

Joshua Lesson 10 – Turning Defeat into Victory (Joshua 8)

I. REVIEW – JOSHUA 7

- Hidden sin enters the camp
- God's presence is hindered
- Private disobedience becomes public loss
- Victory at Jericho gives way to defeat

II. A NEW BEGINNING (Joshua 8:1–2)

- God speaks encouragement to Joshua
- Failure often leads to _____ (1)
- Discouragement produces doubt and fear
- God commands His people not to fear
- God never discourages progress in _____ (2).

III. THE WORD OF INSTRUCTION

- God _____ (3) has a plan for His people
- God's strategy involved the whole army
- Soldiers _____ (4) take the spoils of war
- Trusting God's plan brings blessing

IV. THE WORD OF PROMISE

- God promises victory over Ai
- _____ (5) led to Israel's first defeat
- Faith depends on trusting God's Word
- Failure is not final when faith is exercised

V. A NEW STRATEGY (Joshua 8:3–13)

- God works in _____ (6) varieties
- Jericho took a week; Ai took one _____ (7)
- God's methods may change
- God's people must remain _____ (8)

VI. THE PLAN FOR AI

- _____ (9) men were sent behind the city
- A frontal attack drew Ai's army out
- The city was left _____ (10)
- God's plan was deliberate and precise

VII. A NEW VICTORY (Joshua 8:14–29)

- Joshua _____ (11) for God's instruction
- The spear signaled the ambush
- _____ (12) survived in Ai
- God turned defeat into victory

VIII. THE FALL OF AI

- The king of Ai was defeated
- His body was buried beneath stones
- The stones served as a _____ (13)
- God erased the disgrace of Achan

IX. SPOILS AND RESTORATION

- _____ (14) belonged fully to the Lord
- Ai's spoils were given to Israel
- God restored what sin interrupted
- Obedience brought blessing

X. A NEW COMMITMENT (Joshua 8:30–35)

- Israel obeyed the command of _____ (15)
- An altar was built on Mount Ebal
- Mount Ebal was the Mount of _____ (16)
- The altar was made of uncut stones

XI. THE LAW WRITTEN AND READ

- Joshua publicly recorded God's Law
- The Law was given through _____ (17)
- The Law _____ (18) but does not save
- Only God can change the heart

XII. THE TWO MOUNTS

- Mount Gerizim: tribes descended from _____ (19)
- Mount Ebal: tribes descended from the _____ (20)
- All faced the Ark of the Covenant
- God's presence was central

XIII. BLESSINGS AND COVENANT RENEWAL

- Blessings and curses were read aloud
- The people responded together: _____ (21)
- God's covenant was publicly renewed
- Obedience was reaffirmed

ANSWER KEY

1. DISCOURAGEMENT
2. OBEDIENCE
3. ALWAYS
4. COULD
5. PRESUMPTION
6. INFINITE
7. DAY
8. CHANGING
9. 30,000
10. UNDEFENDED
11. WAITED
12. NO ONE
13. MEMORIAL
14. JERICHO
15. MOSES
16. CURSING
17. CONVICTS
18. LEAH
19. HANDMAIDS
20. AMEN
21. REAFFIRMED