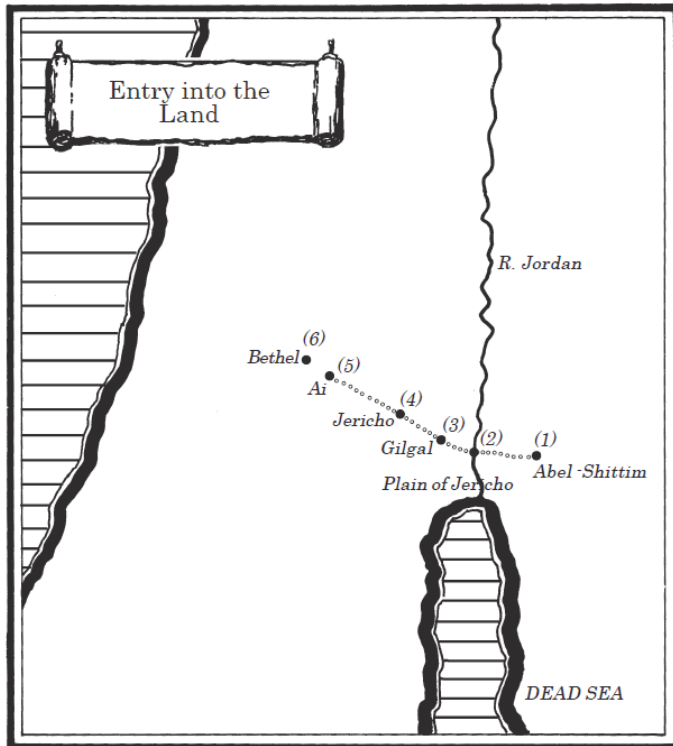




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## JOSHUA'S CENTRAL CAMPAIGN

The following chart fits well at the bottom of Joshua 3.



- (1) Two spies are sent by Joshua from Shittim to reconnoitre Jericho (Josh. 2:1).
- (2) Led by Joshua, the Israelites leave Shittim and cross the Jordan, the flow of which miraculously ceases (3:1).
- (3) Israel encamps at Gilgal where they are circumcised and where the manna ceases and they eat of the corn of the land (4:19; 5:9-12).
- (4) Jericho is besieged and taken after its walls miraculously collapse (6:1).
- (5) A force of 3,000 men is sent to Ai, but they are repulsed because of Achan's sin (7:1-4).
- (6) By setting an ambush of 5,000 men between Bethel and Ai, and drawing out the men of Ai from the city by his other men, Joshua overcomes Ai and destroys it (8:12-21).

## CIRCUMCISION - JOSHUA 5

This is an extensive principle in the Bible. Using the following notes mark this important theme.

The cutting off of the foreskin sym removal of the inherent sin and flesh (Deut 10:15-21). See the Apostolic exposition (1 Cor 7:19; Rom 2:29)

## ANGEL - JOSHUA 5:14

The presence of angels are an important part of all our lives. This incident is yet another occurrence of the many you might like to investigate throughout the Scriptures.

An angel of God's presence, who bore His name, appeared to Moses at the bush (cp. v15; Ex 3:5; 23:20-23; Isa 63:9)

Israel's angel or 'prince' is later identified by another angel as 'Michael' (Dan 10:21; Jude v9) - chief angel

## JERICO

The falling of the walls of Jericho and how it happened are clearly shown in the text of Joshua 6. Read this very carefully noting things like the order of those walking about the walls and how many times they walked around each day. Prepare notes for yourself. The following points may help a little.

- By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about 7 days (Heb 11:30).
- Typified 6 x 1000 years 'days' of warfare against sin (2 Cor 10:4-5)
- On seventh day, at beginning of millennium, Yahweh to give victory to the faithful
- Work of Yahweh i.e. flesh is powerless in warfare against sin (Eph 2:10; Gal 4:19)
- Jericho represents the apostate world devoted to self and the collapse of the apostate system (Rev 18:17).



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## ISRAEL'S FAILURE - JOSHUA 7

The incident of Joshua 7 serves to teach some important lessons. See if you can confirm the following points from this chapter.

1. Breaking a solemn vow
2. Stealing that which was not theirs
3. Acting deceitfully
4. Taking possession of that which belongs to God

## CHAPTER BREAKUPS

It is helpful to prepare breakups of each chapter or section. Spend a little time and see if you can prepare other chapter breakups, besides that shown below, for Joshua 7-8.

- ch 7:1-5 - Dramatic reversal at Ai
- ch 7:6-15 - Joshua seeks guidance of Yahweh
- ch 7:16-21 - The guilty one is revealed
- ch 7:22-26 - The verdict against sin
- ch 8:1-14 - Return to Ai
- ch 8:15-19 - Victory through faith and obedience

## Joshua 7:21, Genesis 3:6, James 1:14-15

Look up these verses and you will find a re-occurring theme. It is best suited to mark in Joshua 7.

saw	lust of eyes	lust
coveted	lust of flesh	conception
took	pride of life	bringeth death

Achan had kept for himself

- Babylonish garment
- 200 shekels of silver
- wedge of gold

This was a sin committed in full awareness (Heb 4:13). Need to seek the kingdom (Matt 6:19-21).

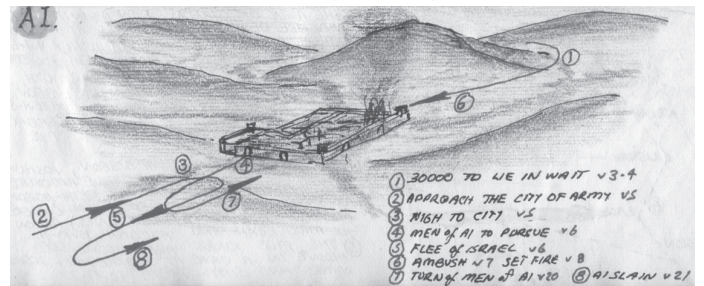
## LESSONS OF ACHAN

- Achan - coveting - seeking of the material things of life (Matt 6:19-21)
- Hiding of accursed thing - couldn't be hidden from God (Heb 4:12-16)
- Sin - sin may seem pleasant but it brings trouble (Achan) which will lead to destruction (Josh 7:26)
- Ai - King rep. king sin (Josh 8:1) Words of encouragement to fight sin

## DEFEAT OF AI - JOSHUA 8

Can you work out the sequence of events in this dramatic incident? You may find it useful to sketch this in a diagram.

- Victory through faith and obedience
- Ai = ruin
- King = king sin
- hanging = crucifying the flesh
- victory = God at work (Gal 5:24)



## LEAGUE WITH THE GIBEONITES

These notes describe how Israel should have remained separate and yet they entered into an association with these men. Investigate this important theme remembering the lessons for us. It is worth marking in Joshua 9.

- Israel were to utterly put away and make no alliances with the Canaanites - Hivites being part thereof (Ex 23:32; 34:10-17; Deut 7:1-5; 20:10-20)
- Cities from afar off, which voluntarily made peace, could be saved (Deut 20:15)
- Israel failed in v.14 "asked not (counsel) at the mouth of Yahweh"
- Contrast - Christ would "not judge after the sight of his eyes" (Isa 11:2-3) (2 Cor 6:14, 17; 2 Tim 2:3-4)