

# The Conquest of Ai

## (Joshua 8)

- 1 Joshua sends 30,000 men to the north of Ai -- in the valley between Ai and Bethel (vv. 3, 5-6, 10).
- 2 Joshua sets 5,000 men in hiding on the west of Ai -- ready at his signal to come in ambush (vv. 4, 7-8, 12).
- 3 The king of Ai saw the 30,000 men in the north; and set after them (v. 14).
- 4 Joshua and the 30,000 men "fled" and allowed the men of Ai to persue them "as at the first" (vv. 5-6), leaving both Ai and Bethel vulnerable (vv. 16-17).
- 5 At Joshua's signal, the men in ambush in the west came and burned the city of Ai (v. 18-19).
- 6 Once the city was burning, the 30,000 men in flight turned on their pursuers (vv. 20-21).
- 7 After burning the city, the 5,000 men in ambushed came out and caught the men of Ai from behind -- so that they were completely trapped in the middle (v. 22).

