

Bible History Puzzle 67

Thousands of soldiers were walking on the way to Ai. Israel's army was on its way to the _____(tciy) to conquer it. Joshua went ahead of his army. It was still night time and there was no sound except for the sound of shuffling feet. The people in Ai were still sleeping... and so was the king. Nobody was thinking of danger!

When the Israelites came close to the city, Joshua left 5,000 of the _____(dsolries) behind. Before he went on with the rest of his army he told those that he was leaving behind, "You must wait here until I raise my _____(rpeas). That is the sign that you must attack the city and burn it. And then come help me."

Quietly, Joshua went on with the rest of the soldiers. They went past the city to the other side. Then Ai was laying in between two parts of the army. But nobody in Ai realized it. When morning came the watchers on the _____(lwsal) do see the army with Joshua. They quickly go to tell the king.

The king looks serious. He takes his sword and calls part of his army up. "Come along," he says, "then we will drive those Israelites away again. Just like _____(tsla) time." The king takes off with his soldiers out of the gate and heads straight for the Israelites. They left the _____(tgae) open behind them.

When Joshua sees them coming, he tells the Israelites to turn around and, instead of fighting, they act like they are scared and like they are fleeing again. But this was all a very well thought out plan. The Lord gave _____(shJoua) wisdom to think of this trick.

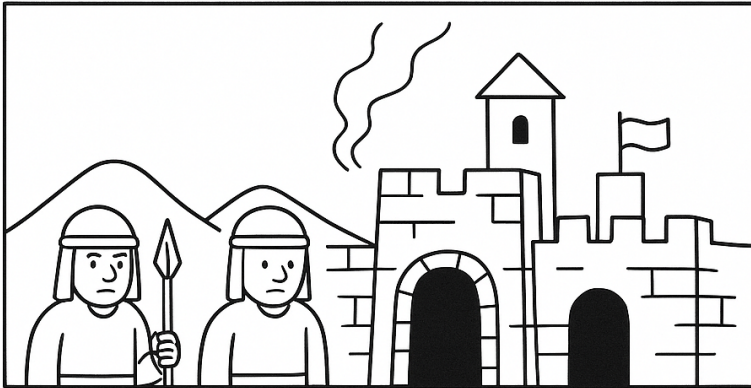
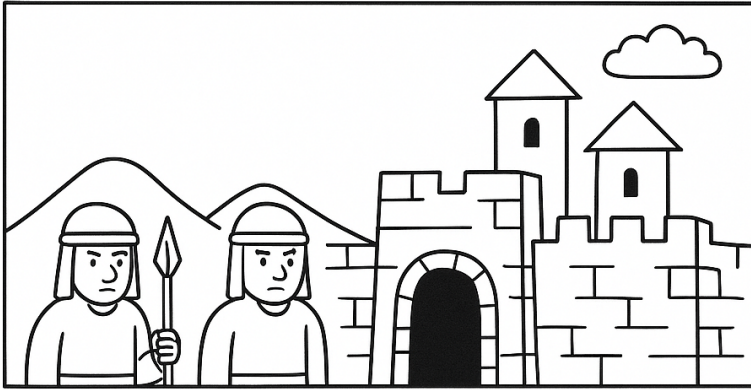
The king of Ai rejoiced and his soldiers laughed and called out, "Look at them run again!" Then the king of Ai let the rest of the soldiers come out of the _____(tciy) too. There were no soldiers left in the city anymore as they all cheered and ran after the Israelites. They went farther and farther away from the city.

Suddenly, Joshua turned around and his soldiers followed him. He raised his spear. That was the sign they had decided on. The group of soldiers that had been _____(tingwai) on the other side of the city stormed the city. They went right through the open gates and set the city on _____(rfie). The men of Ai noticed the thick smoke clouds rolling out of their city and the flames rising high into the sky! But they also saw that the open gate was filled with Israelite soldiers who were now also chasing them. There was nowhere for them to run. They had Israelites on both _____(dsise).

The men of Ai were all killed and the king was taken prisoner. Joshua had him hung up. Then, the Israelites took all the gold and silver out of the city and all the cows and sheep. This time they were allowed to take things for themselves. If _____(nAach) had only waited for the Lord's time, he would have been able to take this gold and silver. It would have been given to him by the Lord. With renewed hope they went back to the camp. The Lord had helped them again!

Draw the battle plan of Ai below: (stick figures or just x's for soldiers is fine!)

Spot the Differences:



Fill in the Blanks:

Joshua 8:18: "And the Lord said unto Joshua, _____
out the _____ that is in thy hand toward _____; for I
_____ give it into thine _____."

Joshua 1:7 "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou
mayest observe to _____ according to all the _____... turn _____
from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest
_____ whithersoever thou goest."

Place in order:

- _____ Joshua raises his spear
- _____ Israel sins and loses the first battle
- _____ Ambush behind Ai
- _____ God shows Joshua the sin (Achan)
- _____ Ai is destroyed
- _____ Obeying God's new instructions

HELP JOSHUA CONQUER AI!

