

## Bible History Puzzle 65

The Israelites did not stop after the fall of Jericho. The Lord had promised them the \_\_\_\_\_ land of Canaan. Everybody needed homes to live in and the cattle and sheep needed pastures. The piece of ground by Jericho was much too small. They needed to move on and conquer more cities. The Lord wanted all the Canaanites to be driven out of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Joshua sent a few soldiers to spy out another city called Ai. Ai was a little farther into the promised land. When the spies came back they were full of hope. They told Joshua, "It's not at all necessary to send all of our \_\_\_\_\_ We can conquer that city easily with just a small army." Of course they thought the Lord would help them just like with Jericho and then it would be very easy! So, Joshua sent a small army of \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers. That would be plenty.

How surprised the Israelites were when the soldiers came back into the camp that night. They had had to flee and had \_\_\_\_\_ the battle! Why? What was this? Wasn't the Lord helping them? The people became afraid and Joshua was also frightened by it.

When he counted the soldiers on their return they had lost 36 men! They had been killed by the enemies. Instead of joy at winning a battle, there was sadness and grief, especially over those who had died. But they were especially sad because the Lord had not \_\_\_\_\_ them.

Joshua could not understand at all. So he \_\_\_\_\_ and asked reverently, "Lord, why did my soldiers have to flee? Didst Thou not \_\_\_\_\_ to help us? Now the enemies will speak poorly of Thee. They will laugh and mock and say, "See, the God of Israel is not the strongest!"

Then the Lord answered, "Israel has sinned. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ amongst the people. He has lied and he has hidden

stolen goods under his \_\_\_\_\_. Until the thief is punished, I will not help!"

Joshua was very frightened. But he was also very sad. Who was the thief? Who dared to lie like this? And how would he \_\_\_\_\_ the thief?

Well, the Lord would point him out. The Lord sees everything and He \_\_\_\_\_ everything. He had commanded that nothing must be taken out of Jericho. Who had dared to take something anyway? Joshua did not know it, but the Lord knew it! The sin would be punished. The Lord does not overlook \_\_\_\_\_. Do we think about that? The Lord was showing that He knows everything and that He cannot have communion with sin and evil.

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**Thou God seest me.  
Genesis 16:13**

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### Word Bank:

land   tent   soldiers   find   3,000   sin   lost  
helped   prayed   whole   knows   promise   thief

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

Each tile is used only once.

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Use spacing, punctuation and common words to find adjacent tiles.

Some words may be split into two lines. The first words are "But if

John 14:\_\_\_ - If ye \_\_\_\_\_ me, keep my commandments.

Romans 6:\_\_\_ - Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto \_\_\_\_\_, or of \_\_\_\_\_ unto righteousness?

1 Samuel 15:\_\_\_ - And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD? Behold, to \_\_\_\_\_ is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Psalms 128 : \_\_\_ Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that \_\_\_\_\_ in his ways.

Joshua 7: \_\_\_ But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for \_\_\_\_\_, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, \_\_\_\_\_ of the accursed thing: and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

Proverbs 15:\_\_\_ He that is \_\_\_\_\_ of gain troubleth his own \_\_\_\_\_; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

Deuteronomy 28:\_\_\_ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to \_\_\_\_\_ all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high \_\_\_\_\_ all nations of the earth.