

## **Joshua 8**

### **The Downfall of Ai**

#### **Background of Ai (Joshua 7:3-4, 8:25, 28)**

#### **Encouragement and Instruction from the LORD, to Joshua (vv. 1-2)**

- “Do not be afraid”
- “I have given”
- “Do to Ai...as you did to Jericho”
- “take as plunder for yourselves” (Deut. 2:34-35)
- “Lay an ambush”

#### **Battleplan of the LORD, through Joshua (vv. 3-9)**

- 30,000 mighty men
- Details of the battleplan

#### **Execution of the LORD’s plan (vv. 10-29)**

- 5,000 men set in ambush
- “as soon as the king of Ai saw this”
- “they left the city open”
- “The Lord said to Joshua”...”I will give it into your hand”
- The men of Ai are trapped
- No survivors...”but the king of Ai...brought near to Joshua”
- Ai brought to ruins
- The king was killed and “a great heap of stones” were raised over his body

#### **Worship of the LORD (30-35)**

- An altar built on Mt. Ebal
- A copy of the law of Moses made
- Half on Mt. Gerizim, half on Mt. Ebal
- All were present as all of the words of the law were read