

Joshua 7-8

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Galatians 6:7

Readings this week:

- S Joshua 7
- M Joshua 8
- T Joshua 14
- W Joshua 23
- Th Joshua 24
- F Psalm 130
- S Psalm 135

How do you think the Israelites felt after the battle of Jericho? What effect do you think their victory had on their attitude to their next battle?

At Ai, the Israelites learned a hard lesson. They had forgotten God was the one who had won a victory for them; and dug a pit for themselves to fall in, by the way they behaved. Follow the catalogue of errors in the boxes; then see how God helped them to find the way out of the pit afterwards.

What was Achan's sin?

Joshua 7:1

How did the nation show their consecration?

Joshua 7:14-26

What mistake was made in planning the attack?

Joshua 7:2-5

How did God help his people to get out of the hole?

Joshua 7:13

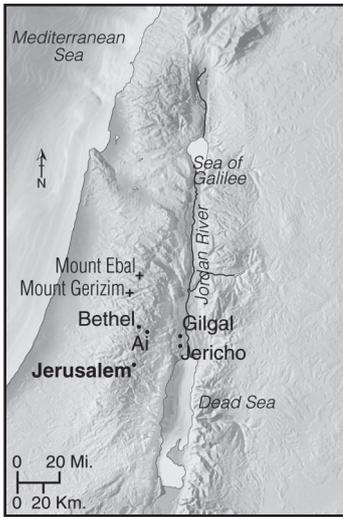
What was wrong with Joshua's response?

Joshua 7:6-9

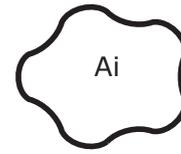
How did God show his people the way back to himself?

Joshua 7:10-12





Can you work out how the battle happened?



What do you think they learned about God from this incident?

Look at God's battle plan in chapter 8. How did it compare with the plan for the capture of Jericho?

How does God show us the way back to him when we have done wrong? Can you think of any examples Jesus used to show this?

After Ai had been captured, the people built an altar to God on mount Ebal. God had told them to do this (see Deuteronomy 27:1-10)

What do you think the Israelites learned from the building of the altar?



Digging Deeper

The settlement of the land

You will find a Bible map relating to the time of Joshua helpful for this.

Joshua 10:5

Whom did Joshua fight against after Ai? What happened? v11-14

On the map, mark the cities Joshua fought against and draw arrows to mark the route of his campaign. Start at verse 28 and go through to the end of the chapter.

Joshua 11

The kings of which towns now came to attack Joshua? v1 What happened? v6-9

Mark the towns from verse 1 on the map.

When they had conquered all the land it was shared out between the different tribes. You could draw in the boundaries and mark which area each tribe was given.

