# Sin In The Camp

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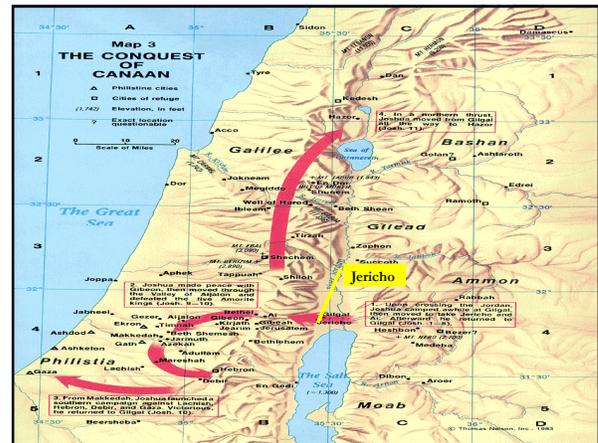
Setting The Stage

The fall of Jericho. Joshua 6-7

- Joshua was the leader, having succeeded Moses. Joshua 1:1ff
- The city of Jericho was a gift to the children of Israel. *"See, I have given …"* (Joshua 6:2)
- The silver and gold of Jericho to belonged to God. Joshua 6:17-19
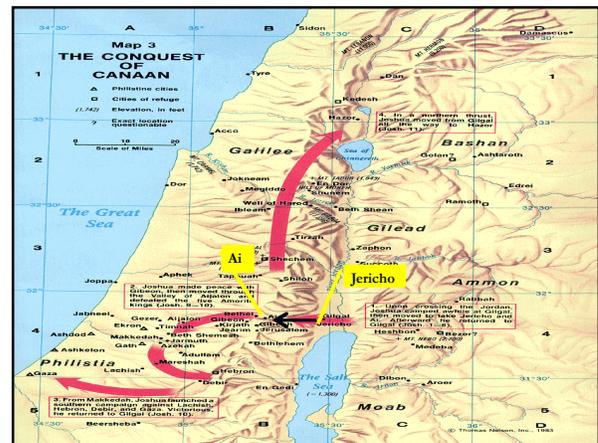
The Sin

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Joshua 7:1 "But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted thing; for Achan, … took of the devoted thing: and the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the children of Israel."

Note: Joshua 7:10-13

Achan Was The Man

Joshua 7:16-18 "So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken: and he brought near the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites: and he brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: and he brought near his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken."

Achan Confesses

Joshua 7:20-21 "And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Of a truth I have sinned against Jehovah, the God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: when I saw among the spoil a goodly Babylonish mantle, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it."

"I Saw"

This is how temptation originated!
- Eve. Genesis 3:1-6; 2 Corinthians 11:3
- David. 2 Samuel 11:1-2

Warnings…
- *Proverbs 6:25 "Lust not after her beauty in thy heart; Neither let her take thee with her eyelids."*
- *Job 31:1 "I made a covenant with mine eyes; How then should I look upon a virgin?"*
- *Matthew 5:28 "but I say unto you, that every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."*

"I Coveted"

- "A verb meaning to take pleasure in, to desire, to lust, to covet, to be desirable, to desire passionately." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

- Power in advertising!

"I Coveted"

Contentment is the attribute of God's child.
Hebrews 13:5 "Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee." cf. 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Philippians 4:11

"I Coveted"

Covetousness is idolatry. Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:5

- **"Thou shalt not covet." Exodus 20:17**

"I Coveted"

Covetousness has its roots in selfishness!

- *Luke 12:13-21*
"… a man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." (verse 15)
"… So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (verse 21)

"I Took"

<u>After desire was created by looking, it became his master</u>.

James 1:14-15 "but each man is tempted,
1. *When he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.*
2. *Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin:*
3. *and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death."*

"I Hid"

<u>There's no pleasure in ill-gotten pleasures or spoils</u>.
cf. Genesis 3:10

- *Mark 4:22 "For there is <u>nothing hid</u>, save that it should be manifested; neither was (anything) made secret, but that it should come to light."*
- *Hebrews 4:13 "And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but <u>all things are naked and laid open</u> before the eyes of him with whom we have to do."*
- *Romans 2:16 "in the day when God shall <u>judge the secrets</u> of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ."*

Consequences

<u>Always consequences</u>. Galatians 6:7

- Achan's sin caused Israel to suffer humiliating defeat. Joshua 7:9
  - Sin is never isolated. Numerous times in the history of Israel's kings, it is stated, **"Wherewith he made Israel to sin."**
- Achan's sin caused his family to suffer. Joshua 7:24-26

Wages Of Sin Have Always Been Death Romans 6:23

- Achan's sin:
  - I saw ⟹ I coveted ⟹
  - I took ⟹ I hid