

The Fall
of Ai



JOSHUA

COURAGE AND OBEDIENCE



God's Instructions (Joshua 8:1-2)

- God is serious about sin (recap)
 - Disobedience
- God's sovereignty and Joshua's diligent (Deut. 28)
 - Obedience
 - Joshua listen to God's direction (v1-2)
 - God gave him a detailed plan on what to do
 - Joshua execute the plan exactly how God instructed

God's Plan

Do not be afraid,
nor dismayed. -
Telling Joshua to
trust him

Take the people of
war and go to Ai-
Move Now!!

God reassures
Joshua that it is
already done "they
are defeated", he
did it in Jericho.

God's Plan

force approaches Ai from North

Main Israelite force pitches battle versus Ai, then feigns retreat

30,000 selected

Sent 5000 men to lie and wait between

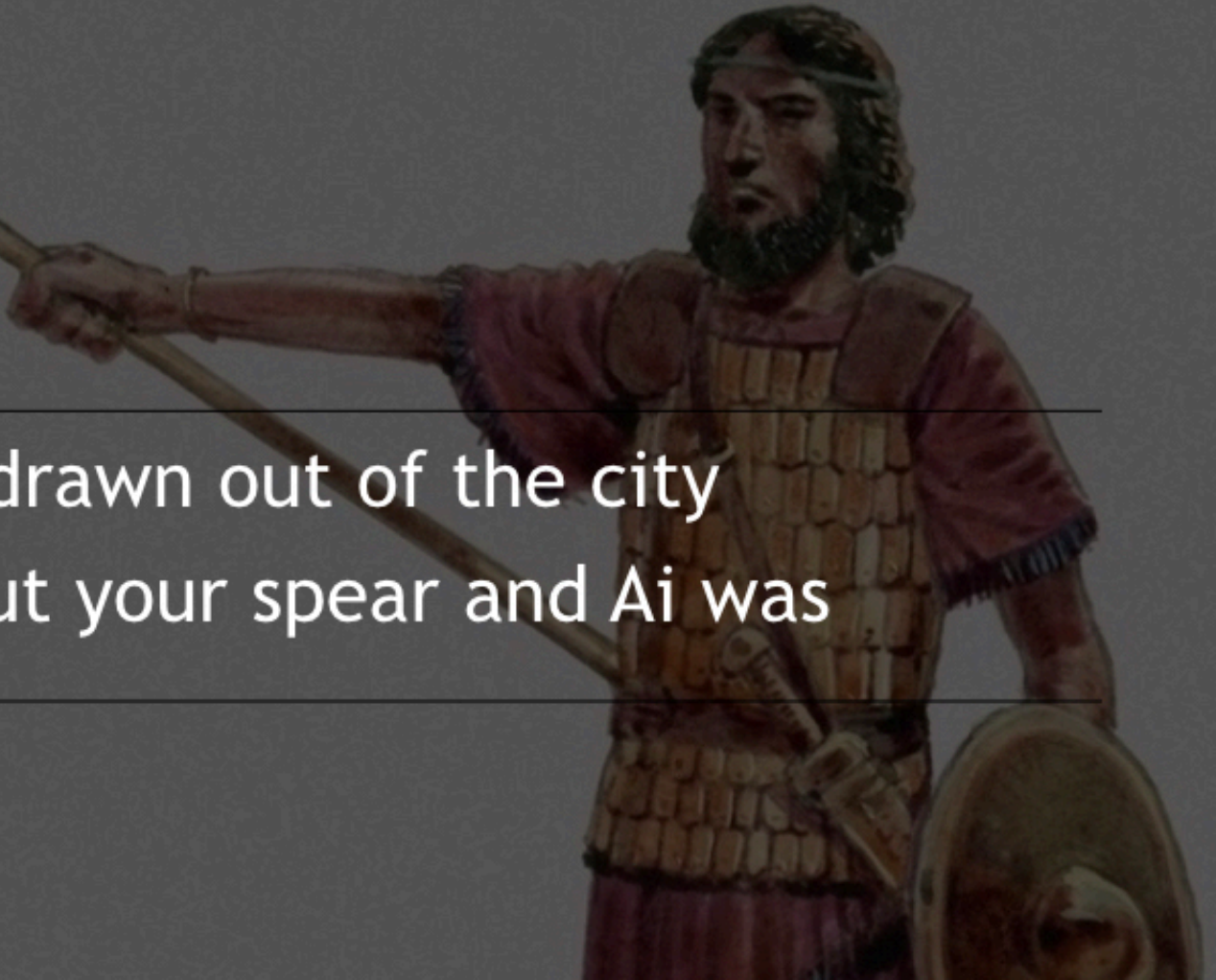
They fled to draw Ai away from the city

Large ambush force approaches Ai from South

Israelites move from Shittim to Jericho and march around


God's Plan

Once they were drawn out of the city
Joshua stretch out your spear and Ai was
ambushed.





They set the city on fire; there was no place to flee.



God's Plan

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- All the inhabitants of Ai were defeated.
 - Israel took the cattle and the spoils.
 - The King was captured and hung on a tree until sundown.
 - The King's corps was case at the city gates.

Blessing and cursing on Ebal and Gerizim

- Joshua builds an alter in mount Ebal.
- Stone copy of the law of Moses was written in the presence of the children of Israel.
- They gathered between Mt. Gerizim and Mt Ebal where to pronounce the blessing and cursing as they had commanded by Moses.
- All the words of the law was read to the people.





**Blessings of
God's Covenant**

Joshua 50-15