

Bible - Joshua and Judges. On pp 143-146 of this book, Professor Garstang told of the excavations that he had conducted the previous year (not 1936). He described the discoveries at Jericho and said that it did not look at all likely that the tumbling of the walls was caused by an earthquake. It would be expected in such a case that they would have fallen in a different way than was displayed by the fragments, as his expedition unearthed them. He definitely stated that the condition of the walls showed that a great cataclysm had occurred there. It is a wonderful evidence of the accuracy of the Biblical account.

God could just as well have used an earthquake for the purpose if He had chosen to do so. There would be nothing the least bit contrary to the claims of the Bible in His having done this. For Him to cause the earthquake to come just at the time when the Israelites were there, ready to take Jericho, would have been just as much of a miracle as for Him to cause them to fall in some other way.

In the last few years new excavations have been made at Jericho, and the recent excavators have made some rather skeptical statements about the actual conditions of ancient Jericho, even questioning whether there was a city there at all at the time of Joshua, to be overthrown by him. However, such statements should not disturb us too much. Garstang was a thoroughly competent excavator, even though not all of his conclusions will stand up permanently. In this case he reports