

Joshua 08 - Victory Over Ai; Joshua Renews the Covenant

I. Israel's conquest of Canaan (Joshua 1:1—12:24)

(3) Israel conquers Canaan (Joshua 5:13—12:24)

(A) Central campaign (Joshua 5:13—9:27)

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(d) First covenant renewal at Shechem (8:30-35)

Joshua 8

(ii) Victory (8:1-29)

1 Now the LORD said to Joshua, "**Do not fear** or be **dismayed**. **Take all the people** of war with you. Arise, go up to Ai; see, I **have handed over** to you the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.

1 Now the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear or be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.

1 The LORD then told Joshua, "Don't be afraid or lose heart! Take all the fighting men with you, and go up right now to Ai. Take note that I have handed over the king of Ai into your control, along with his people, his city, and his land.

1 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:

- Once the people had dealt with the sin of Achan, Israel was ready to engage the enemy again

- "...Do not fear" - that's great news! There is a remedy for sin. It's called an altar. God provided for our sin—even before Adam...

- "...dismayed" - God never discourages His people from making progress. The worst mistake of all is not to try again.

— God promised to give victory, but *He* specified the strategy

- "...Take all the people" - there are lessons to be learned; previously (7:3), the spies suggested only taking 2,000-3,000 fighting men; God tells Joshua the second time around to take "all" of them

- "...have handed over" - it's a done deal (Rom 4:17)

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2 And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.

- "...you shall take" - this time, the Israelites could keep the spoil themselves

— If Achan had only waited, he could have had all the spoil he wanted

- God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him

3 So Joshua rose up with all the people of war to go up to Ai; and Joshua chose thirty thousand men, valiant warriors, and sent them out at night.

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3 So Joshua and all of the fighting men prepared to go out against Ai. Joshua selected 30,000 valiant warriors and sent them out by night,

3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night.

- They marched 15 miles from Gilgal to Ai

- Out of 40,000 Israelite soldiers, Joshua chose 30,000 for this battle

— Of these, he sent 5,000 to hide in ambush the night before the attack (v12), west of town

— The remaining 25,000 (double the population of Ai) approached from the north

4 He commanded them, saying, "See, you are going to ambush the city from behind it. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready.

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4 telling them, "Pay attention now! You are to set up an ambush around the city. Don't go very far from the city, and all of you remain on alert.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, [even] behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:

- Special forces to seal off, behind Ai, the path to Bethel, about 2 miles to the west. This would also prevent a surprise attack from Bethel.

5 Then I and all the people who are with me will approach the city. And when they come out to meet us as *they did* the first *time*, we will flee before them.

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5 I and all of the army with me will advance upon the city. When they come out after us like they did before, we'll run away from them.

5 And I, and all the people that [are] with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them,
- The main force will proceed up the valley to challenge Ai and feign retreat

6 They will come out after us until we have lured them away from the city, for they will say, '*They are fleeing before us just as they did the first time.*' So we will flee before them.

6 They will come out after us until we have drawn them away from the city, for they will say, '*They are fleeing before us as at the first.*' So we will flee before them.

6 They'll come after us until we've drawn them away from the city, because they'll say, '*They're running away from us just like they did before.*' While we're running away from them,

6 (For they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.
- This will exploit Ai's overconfidence. The men of Ai will think this is still Joshua 7; they don't know that this is Joshua 8!

7 Then you shall rise from *your* ambush and take possession of the city, for the LORD your God will hand it over to you.

7 And you shall rise from *your* ambush and take possession of the city, for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

7 you get up from the ambush and seize the city, because the LORD your God will give it into your control.

7 Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

- The "seal" team will take the city, and seal off the ambush

8 Then it will be when you have seized the city, that you shall set the city on fire. You shall do *it* in accordance with the word of the LORD. See, I have commanded you."

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8 When you've taken the city, set it on fire, just as the LORD ordered. Look! These are your orders!"

8 And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, [that] ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.

9 So Joshua sent them away, and they went to the *place of* ambush and remained between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua spent that night among the people.

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9 So Joshua sent them out, and they set up an ambush between Bethel and Ai, to the west of Ai.

Joshua spent that night in the camp among the army.

9 Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

- Same location as Abram's altar: before and after Egypt

- Joshua lodged with his army (unlike David, who stayed in Jerusalem with Bathsheba)

10 Now Joshua got up early in the morning and mustered the people, and he went up with the elders of Israel before the people to Ai.

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10 In the morning, Joshua got up early, mustered his army, and set off for Ai, accompanied by the elders of Israel in full view of the army.

10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

11 Then all the people of war who *were* with him went up and approached, and arrived in front of the city; and they camped on the north side of Ai. And *there was* a valley between him and Ai.

11 Then all the people of war who *were* with him went up and drew near and arrived in front of the city, and camped on the north side of Ai. Now *there was* a valley between him and Ai.

11 The entire fighting force with him attacked, approaching the city, and camped on the north side of Ai, with a ravine between them and Ai.

11 And all the people, [even the people] of war that [were] with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now [there was] a valley between them and Ai.

12 Then he took about five thousand men and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city.

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12 And he took [had taken] about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city.

13 So they stationed the people, all the army that was on the north side of the city, and its rear guard on the west side of the city, and Joshua spent that night in the midst of the valley.

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13 stationing their forces with its main encampment north of the city and its rear guard to the west. Joshua spent that night in the valley.

13 And when they had set the people, [even] all the host that [was] on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

14 And it came about, when the king of Ai saw *them*, that the men of the city hurried and got up early, and went out to meet Israel in battle, he and all his people at the appointed place before the desert plain. But he did not know that *there was* an ambush against him behind the city.

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14 When the king of Ai saw what had happened, he and his army quickly got up early and went out to meet Israel in battle. He and all his people met at the place adjacent to the desert plain. But he didn't know about the ambush that had been set for him on the other side of the city.

14 And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw [it], that they hastened and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that [there were] liers in ambush against him behind the city.

- Those that are in the most danger are least aware of it

15 Then Joshua and all Israel pretended to be defeated before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

15 Joshua and all Israel pretended to be beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

15 Because Joshua and the entire fighting force of Israel pretended to lose the battle by running away in front of them toward the wilderness,

15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people who were in the city were called together to pursue them, and they pursued Joshua and were lured away from the city.

16 And all the people who were in the city were called together to pursue them, and they pursued Joshua and were drawn away from the city.

16 everyone in the city followed after them. As they pursued Joshua, they were drawn away from the town.

16 And all the people that [were] in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

17 So not a man was left in Ai or Bethel, but they had all gone out after Israel, and they left the city unguarded and pursued Israel.

17 So not a man was left in Ai or Bethel who had not gone out after Israel, and they left the city unguarded and pursued Israel.

17 There wasn't a single man left in Ai or Bethel who didn't run out after Israel. They left the city open and pursued Israel.

17 And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

- All the fighting men from Bethel joined with all the soldiers from Ai, to counter Israel's attack

— Ai and Bethel likely had a treaty for mutual defense

18 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Reach out with the sword that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will hand it over to you." So Joshua reached out with the sword that was in his hand toward the city.

18 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand." So Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city.

18 Then the LORD told Joshua, "Stretch out the battle lance that's in your hand toward Ai, because I will give it into your control." So Joshua stretched out the battle lance that was in his hand toward the city.

18 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that [is] in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that [he had] in his hand toward the city.

- Stretching out his spear was Joshua's prearranged signal to his men in ambush to attack — It also symbolized, like Moses' raised staff, that victory came from the Lord (Ex 14:16; 17:8-12)

19 Then the *men in* ambush rose quickly from their place, and when he had reached out with his hand, they ran and entered the city and captured it, and they quickly set the city on fire.

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19 As soon as he stretched out his hand, the troops in ambush quickly got up from their place of hiding and attacked. They entered the city, seized it, and immediately set it on fire.

19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire.

20 When the men of Ai turned back and looked, behold, the smoke of the city ascended to the sky, and they had no place to flee this way or that, for the people who had been fleeing to the wilderness turned against the pursuers.

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20 Then the men of Ai looked back behind them—and all of a sudden!—smoke from the city was rising into the sky. They were unable to run in any direction, because the Israelis who had fled toward the wilderness had turned around to attack their pursuers.

20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

21 When Joshua and all Israel saw that the *men in* ambush had captured the city and that the smoke of the city ascended, they turned back and killed the men of Ai.

21 When Joshua and all Israel saw that the *men in* ambush had captured the city and that the smoke of the city ascended, they turned back and slew the men of Ai.

21 When Joshua and the entire fighting force of Israel observed that the men who had been in ambush had seized the city and that the smoke from the city was rising, they turned around and attacked the men of Ai.

21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.

22 The others came out from the city to confront them, so that they were *trapped* in the midst of Israel, some on this side and some on that side; and they killed them until there was not one left who escaped or survived.

22 The others came out from the city to encounter them, so that they were *trapped* in the midst of Israel, some on this side and some on that side; and they slew them until no one was left of those who survived or escaped.

22 Then the others came out from the city against them, so the men of Ai were surrounded by the Israelis, some on one side and some on the other. Israel attacked them until no one was left to survive or escape.

22 And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

23 But they captured the king of Ai alive and brought him to Joshua.

23 But they took alive the king of Ai and brought him to Joshua.

23 But the king of Ai was taken alive and brought to Joshua.

23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 Now when Israel had finished killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the field in the wilderness where they pursued them, and all of them had fallen by the edge of the sword until they were destroyed, then all Israel returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword.

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24 When Israel had completed executing all of the residents of Ai in the open wilderness where they had chased them, and after all of them—to the very last of them—had been killed by swords, the entire fighting force of Israel returned to Ai and attacked it with swords.

24 And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the

edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

- In careful obedience to God's commands, both those given here and previously in the Law

25 So all who fell that day, both men and women, were twelve thousand—all the people of Ai.

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25 The total of all who fell that day, including men and women, was 12,000—the entire population of Ai.

25 And [so] it was, [that] all that fell that day, both of men and women, [were] twelve thousand, [even] all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua did not withdraw his hand with which he reached out with the sword until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

26 For Joshua did not withdraw his hand with which he stretched out the javelin until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

26 Joshua did not cease his attack until he had completely destroyed every inhabitant of Ai.

26 For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 Israel took only the cattle and the spoils of that city as plunder for themselves, in accordance with the word of the LORD which He had commanded Joshua.

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27 Israel took only the livestock and the spoil of that city as their war booty, in accordance with what the LORD had commanded to Joshua.

27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he commanded Joshua.

- Since the men actually had to fight, they had earned their reward (see Num 31:9-54 for laws concerning spoils of war)

- Too bad Achan hadn't waited...

28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a refuse heap forever, a desolation until this day.

28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a heap forever, a desolation until this day.

28 Joshua burned Ai, turning it into a permanent mound of ruins, and it remains so to this day.

28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, [even] a desolation unto this day.

29 And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening; but at sunset Joshua gave the command and they took his body down from the tree and threw it at the entrance of the city gate, and erected over it a large heap of stones *that stands* to this day.

29 He hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening; and at sunset Joshua gave command and they took his body down from the tree and threw it at the entrance of the city gate, and raised over it a great heap of stones *that stands* to this day.

29 He hanged the king of Ai on a tree until dusk, and at sunset Joshua ordered his body brought down from the tree and laid at the entrance to the gate of the town. There he raised over it a large mound of stones, which stands there to this day.

29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcass down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, [that remaineth] unto this day.

- Cursed is anything that hangs on a tree (Deut 21:22-23; Gal 3:13)

(d) First covenant renewal at Shechem (8:30-35)

30 Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, on **Mount Ebal**,

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- Shechem:

— Where 600 years earlier, God first promised the Land to Abraham (Gen 12:7)

— Where Jacob, while fleeing from Laban, buried the teraphim (Gen 35:2)

— Where Joseph was sold into slavery (and where he is buried)

— Where Jacob dug a well; and where Jesus met the Samaritan woman (John 4)

- In the valley:

— North Mt. Ebal (3,085ft)

— South Mt. Gerizim (2,890ft)

— They form an amphitheater: 500 yards apart at the bottom; 1-1/2 miles at the top

- "...Mount Ebal" - the altar is built at the site of the curses, not the blessings (the altar is made to deal with the curse)

— This fulfilled one of Moses' final commands (Deut 27:1-8)

31 just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, an altar of **uncut stones** on which no one had

wielded an iron *tool*; and they offered **burnt offerings** on it to the LORD, and sacrificed **peace offerings**.

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31 just the way Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the Israelis in the Book of the Law of Moses: "...an altar of uncut stones that hasn't been worked with iron tools..." and they offered burnt offerings to the LORD on it, along with peace offerings.

31 As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up [any] iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

- Israel had now obtained enough of a foothold in the Land to journey north to Shechem, in order to carry out God's instructions for the renewal of the covenant of the Land (Deut 27:2-8)

— Shechem was 30 miles north of Ai

- "...uncut stones" - 3x (Ex 20:35; Deut 27:5; here)

— God's workmanship not to be polluted by man's additions. Also, a denial of humanism!

- The people had offered "burnt" and "peace" offerings previously on Mt Sinai, when God gave the Law to Israel

— Offering these sacrifices again here shows that this ceremony was a covenant renewal

- "...burnt offerings" - expressed God's forgiveness for the worshipper's sin and the worshipper's full dedication to God; flames consumed the entire sacrifice (Lev 1:1-17)

- "...peace offerings" - expressed thankfulness to God for fellowship with Him and with one another; worshippers consumed most of the sacrifice (Lev 7:11-21)

The solemn reading of the blessings and curses of the covenant (Deut 27-30) at that site is strategically important for understanding the message of the Book of Joshua. In unmistakably clear symbolism the reader is told that the right of possessing the promised land is tied to the proclamation of, and subjection to, God's covenant claims upon his people (and upon the world).

32 And he wrote there on the stones a copy of the Law of Moses, which he had written, in the presence of the sons of Israel.

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32 There Joshua inscribed on stones a copy of the Law of Moses that Moses had presented to the Israelis.

32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

- The method of plastering stones and then printing on them came originally from Egypt; thus, the letters were probably painted in red

- It was likely large whitewashed monoliths with red Hebrew characters spelling out the Ten Commandments, and possibly the blessings and curses of the Law as well (Cf. Deut 28)

- This structure was the *first* public display of the Law

- This was the fourth public monument in the Promised Land: (Cf. Deut 17:18; Joshua 24:26)

- Gilgal - "crossing" (4:20)

- Valley of Achor - "judgment of sin" (7:26)

- Entrance to Ai - "victory upon repentance" (8:29)

33 And all Israel with their elders, officers, and their judges were standing on both sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as the native. Half of them *stood* in front of Mount Gerizim, and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded at first to bless the people of Israel.

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33 All Israel, both foreigners and citizens, together with their elders, officers, and judges, stood on opposite sides of the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD. Half stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half stood in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses, the LORD's servant had commanded at the first, so that they could bless the people of Israel.

33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the [sojourner] as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

Two Groups

- Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph and Benjamin on Mt. Gerizim, the Mount of Blessing
 - These had Rachel or Leah as their mother
- Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, Naphtali on Mt. Ebal, the Mount of Cursings
 - These had handmaids, Zilpah or Bilhah as their mother; except for Reuben and Zebulun
 - Reuben had forfeited his status as firstborn by sinning against his father (Gen 35:22; 49:3-4)

The law is not read until there was an altar (first mention in Joshua). There must be a remedy present for your failure to keep the Law! Notice that the altar is at Mt. Ebal, not Gerizim.

This all occurs at Shechem—Genesis country. This will later become the capital of the Samaritans (Cf. John 4). The well was between Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim. Mt. Ebal, the curses of the law; Mt. Gerizim, the humanism of works. He rather pointed to neither—but to Himself. The Ark is no longer mentioned in Joshua now that the Law has been ratified.

34 Then afterward he read all the words of the Law, the blessing and the curse, according to everything that is written in the Book of the Law.

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34 Afterwards, Joshua read all the words of the Law—both the blessings and the curses—according to everything written in the Book of the Law.

34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

- It is interesting that some groups who are drawn to put themselves “under the law” rarely include the cursings with the blessings

35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them.

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35 There wasn't one word of everything Moses had commanded that Joshua did not read in front of the entire assembly of Israel, including the women, their little ones, and the foreigners who lived among them.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were

conversant among them.