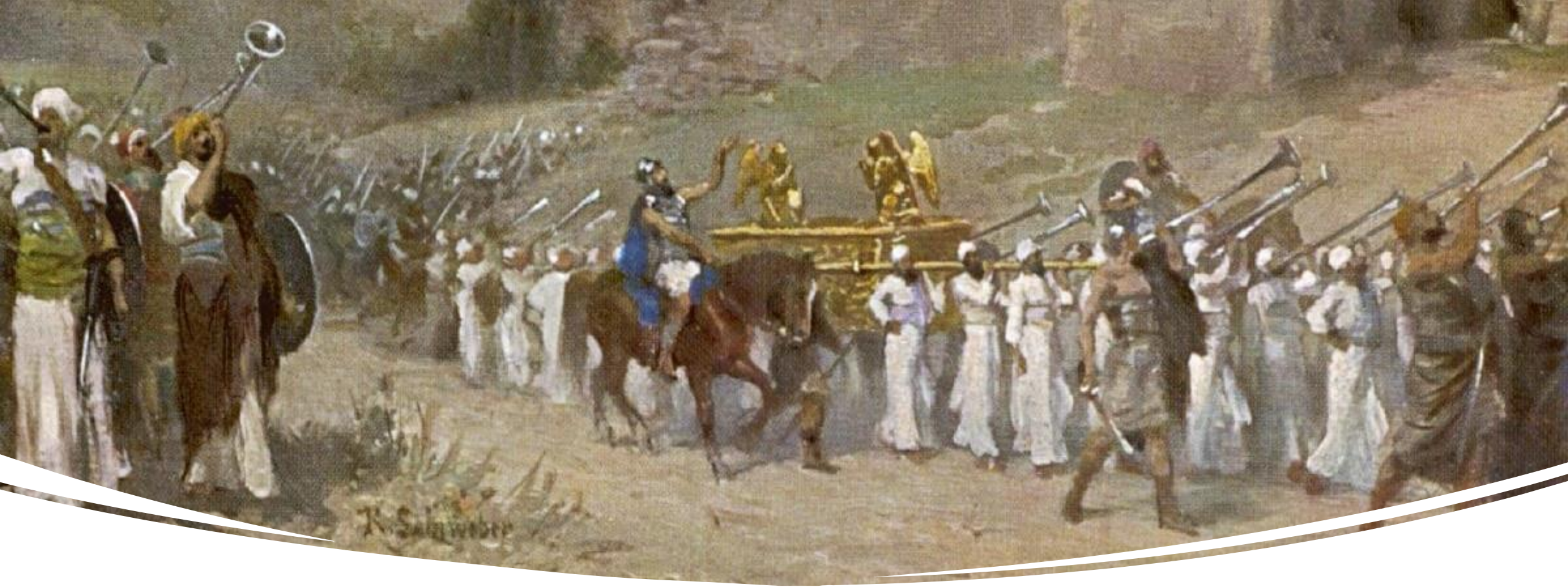
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- We acknowledged that the battle belongs to the Lord.



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- **Deuteronomy 20:4** — “For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.”
- **2 Chronicles 20:15** — “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.”



Trusting in the Lord's Plan

Joshua 6

Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

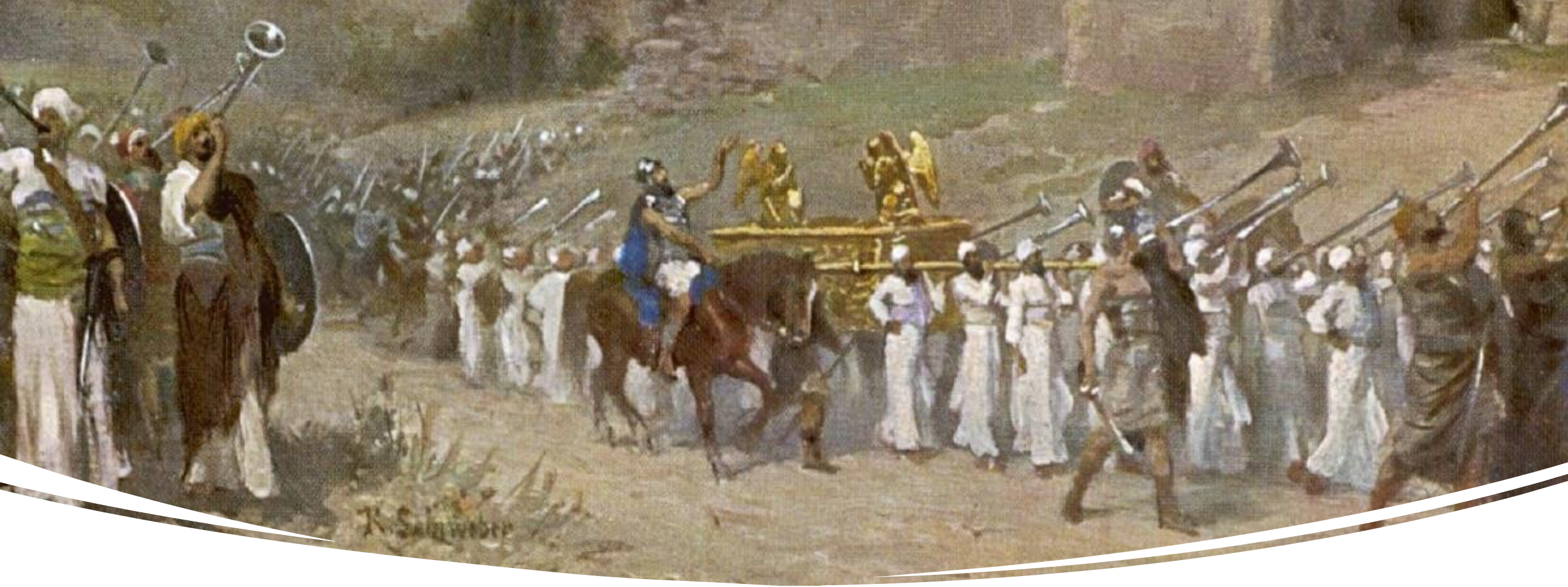
² Then the LORD said to Joshua, "*See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.*" ³ March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.

⁴ Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵ When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in."



Trusting in the Lord's Plan

- Earnestly seek out His plan for us
- Trust Him completely by obeying it, regardless if it make sense or not
- He knows what is best for us.



**Waiting upon
the Lord's
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⁶ So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the LORD and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it." ⁷ And he ordered the army, "Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD."

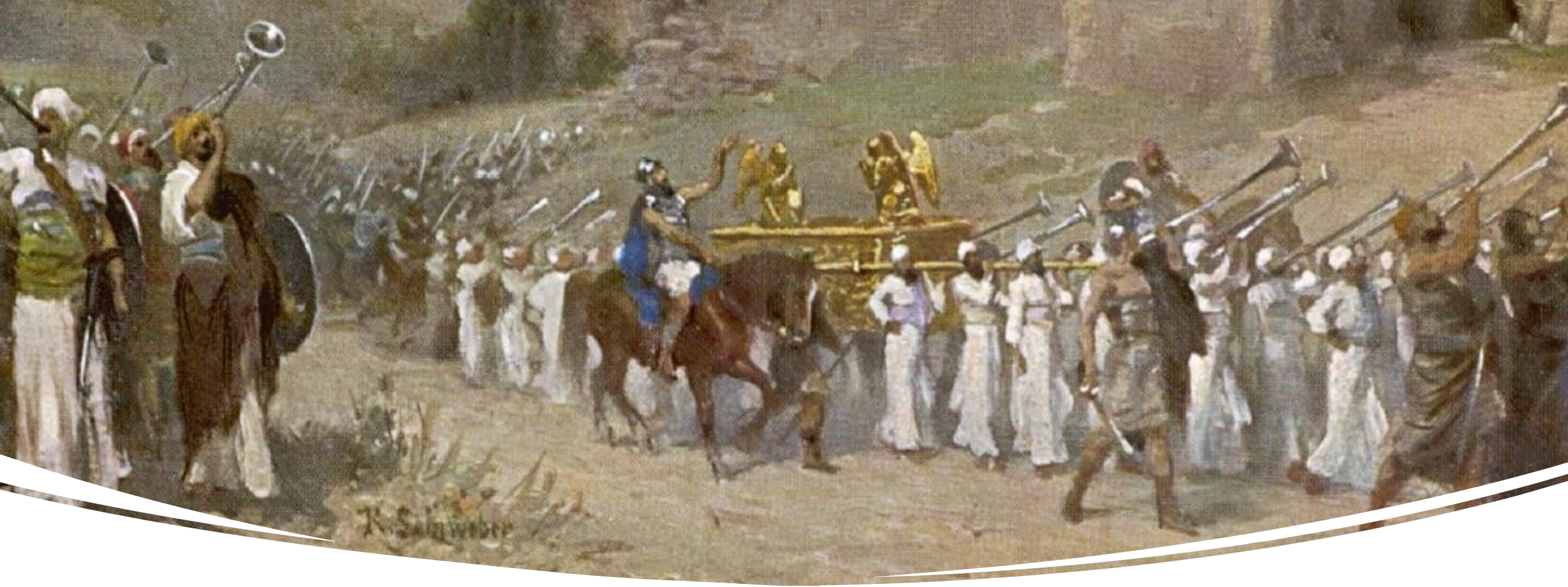
⁸ When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the LORD went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the LORD's covenant followed them. ⁹ The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. ¹⁰ But Joshua had commanded the army, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!" ¹¹ So he had the ark of the LORD carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there.

12 Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. **13** The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the LORD and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets kept sounding. **14** So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.



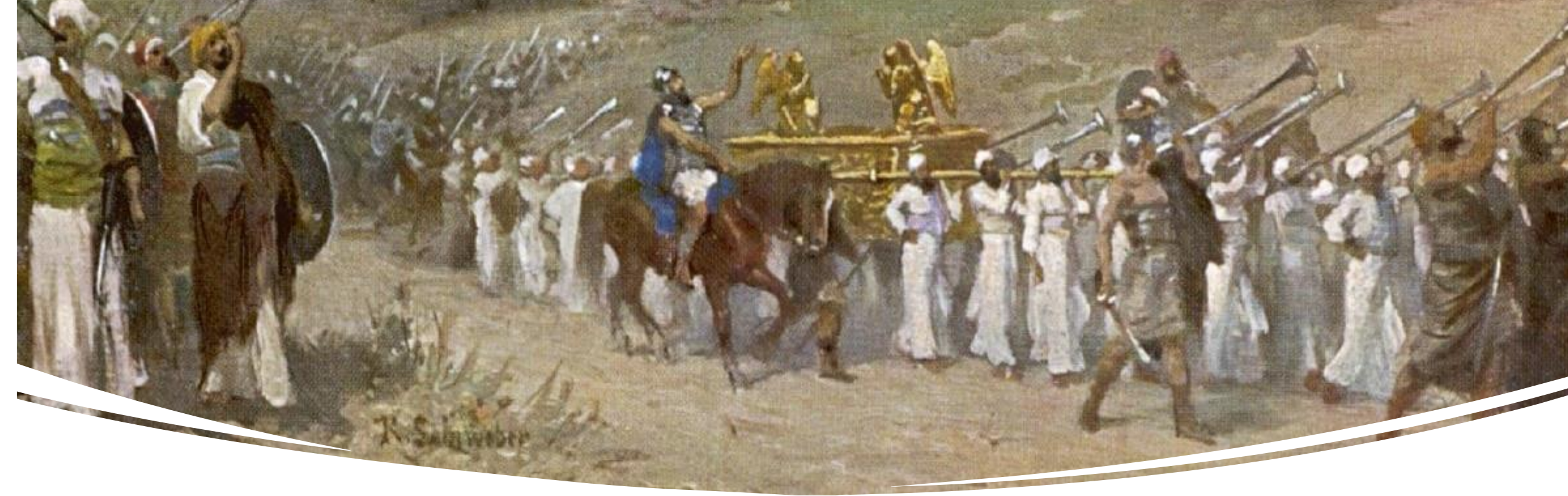
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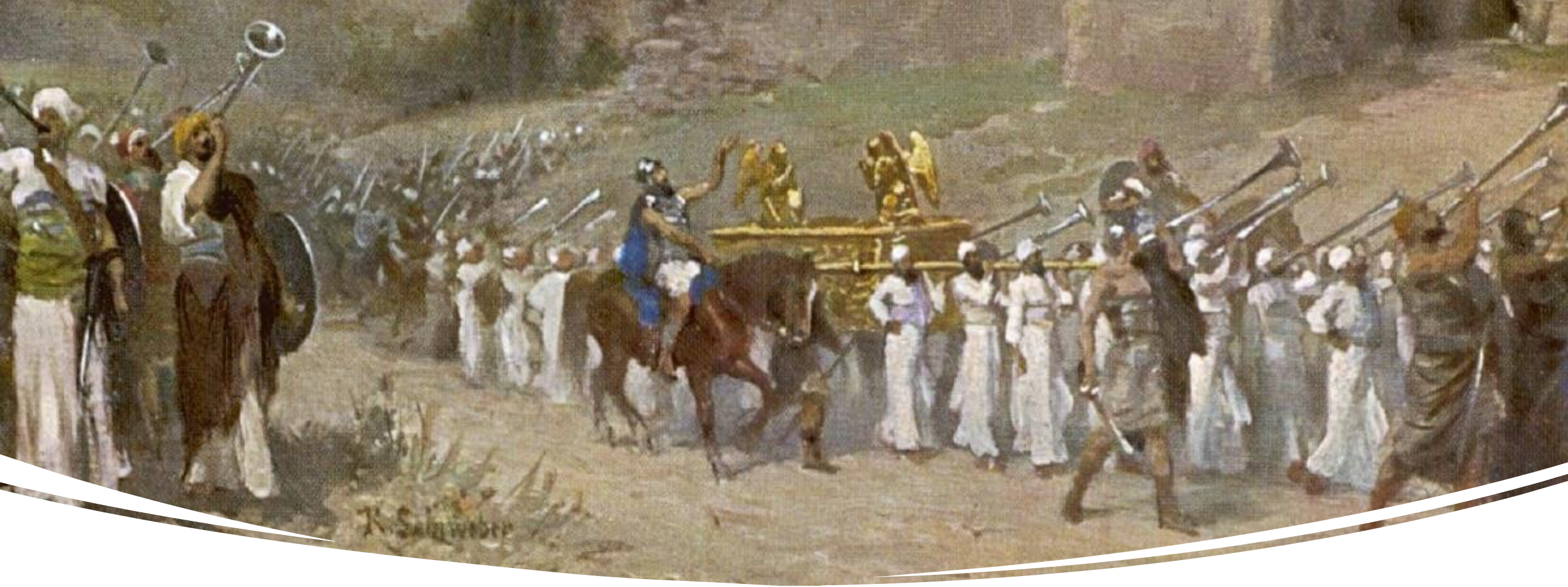
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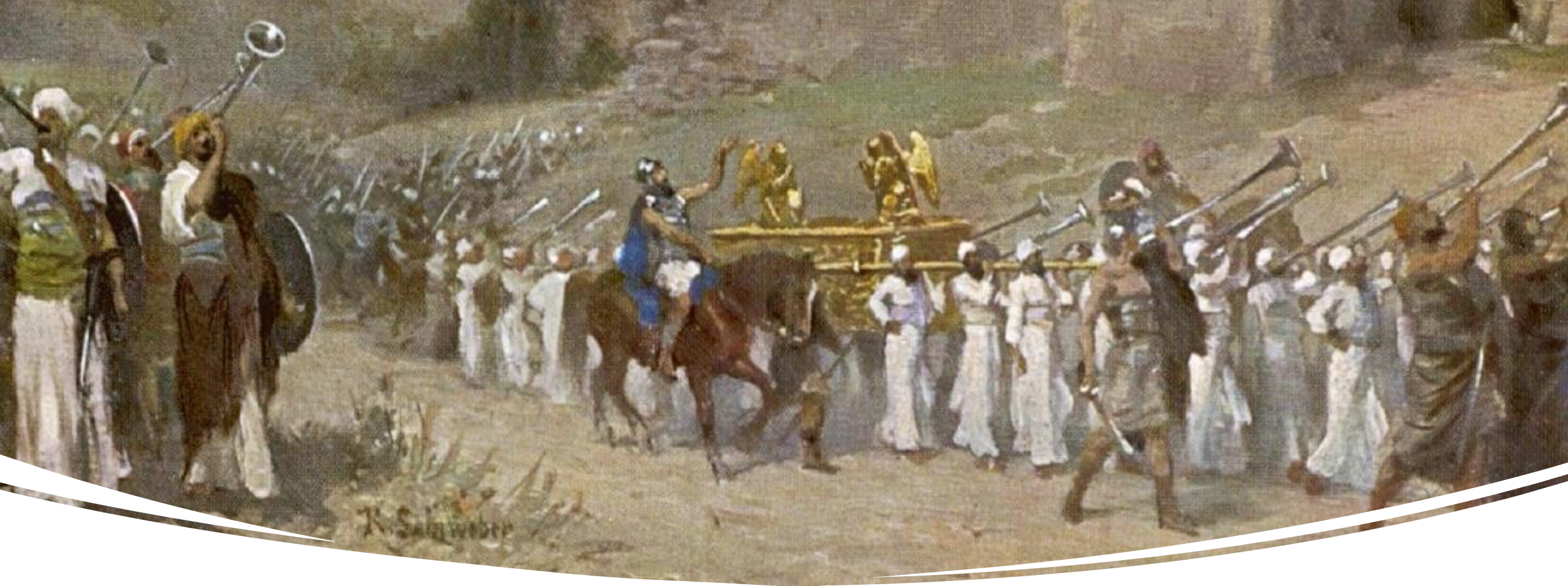
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Claiming the Lord's Victory

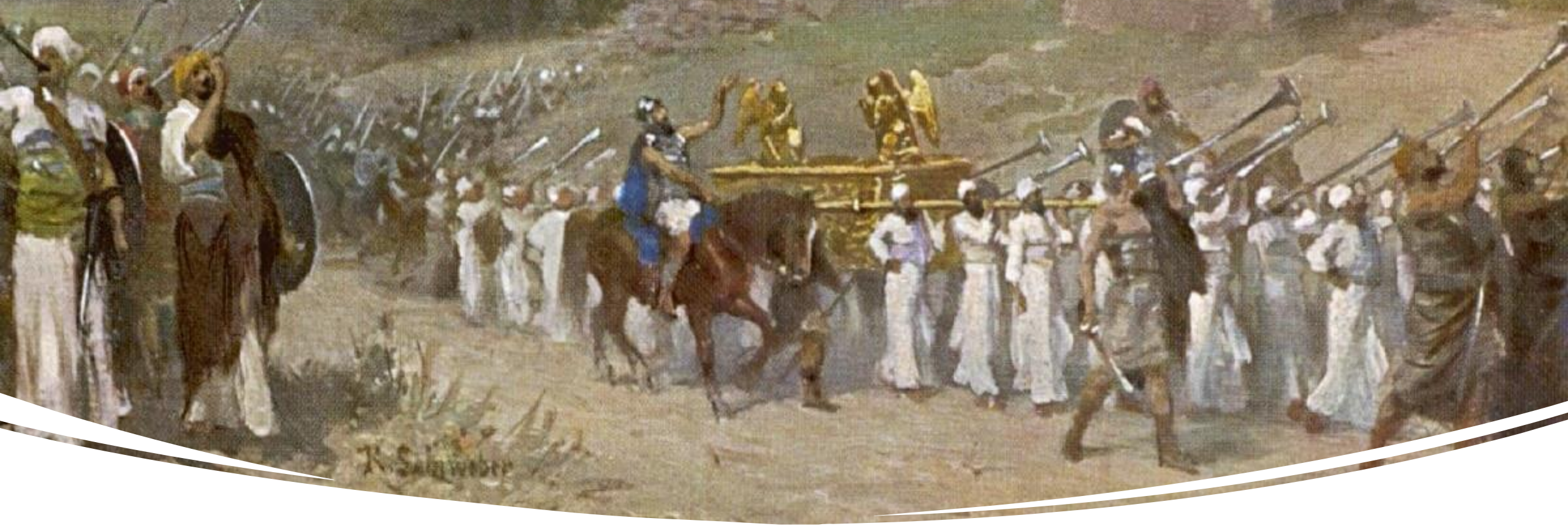
15 On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. **16** The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, **"Shout! For the LORD has given you the city!"** **17** The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. **18** But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. **19** All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury."

²⁰ When the trumpets sounded, **the army shouted**, and at the sound of the trumpet, **when the men gave a loud shout**, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. ²¹ They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.



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- The shout was a proclamation to their enemy that they have a powerful God who will fight for them.
- The shout was a declaration of their faith to God, as they claimed the victory that He has already given to them.

**WHAT
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**A social economic
communal reset;**

- **Liberty**

- **Recovery of lost
possessions**

- **Restoration to your
family**

- **Increase from the field**

***"A good coach,
gives you that
unwavering feeling
that he's going to
run through a wall
with you. Like,
you're going to war
essentially."***

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