

THE 2ND BATTLE OF Ai
Joshua 8:1-8 - July 26, 2020 am

THE COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE WAR

INSPIRATION OF THE LORD (Josh 8:1)

NEGATIVE - INSTRUCTION

DON'T FEAR (1a) *And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear not,*

DON'T FAINT (1b) *neither be thou dismayed*

POSITIVE - INSPIRATION - (1d) *see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land*

Josh 7:7,9

INFORMATION FROM THE LORD (Josh 8:2)

(1c) *take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai:*

THE SUCCESS (2) *and thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king:*

THE SPOILS (2b) *only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves*

(Josh 6:18) (Josh 7:21)

INSTRUCTION FROM JOSHUA (Josh 8:3-8)

THE SECRECY (3) *and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valor, and sent them away by night.*

THE SETUP (4) *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:*

THE STRATEGY (4-7)

THE PLAN FOR Ai - AMBUSH (2d, 4, 7, 9)

God's command (8:2) *lay thee an ambush for the city behind it*

Joshua's charge (8:4) *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:*

THE PAST HISTORY AT Ai

(Josh 7:4-5, 8:5-7)

THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD (7) *The Lord will deliver Ai into your hand* **(8:1b-2a)**

THE SOLDIERS

STRENGTH (2) *all the people of war ... go up against Ai*

STRATEGY (4) *"be ye all ready"*
(1 Pet 3:15) (Matt 24:44)

THE 2ND BATTLE OF Ai (#2)
Joshua 8:9-35 - July 26, 2020 pm

THE COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE WAR (8:1-8)

THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR – (Joshua 8:9-35)

THE DEPLOYMENT OF ISRAEL'S SOLDIERS (11-12)

THE DRAWING OUT OF Ai'S SOLDIERS (14-19)
And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hasted 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;

THEIR FAILURE (14b) *but he (The King) wist (knew) not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city.*

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

THE FOLLY (16-17) *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 And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.*

THE FASTNESS (speed of the trap) (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.*

Exo 17:18-13

THE DESTRUCTION OF Ai

THE SOLDIERS of ISRAEL PREVAILED (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.

THE SOLDIERS of Ai FAILED (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.*

THE SMOLDERING CITY (24,26)

THE EVENT (21-22)

THE EXEMPTIONS (22d-23)

THE EXTENT (24-26)

THE EXCEPTIONS – the spoil (27)

THE EXHIBITS (29-35)

THE MALEFACTOR (23,29)

A MEMORIAL - MONUMENT (29b)

THE MESSAGE (30-35)