

Christian Pulse News Report

Topic: Faith

Parts:

Danel -

Yassib -

Ham -

Jalam -

Amnon -

Narrator –

Set & Props: 1 microphone, news desk with 2 chairs, scripts for anchors

Please note: Any writing highlighted in grey was originally intended to be filmed and acted prior to the play. All filming can then be paused and played throughout the play by an extra person. If this is not something that works for you, an alternative arrangement such as a side stage can be set up and actors can be used to simulate an “on-location reporting”

Scene 1: Terrified Reports from the Amorite Cities

*(News Anchor #1 and News Anchor #2 sit at their desks looking serious and solemn)
(Opening animation from screen behind them)*

Danel Good evening, I’m Danel son of Balbi.

Yassib And I’m Yassib son of Mot.

Danel Welcome to the Jericho evening news, bringing you the most important facts from behind the wall. We bring you the latest news from around Jericho and everywhere else in between. You can count on us to dig up the dirt!

Yassib Our top story begins today with a report about the destruction of the Amorites cities to the east of Jordan. Reports tell us two of them have been completely destroyed! Our reporter Ham is in the city of Bashan, which a pile of rocks!

Danel So Ham...everyone is hearing reports about a powerful nation that is sweeping through the territory of the Amorites and capturing city after city as they go. We are being told that they are driven by the hand of...a God? We’ve heard this God being referred to as The One God? What more information can you give us?

(They turn to the screen beside them to watch the news report with Ham)

Ham Thank you Danel. I am standing in the city of Bashan, which was ruled as of yesterday by the extremely powerful King Og. Beside me there is a pile of rubble, what is left of this powerful city! This city of Bashan is a major hub in the territory of the Amorites. This morning I talked with the refugees that are left and they tell me that King Og was between 9 to 13 feet tall! I'm sure you can see that most of us are nowhere near that huge! It must have taken a very powerful nation to kill this man and this city! How did this happen? Standing with me is a refugee named Jalam who ran from the city of Arnon next door, which is also in ruins.

Ham Jalam, please tell us what you witnessed yesterday.

Jalam An army swept through our city! Our armies could not withstand them! Everyone in my family is dead! *(covers his face and looks near to tears)*

Ham I am told that this is a nation that has been...wandering through the desert up until now for quite a few years?

Jalam Yes, that is what we have heard!) Our Kings refused them passage through our land! But now everything is ruins! We are doomed! *(head in hands sobbing he walks away)*

Ham So, there you have it. Is this nation led by a powerful God? Only time can tell but it sounds like something we should be really terrified about! What if they come for us? Back to you, Danel.

(News music closing the video off)

Danel and Yassib talking together worriedly and quietly

Scene 2: A Big Huge Campsite

(Danel and Yassib sit at their desks with their hands clasped in front of them)

(Opening animation from screen behind them begins)

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Welcome to the Jericho evening news, bringing you the most important facts from behind the wall. We bring you the latest dirt from around Jericho and everywhere else in between. You can count on us to dig up the dirt!

Yassib In the news things are getting more and more strange...as if that should be a surprise Let's go to our reporter Ham who is on location.

Ham Thank you Yassib. I am standing in front of the Jordan River. This month we spoke to you about the reports coming out of the cities of the Amorites. There is a lot of speculation about what these Israelites are doing! Folks around here are very nervous. I am here to confirm for you that this nervousness is well-founded!

Ham Beside me is the River Jordan. To the East of us is a large camp of Israelites, close to Shittim. Reports from people living on the walls said they set it up late last night! When they woke up, the noise of the camp being set up could be heard for miles! The big question is, who are they, and what are they doing?

Scene 3: Spies in the Land

(Danel and Yassib sit at their desks talking quietly and bantering jovially together silently)

(Opening animation from screen behind them begins)

(Danel and Yassib look up hurriedly and focus in front of them ready to report)

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Danel We begin tonight's broadcast with our top story.

The City of Jericho has suffered a major espionage breach yesterday. With the whole country of Canaan on high alert, this couldn't come at a worse time! The whole world is talking about this crazy nation that escaped from Egypt and is causing chaos and destruction!

Yassib That's right Danel. We need to be on alert! The man who is leading them is making headlines because of his strong battle sense! He says their victories are from Yahweh! The King says we need to be on alert for spies!

Danel We now turn to Ham, who is miraculously back in our area after one day. **(looking amazed)** Travel sure has come a long way! Camels are getting faster and faster, aren't they Yassib?

Yassib They sure are, Danel! Ham? What's the scoop?

(both look to the screen video on the left. Ham is standing beside a large wall facing the camera)

Ham Thanks Yassib. I'm standing in front of the walls of Jericho. Reports from inside the Kings palace tell us that last night two Israelite spies were seen entering the city gates. Once inside, they disappeared.
Back to you, Yassib.

Yassib (*looks very serious*) Thank you Ham. In other news, there is a report of a serious camel accident on the road to Gilgal. With traffic volumes being so bad, travelers should take a different route or stay home!

Danel (*looking concerned*) That's right, Yassib. I'm told that distracted riding was the cause of the accident which had over 50 camels involved! Authorities say that the number of injured is at 75 and that number is expected to rise.

Yassib Indeed. Distracted camel riding is a real problem as younger riders check their bags instead of keeping their eyes on the road. In other news...

(Danel cuts off Yassib)

Breaking news screen starts playing

Danel (*louder volume*) Um, Yassib, I'm sorry to interrupt but we have breaking news. I'm getting a report from the homes on the walls that the King's men are searching the homes in search of the spies we reported on. Ham, what can you tell us about this?

(Both news anchors turn to face the screen to the left)

(Ham appears on the screen, with a wall and a door behind him. Standing beside him is a man who is looking nervous)

Ham You heard that right, Danel. I'm told two spies were seen entering into the house beside me. The King's men searched every nook and cranny but they could not be found! I have Amnon the Potter beside me who lives next door. He says the house is occupied by a woman of ill repute named Rahab. Amnon, what did you see?

Amnon (*Frantic*) Oh man. It was a crazy day! I had just settled down for a lunch break after working on this pot I was making when I heard a lot of yelling and smashing! I was terrified!

Ham I can imagine how shocking that was! Can you tell us what happened next?

Amnon I saw the King's soldiers next door in Rahab's house! She was watching them as they smashed through the whole house! They were looking for someone. My other neighbor said he was sure that he saw two men enter the house. But no one came out! We are all really scared! Spies are everywhere! Our city is going to be destroyed!!! And that Rahab is up to no good!

Ham Well, you heard it here first! Personally, I think we need to be a bit more pro-active about these Israelites. But, it's not me running the country! Back to you, Danel and Yassir.

closing news screen starts playing

Scene 4: The Jordan River Crossing

(Danel and Yassib sit at their desks quietly looking very serious and worried)

(Opening animation from screen behind them begins)

Danel Good evening, I'm Danel son of Balbi.

Yassib And I'm Yassib son of Mot.

(Seriously)

Yassib Welcome to the Jericho evening news, bringing you the most important facts from behind the wall. We bring you the latest dirt from around Jericho and everywhere else in between. You can count on us to dig up the dirt.

Danel We begin tonight's broadcast with an update on our top story. Last night we shared with you the concerning reports of spies in the land. Today, it's worse than ever. Something bad is going to happen! We are sure the Israelites are getting ready to invade us! Let's head straight to Ham who is on the scene.

Ham Thank you Danel. The news is not good. Right behind me is the River Jordan where the Israelites were. But now, they're on the other side and have set up camp. Not a good sign. With me here is a bystander who watched it happen right before his very eyes. Sir, what can you tell our viewers happened?

Bystander I couldn't believe my eyes! I was headed out for a morning stroll! I had a book and a cup of coffee and I was going to relax by the river. I looked up and there was the whole group of people marching towards the Jordan river!!!!

Ham *(looking concerned)* Could you tell who the people were??

Bystander It was the Israelites!! They came towards the edge of the Jordan River. Then...as their feet touched the water... it stopped flowing!!!! And the water rose up just like a dam!!!! Then the whole nation walked through on dry ground!!! It was amazing! Their gods must be so powerful!

Ham *(looking back at the viewers)* Well, there you have it folks. Incredible, but true! Maybe that Rahab knows something about this God of the Israelites after all? And as a side note, why

on earth did they set up a pile of 12 stones after? I couldn't tell you! Either way, I think we need to be preparing for battle.

****closing music and scene end****

Scene 5: The Walls Came Tumbling Down

(Danel and Yassib sit at their desks quietly looking very serious and worried)

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Yassib (*Seriously*) Welcome to the Jericho evening news, bringing you the most important facts from behind the wall. We bring you the latest dirt from around Jericho and everywhere else in between. You can count on us to dig up the dirt.

Danel Tonight, we bring you more on the latest developments surrounding the attack we are facing by the Israelite army. It's been a week, and you know as much as we know. For seven days, we've been sitting inside this city keeping you updated, but it's getting downright scary!

Yassib That's right. The city is locked up. No one is going anywhere on order of The King! And those warriors led by their priests are marching around the city. They march around once, and go back to their camp. I don't know what to think of it.

Danel I said it once, and I'll say it again, Yassib. It's downright terrifying. You can hear them now!

(They look at each other, terrified)

(sounds of marching)

Yassib Well, we can take you to Ham, who is camped out on the wall. Maybe he can fill us in on what is going on. Ham?

both men look to the screen

Ham Thanks Yassib. I'm as nervous as you are. As you said, it's day seven and I think they must be up to something because today is totally different! They started at dawn, waking everyone up, and they're finishing up their seventh rotation around the wall instead of just once! On top of all that, I was told that the woman Rahab has a red cord hanging outside her window. No one knows why, but it's mighty suspicious. I personally think she's in cahoots with the Israelites!

(sounds of marching and horn blowing getting louder)

(Yassib and Danel are looking around themselves alarmed as the noises get louder)

Danel *(covering his ears)* Thank you Ham!!! I think that we need to continue with the news but it's getting so loud that the noise around the wall is reaching us too!

(sounds of shouting and yelling and then sounds of a RAMS HORN start!)

Yassib *(almost yelling)* Yes, I'm getting breaking news telling me that the warriors around the wall are now yelling!!! This is it!!!! We need to arm ourselves for batt.....(ARGH!!!)

(Both men yell and cover themselves as the walls fall down)

(two men run in armed for battle and the lights dim)

Narrator We are told in Hebrews chapter 11, "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. Since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect."