

OLDER CHILDREN



One of the tough things about this story is that Jericho was completely destroyed - not just the walls but everything (and everyone) inside it too.

It's hard to understand, especially when we live in a peaceful country, that armies often used to wipe out their enemies completely. God wanted the Israelites to be very different from the violent and cruel cultures around them. So why did He destroy Jericho entirely?

Try this experiment. You will need:

- A jar and a spoon
- Some water (half a jar full)
- Some cooking oil (half a jar full)
- Some food colouring (liquid if possible)



- Put the water and the oil in the jar so that it is nearly full, and drop in some food colouring.
- Stir it vigorously and watch the colour spread through the whole mixture. Imagine the colour is the violence and evil of Jericho at that time. God knew that if His people spared the city, they would soon pick up all the awfulness and become like the people living there.
- Put the jar down and wait a while for the mixture to become still. What happens to the oil? God's chosen people had to be set apart, to be separate and different from sin-filled cities like Jericho.



In the Old Testament, God's people worked very hard to be set apart and holy by keeping lots of laws and making sacrifices at the temple or tabernacle. We still work hard at following God's laws, but we don't need to burn sacrifices anymore when we make a mistake - something else sets us apart now. Look up the verse to fill in the missing words:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2010:10-12&version=GW>

We have been set \_\_\_\_\_ (raapt) as \_\_\_\_\_ (yohl) because \_\_\_\_\_ (sujes) \_\_\_\_\_ (shriect) did what God wanted him to do by \_\_\_\_\_ (grasifciinc) his body \_\_\_\_\_ (econ) and for \_\_\_\_\_ (lal). Hebrews 10:10 GW Version

Spot the difference:

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