

# JOSHUA 7 vs 1

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The book of Joshua, written around 1453bc, describes the conquest of Israel over the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; now entering the land occupied by 7 different pagan cultures. Leading the people, was Joshua, whose name means: The Lord is salvation.

Defeat at Ai; the sin of Achan,

**1 But the children of Israel trespassed in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel.**

**2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Bethaven, on the east of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ai.**

**3 And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, Do not have all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai; but do not make all the people to labor there; for they are few.**

**4 So about three thousand men from the people went up: but they fled before the men of Ai.**

**5 And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six of their men: and chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them going down the descent: so the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.**

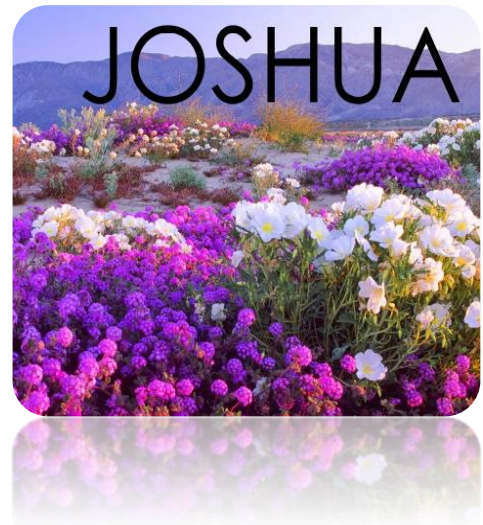
**6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.**

**7 And Joshua said, Alas, O LORD God, why did you even bring this people over Jordan, to deliver us to the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Is only we had been content to stay on the other side Jordan!**

**8 O LORD, what can I say, since Israel turned their backs before their enemies!**

**9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. And what will You do for Your great name?**

**10 And the LORD said to Joshua, Get up; why have you fallen on your face?**



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**11 Israel has sinned, and transgressed My covenant which I instructed them. And they have taken of the banned things, and have stolen and deceived, and they have put it among their own stuff.**

**12 Therefore the children of Israel cannot stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed. I will not be with you any more, unless you destroy the things banned from among you.**

**13 Rise up, consecrate the people, and say, Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow: for thus says the LORD the God of Israel, There are things under the ban in your midst, O Israel: you cannot stand before your enemies, until you have removed the things banned from among you.**

**14 So in the morning you will be brought according to your tribes: and it will be, that the tribe which the LORD takes will come according to its families; and the family which the LORD takes will come near, by households; and the household which the Lord takes will come man by man.**

**15 And it will be, that the one who is taken with the things that are banned will be burnt with fire, he and all that belongs to him: because he transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has produced folly in Israel.**

**16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of **Judah** was taken:**

**17 And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerhites: and he brought the family of the Zerhites near, man by man; and Zabdi was taken:**

**18 And he brought his household man by man; and **Achan**, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.**

**19 And Joshua said to Achan, My son, I implore you, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me.**

**20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and this is what I did:**

**21 when I saw among the spoils a beautiful garment Shinar / a garment from Babylon, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and behold, they are hid in the earth among my tent, and the silver under it.**

**22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hid in his tent, with the silver under it.**

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23 And they took them from the midst of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.

24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his asses, his sheep, his tent, and all that belonged to him: and they brought them to the valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, Why have you troubled us? the LORD will trouble you this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones to this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, to this day.



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