

The Battle at Ai
Lesson 4
Joshua 7-8

What an exciting day the battle at Jericho must have been for Israel. God had given Israel a wonderful victory and Joshua 6:27 said this resulted in Joshua's fame spreading throughout the land. Following this "*mountain top*" experience we are surprised to read in 7:1 about another act of disobedience. Lack of faith in the wilderness seems more understandable than after such a miraculous victory!

The city of Ai - Joshua 7

1. Joshua sent spies ahead to check out the next city of Ai. What was the report they brought back? (Joshua 7:2, 3)
2. What did Joshua do? (Joshua 7:4a) Please comment.
3. How did this battle go? (Joshua 7:4b & 5)
4. When news of the battle reached Joshua and the elders, how did they respond? (Joshua 7: 6)
5. What was this sign of? (Genesis 37:34)

12. What was at stake if Joshua had not fully carried out God's instructions? (Joshua 7:12b)

Ai Destroyed - Joshua 8

13. What emotional state was Israel in after the sin of Achan? (Joshua 8:1a)

Note: This is a good reminder to us. When our lives are filled with these emotions, it would be wise to do as Joshua did and go before the LORD to see if there is any sin in our lives that we need to deal with.

14. God gave Joshua a new command in Joshua 8:1, what was it?

15. What did God say about the plunder of war? Please comment (Joshua 8:2a)

16. What military strategy did God use this time? (Joshua 8:2b-8)

17. Before Israel went out, Joshua said to the troops (vs. 8) "...Do what the Lord commanded. See to it; you have my orders!" What do you think his words did for the fighting men?

18. How did the battle go this time? (Joshua 8:9-26)

19. What about the plunder? (Joshua 8:27)

20. What was Ai's permanent state to be? (Joshua 8:28, 29)

- What happened to the king of Ai?

Covenant Renewal - Joshua 8:30-35

Following the battles of Jericho & Ai, Israel's presence was now established in Canaan. But they had sinned against the LORD and broken His covenant. Before going further into the Promised Land, the LORD renewed His covenant with Israel.

21. It was time to carry out Moses' instructions. What did Joshua do on Mt. Ebal?
(Joshua 8:30, 31)

- Built:

- Offered:

22. In the presence of all the Israelites, what did Joshua copy? (Joshua 8:32)

23. Describe the Covenant renewal ceremony. Using Joshua 8:33-35:
Who was present?

Where were they standing?

Who were they facing?

Half the people stood on:

The other half stood on:

What did Joshua read to the people?

24. How did this fulfill the command given by Moses? (Deuteronomy 11:29)