HTI Biblical Backgrounds
_How Geography, Culture, and History Help Us Interpret the Bible_

Bet She’an & Jericho

I. Bet She’an
_(1 Sam 31:1–6, 10)_

II. Road to Jericho from Bet She’an

Jordan River Baptism site.
III. Jericho
*Numbers. 22:1, 34:15; Joshua 6:12–20, 26*

A. Significant Events of Old Testament Jericho

- Israelite conquest of Canaan.
- Joshua leads the Israelites.
- Rahab hides the spies.
- Israelites defeat Jericho.
- The commander of God’s army appears to Joshua.
- Jericho falls.
- Rahab and her family are spared.
- The Ammonites disgrace David’s men.
- Hiel rebuilds Jericho.
- Elijah is taken into heaven.
- Elisha succeeds Elijah.
- Elisha purifies water.
- Nebuchadnezzar captures Jerusalem.

B. Significant Events of New Testament Jericho

- Northwest of Jericho is a high hill known as Mount of Temptation, said to be the traditional location of Satan’s temptation of Jesus at the beginning of His ministry.
- Jesus stay with Zacchaeus and tells parable of the ten servants (*Luke 19:1–28*).
- The road between Jerusalem and Jericho is the setting for the Parable of the Good Samaritan (*Luke 10:30–37*).
IV. Road from Jericho to Jerusalem

Psalms of Ascent
(Psalms 120–134; reading Psalms 121, 122, 125, 130, and 134 tonight)