

Jericho: Israel's Most Famous Victory

6:2 – “I have given Jericho into your hand.”

6:3-5 – An unorthodox victory.

6:16-17 – God defeated Jericho.

6: 18-19 – Jericho is God's; stay away from the things that are God's.

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Israel's First
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Ai: Israel's First Defeat

7:1 – There is unknown sin in Israel!

7:2-5 – A resounding defeat at Ai.

7:6-9 – Joshua is devastated.

“Alas, O Lord, why have You . . . ?”

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7:10-12 – God's answer to Joshua:

Rebuke: “*Get up!*”

Explanation: “*Israel has sinned.*”

Consequence: “*Neither will I be with you anymore.*”

Remedy: “*Unless you destroy the accursed from among you.*”

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Cleansing Israel Of Sin

7:13-18 – Identifying the sinner:

Israel passed, tribe of Judah taken.

Judah passed, family of Zarhites taken.

Zarhites passed, household of Zabdi taken.

Zabdi passed, the man Achan taken.

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7:19-25 – Dealing with the sinner:

7:19 – Joshua focused on the Lord.

7:20-21 – Textbook example of confession:

“I have sinned against the Lord . . .

This is what I have done.”

7:22-25 – Achan and family stoned, all his possessions destroyed.

Raised over him a great heap of stones.

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Three Reminders:

➤ **God sees everything.**

Heb. 4:13; Eccl. 12:14

➤ **Sin means something.**

Made God angry – Nahum 1:2,6.

Made Israel weak – 1 Cor. 5:6.

Made Achan die – Rom. 6:23; Ezek. 18:20.

➤ **Sin profits nothing.**

Mark 8:36-37

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