

Joshua 7

1. What is described in verse one by the term “devoted things?”
 - a. What did Achan do with some of these things?

2. After conquering Jericho, who did Israel intend to conquer next?
 - a. According to Josh. 8:25, what was the population of this people?
 - b. What advice did the spies give to Joshua regarding the number of soldiers needed?
 - c. What happened when Israel attacked Ai?
 - d. Why did this happen?

3. People sometimes cite the actions of Achan and their consequences upon Israel as an illustration of the effects of broken fellowship laws upon a local church. In the church-discipline passage of 1 Corinthians 5:1-11, the Corinthian fornicator is compared to Achan, and the Corinthian church is compared to Israel. It is then argued from Joshua 7 that God holds the entire group responsible even if only one is guilty. However, the analogy breaks down in one major area. Contrasting verses 2 & 6 of 1 Corinthians 5 with Israel of Achan’s day, **what was different between the two groups of people with regard to their relationship to the sinner and knowledge of his sin?**
 - a. As for the fellowship question, the Corinthian passage itself is sufficient to make the point, but how does 2 John 10-11 also help?

4. How did Joshua and the elders react to the news of Ai?
5. How did God react to Joshua?
6. What would be the consequence for Israel if they did not deal with the sin?
7. What process was used to identify the culprit?
8. Achan's confession (vs. 20-21) lists 3 different stages of action resulting in his sin. What were these stages?
 - a. James 1:13-15 addresses a similar progression regarding sin. What stages are described by James?
9. **Who** all died because of Achan's sin? (think of both the earlier and later parts of this chapter)
10. **What** all died and was destroyed because of Achan's sin?
11. There has been much debate over the centuries about the pronouns in Joshua 7:25 ("him" or "them"). Assuming that Achan's family was also killed, what can we infer about them from Deuteronomy 24:16?
12. What does the word "Achor" mean?