

Bible Study

Victory in Ai

Joshua Chapter 8

Joshua 8: Victory in Ai.

In the preceding chapter Israel had been soundly defeated in Ai, but as chapter 8 of Joshua opens God gives His people victory where they had experienced defeat.

Preview:

- God allows second chances.
 - God addressed Israel's sin, and then gave them victory.
 - Israel commits to God's word again.
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A New Beginning. (8:1-2)

V1. God encourages Joshua after the defeat at Ai.

V2. God promises Joshua victory, and the wealth of Ai.

A New Strategy. (8:3-13)

V3. Israel defeated Jericho in the daylight, but defeat in Ai begin as a covert night operation.

V7. At Jericho Israel marched around the city, but in Ai Israel set an ambush and seized the city.

V8. Israel took great care to obey God's command.

A New Victory. (8:14-29)

V14. Why was the king of Ai confident of victory?

V18. The key to victory was obeying God's command.

V21. Ai is defeated and the city is burned.

V27. Israel was allowed to take the wealth of Ai; but not in Jericho. Why?

A New Commitment. (8:30-35)

V32. This is the 4th mention of stones being erected.

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| a. Gilgal- | Joshua 4:20 |
| b. Achan's sin- | Joshua 7:26 |
| c. King of Ai death- | Joshua 8:29 |
| d. Mt. Ebal- | Joshua 8:31-32 |

V34. Joshua reads the Law of Moses. Why?