First Fruits First Advance! April 1, 2022

*And he ordered the army,* “*Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord.*” [Joshua 6:7]

Heed the call! Strap on your armor! Gird up your loins! The battle is at hand!

Many of us recognize this passage is the prelude to the taking of Jericho. We are God’s army. Our orders: *March around the city, going ahead of the* *ark of the Lord*.

Poised to Advance! Shofars quicken our stride. Taking up ranks. Ours is the victory. The battle is His. Sharpen your sword! Trust Yeshua to guide your thrust. Unify. Shout to the Lord! Penetrate!

Our foe prefers to work in darkness. Concealed in shadows difficult to discern. Inching inside tabernacles. Marauding in marriages. Skulking in classrooms. Prowling in pictorials. Lurking in lockdowns.

But now, our enemy’s tactics have been exposed. The lights are switched on. He scurries for obscurity. His cockroaches are uncovered. We know where he hides.

That’s why his attack has intensified. That’s why our enemy comes in like a flood. His secret hideaway is revealed. We must raise up a standard. His counterfeit campaigns must be unearthed. Demolished. Done away. Defeated.

It’s time to *march around the city*. No matter the stronghold our adversary seeks to advertise, we step forward in the matchless authority of our Lord and King!

God sent His Firstfruits to fortify us when we move forward. We don’t blanch behind bulwarks. We scale the ramparts. We surge ahead of the *ark of the Lord* to take the land, to plant a Flag of Righteousness.

Lifting our gaze, we behold the blood-bought banner that broadcasts the splendid presence of our Omnipotent Prince of Peace! God Almighty gave His Son His authority. Yeshua gives us the very same authority His Father gave Him. Advance!