

## **Victory at Ai (Joshua 8)**

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### **INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW**

#### **GOD'S PROMISE**

**God Promised Victory at Ai; Israel Would Receive the Spoils [8:1-2a]**

#### **STRATEGY**

**30,000 Were Sent by Night to Wait in Ambush West of Ai [8:2b-4]**

**Joshua's Force Would Come as Before, a Decoy Ready to Flee from Ai as Before [8:5-6]**

**When Joshua's Flight Drew Ai's Army out of the City, the 30,000 that Joshua Sent by Night Were to SIEZE Ai and Burn it (as per the LORD's Command) [8:7-9]**

**Joshua Stayed with the People, Leading Them Encamp in the Valley North of Ai [8:10-11]**

**5,000 Were Also Sent to Guard the Western Approach to Ai [from Bethel] (8:12-13)**

## **THE BATTLE**

**Ai's Whole Army Attacked Joshua's Fleeing Main Force (Ignorant of the Ambush) [8:14-17]**

**The LORD Directed Joshua to Signal the 30,000 who Burned it [8:18-19]**

**Ai's Army then Saw their City Burning and Were Entirely Destroyed and the King Was Captured as Joshua's Forces Turned around to Fight [8:21-23]**

**After Destroying Ai's Army, Israel Killed those in the City (a Total of 12,000), but Kept the Livestock and the Spoil (according to the LORD's Promise) [8:24-28]**

**Ai's King Was Hanged, Cast down at the City Gate, and Put on a Rock Heap (8:29)**

## **COVENANT RENEWAL**

**Joshua Led the People to Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim where a Stone Altar Was Built and Sacrifices Offered (8:30-31)**

**Joshua Inscribed a Copy of the Law of Moses on the Stones (8:32)**

**With the Ark and the Priests in the Valley, Half of Israel Stood before Mt. Gerizim and Half Stood before Mt. Ebal (as Moses Commanded), Reading the Blessings and Curses [8:33-35]**

## **CONCLUSION**