

THE TRIBE SCRIBE

The City of Ai – A Clever Plan!

After the events at **Yericho** (Jericho), **Yehoshua** sent a small group of men to the city of **Ai**, but the attempt to settle the city was unsuccessful.

WE MUST UNDERSTAND WHY THIS HAPPENED.

WE THOUGHT WE WERE PREPARED. SOMETHING WITHIN THE CAMP IS NOT AS IT SHOULD BE.

That's correct. **Achan** took something he was not supposed to take from **Yericho** and **God** was not at all pleased!

I MUST NOT BE AFRAID, AND I MUST NOT BE DISCOURAGED. I'M READY TO GO AGAIN!

WILL EVERYONE PLEASE LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY THIS TIME!

Yehoshua appointed a group to position themselves quietly behind **Ai**, prepared for the moment they would be needed.

BE READY! REMAIN PREPARED! YOUR ROLE IS IMPORTANT.

Yehoshua led another group toward the front of **Ai**, following the plan exactly as **God** had given it.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY ARE HURRYING OUT TOWARD US, AS I THOUGHT THEY WOULD. EVERYONE, STAY WITH THE GROUP AND WALK AWAY FROM THE CITY.

Yehoshua lifted his hand, giving the sign that the group waiting behind the city had been instructed to watch for.

THE PEOPLE OF **Ai** WILL COME OUT AFTER US. WALK STEADILY.

I WONDER WHAT THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE CITY ARE GOING TO DO? ...I'VE WORKED IT OUT...IT'S GENIUS!

EVERYONE GET UP. IT'S TIME TO MOVE INTO THE CITY OF **Ai**.

Entering the empty city of **Ai**, the people secure it and prepare for the next steps.

After some time, the group which had been at the front of the city joined the others, and the people waited for their next instructions.

Yehoshua gathered all the people and read from the **Torah**.

IT'S DESERTED! WHERE HAVE THEY ALL GONE?!

PERHAPS THEY HEARD WE WERE COMING!

NEXT TIME WE GO TO **Ai**... CAN WE JUST ASK THEM TO STAY HOME? IT WOULD SAVE EVERYONE A LOT OF WALKING!

The mission to settle the **Land of Israel** continued...