# GLORY DAYS! "Sin in the Camp" Joshua 7 Living your promised land life now!





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"Jesus answered and said to them, 'The work God wants you to do is this, believe the one God sent" (John 6:29).



#### There is sin in the camp!

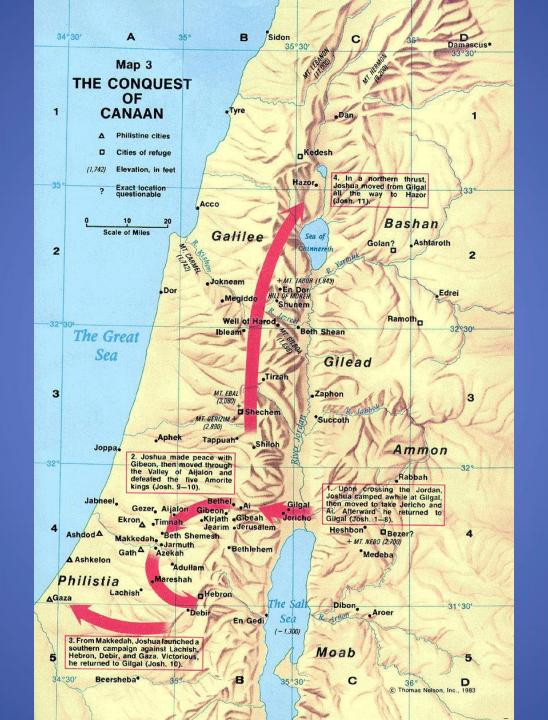
#### THESIS:

#1. WHAT WAS THE SIN?

#2: WHAT ARE THE LESSONS?

#3: WHAT IS THE MODERN DAY APPLICATION?

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#### I. WHAT WAS THE SIN?

- "So the Lord was with Joshua...."
  - "and his fame spread throughout the land" (Josh 6:27).
  - "But Israel violated the instructions about the things set apart for the Lord" (Josh 7:1).



#### I. WHAT WAS THE SIN?

- Instructions were clear... DON'T
   TOUCH THE STUFF (Josh 6:18-20).
- Remember: I AM ALL YOU NEED!
  - Deut 8:4, 29:5.
  - Deut 8:7-9

Who do the scriptures state had sinned? (7:1, 11) What lesson(s) can you see for the church today? While one man had committed the sin, it is clear that God held the entire nation of Israel responsible (7:1, 11).

We often suffer from the actions of others in the church, even if they are not directly involved.

We cannot pretend that the actions of one or two individuals within a local church is of little or no concern to us.

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This can even be extended to the national level where we, as a nation, will be held responsible for the sins committed by its citizens.

#2

What had Achan stolen from the Lord? See 7:21 How much in today's units did the metal weigh?

Achan had taken a 'cloak from Shinar', 200 shekels of silver, and a gold bar that weighed 50 shekels (7:21).

Assuming a shekel to be 2/5 of an ounce, this would mean that the silver weighed about 5 lbs  $(5 \times 16 = 80 \text{ ounces} = $1576)$  and the gold bar weighed about 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs (20 ounces) = Approximately: \$34,000 today.

#3

What observations can you make concerning Joshua's statement to the Lord? See Joshua 7:6-7.

Joshua appears to view the outcome of the battle as a desertion of God in helping Israel. He assumes that God has suddenly left them and is now unreliable. He does not seem to see the possibility that the people have disobeyed and incurred the Lord's wrath. (See 6:18, 1:18)

He seems to be seeing everything through the prism of the world and now expects that the Continued on next slide



What observations can you make concerning Joshua's statement to the Lord?

Canaanites will begin to put up a stiff resistance, seeing that the Israelites were not as overwhelming as they first seemed.

While God does not rebuff Joshua for failing to consult Him before attacking Ai, his declaration that they had over-extended their luck by getting greedy and crossing the Jordan is faithless & worldly thinking.



- God was and is the source of blessing.
- Beware of covetousness (Lk 12:15)!
- Sin has a ripple effect and <u>serious</u>
   consequences (Rom 6:23, Josh 7:3-5).



### How many ways can you find that Achan had troubled Israel?

Achan had delayed the conquering of Canaan.

Achan had cost the lives of 36 men.

Achan had brought shame upon the entire nation, particularly upon his tribe and clan.

Achan had given encouragement or hope to Israel's enemies.



## How many ways can you find that Achan had troubled Israel? What lesson(s) do you see here?

Sin, no matter how private, always has consequences, usually to include those close to us and sometimes to innocent bystanders (Numbers 14:33).

Those consequences can be severe.

God always means what He says!



- Be careful before you question God (Josh 7:7).
- There is a time for prayer, but also a time for action (Josh 7:10).



- Confession brings glory to God (Josh 7:19).
- Be careful what you see!
- Be careful what you wish for!
- Be careful what you do!
- Think of consequences before you act.
  - -I SAW ... I COVETED ... THEN I TOOK!



- We must trust in God's provision and not transgress (Josh 7:15; 1:18).
- We must always remember that the Lord sees all (Ps 33: 13).

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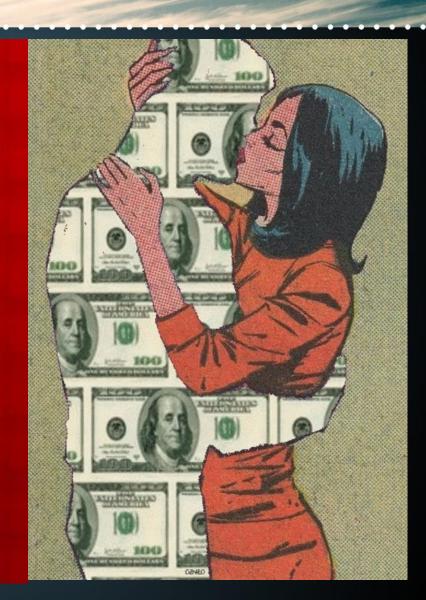
- If we are to live our promised land life now we must trust in Him and Him alone.
- When it comes to covetousness and faith God is <u>dead serious</u> (Acts 5:11).
- We must not allow ourselves to be deceived or put <u>our hope</u> in riches (I Tim 6:17)!



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For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:10





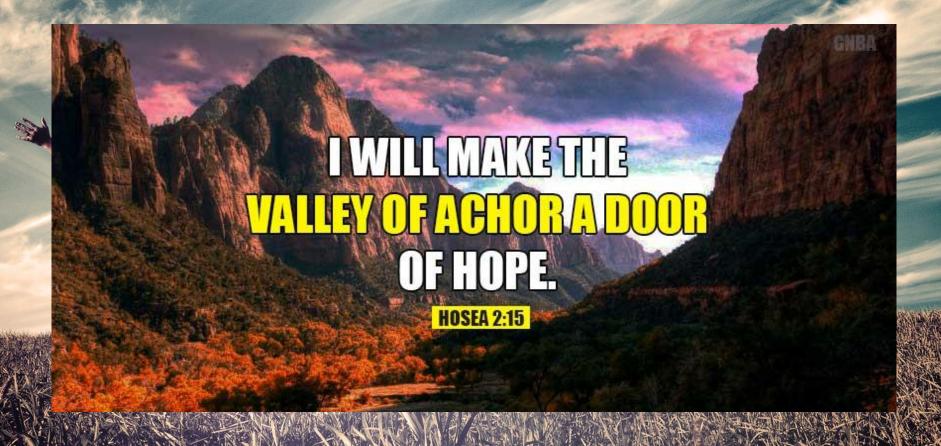
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"If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money can't buy" - Unknown

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