

**Study #7 Bible Reading: Joshua 6:2, 18b; 7:1, 10-23, 25-26a**

6:2 The LORD said to Joshua, "I have put Jericho with its king and warriors into your hands... 18b If you take anything that is condemned, you'll bring condemnation upon the camp of Israel and get it into trouble."

7:1 But the Israelites did wrong in regard to the condemned goods. Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the condemned goods. And the LORD became angry with Israel.

10 The LORD said to Joshua: "Get up! Why are you lying on your face? 11 Israel has sinned. Yes, they've broken My covenant that I ordered them to keep. They've taken some of the condemned goods, stolen them, lied about them, and put them among their own goods. 12 The reason the Israelites can't stand up against their enemies but turn their backs to them is that they themselves have been condemned. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy the condemned things that are among you. 13 Get up, sanctify the people, and say: "Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow because this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There are condemned goods among you, Israel; you can't stand up against your enemies till you get rid of the condemned goods among you. 14 In the morning come forward by your tribes, then the tribe the LORD chooses should come forward by clans, then the clan the LORD takes should come forward by families, and then the family the LORD chooses should come forward man by man. 15 Then he who is found to have the condemned goods must be burned with everything he has because he has broken the LORD's covenant and done a shameful thing in Israel."

16 Joshua got up early in the morning and had Israel come forward by tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken. 17 Then he had the clans of Judah come forward, and he took the Zerahite clan. Then he had the clan of the Zerahites come forward man by man, and Zabdi was taken. 18 Then he had his family come forward man by man, and Achan, son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, praise Him, and please tell me, what did you do? Don't hide it from me." 20 Then Achan answered Joshua, "It's true, I've sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and this is what I did: 21 I saw among the spoils a fine Babylonian robe, five and a half pounds of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 22 ounces; I wanted them, and I took them. They're buried in the ground in the middle of my tent, with the silver underneath."

22 Joshua sent messengers, who ran to the tent. They found it buried in his tent, with the silver underneath. 23 They took the things from the middle of the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites, and laid them out before the LORD.

25 Then Joshua said: "Why did you trouble us? The LORD will trouble you today!" And all Israel stoned him with stones, and they burned them and piled stones on them. 26 They piled up a big heap of stones over him, which is still there today. So the LORD withdrew His fierce anger.