

He Lives

**I serve a risen Saviour,
He's in the world today;
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy,
I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.**

He lives, He lives,

Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me

and He talks with me

Along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives,

salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know

He lives:

He lives within my heart.

**In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And tho my heart
grows weary
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading
Thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.**

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**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him,
The help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.**

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Let The Redeemed

**Let the redeemed of
the Lord say so**

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I' m redeemed, I' m redeemed,

Praise the Lord

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**I' m redeemed, I' m redeemed,
Praise the Lord**

Sanctuary

**Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You**

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Garment of Praise

**Put on the garment of praise
for the spirit of heaviness,
Lift up your voice to God.**

**Praise with the Spirit
and with understanding,
Oh , magnify the Lord**

All you that mourn in Zion,

I have authority;

To appoint unto you

in Zion,

Oil of joy

that will set you free.

**Put on the garment of praise
for the spirit of heaviness,
Lift up your voice to God.**

**Praise with the Spirit
and with understanding,
Oh , magnify the Lord**

**Worship The Lord
In His Word**

Journey Into Success

Turning **Blunders** Into **Blessings**

TEXT: Joshua 8:1-8;

**Please Open Your Bibles and Let Us
Read Together**

Joshua 8:1 “And the Lord said to Joshua, “Do not fear and do not be dismayed. Take all the fighting men with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, his city, and his land. 2 And you shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king. Only its spoil and its livestock you shall take as plunder for

yourselves. Lay an ambush against the city, behind it.” 3 So Joshua and all the fighting men arose to go up to Ai. And Joshua chose 30,000 mighty men of valor and sent them out by night. 4 And he commanded them, “Behold, you shall lie in ambush against the city, behind it. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you remain ready. 5 And I and all the

people who are with me will approach the city. And when they come out against us just as before, we shall flee before them. 6 And they will come out after us, until we have drawn them away from the city. For they will say, 'They are fleeing from us, just as before.' So we will flee before them. 7 Then you shall rise up from the ambush and seize the city,

for the Lord your God will give it into your hand. 8 And as soon as you have taken the city, you shall set the city on fire. You shall do according to the word of the Lord. See, I have commanded you.”

Introduction:

Henry Ford said that a mistake “is an opportunity to begin again, more intelligently.”

As believers we can “begin again more intelligently” if we remember the truth of:

Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

**To turn
blunders
into
blessings
we must
first:**

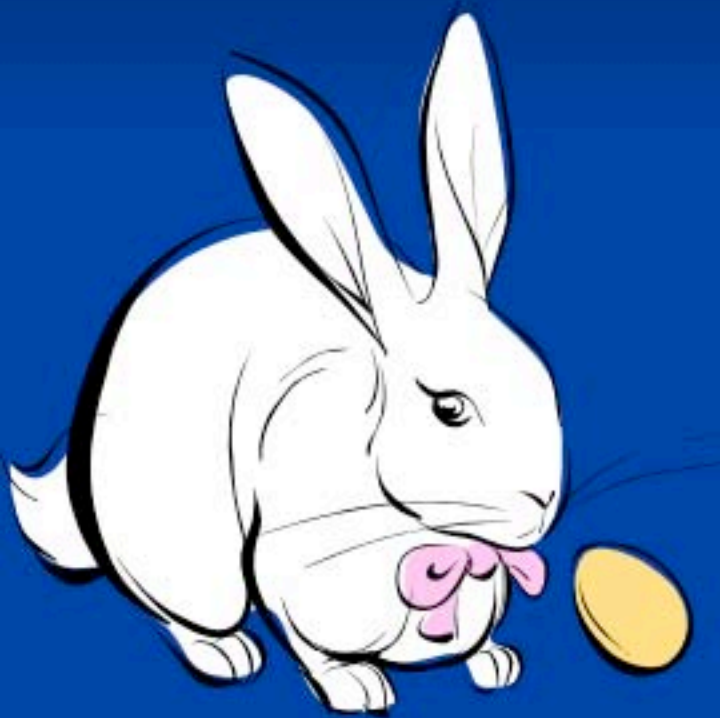
I. Try Again

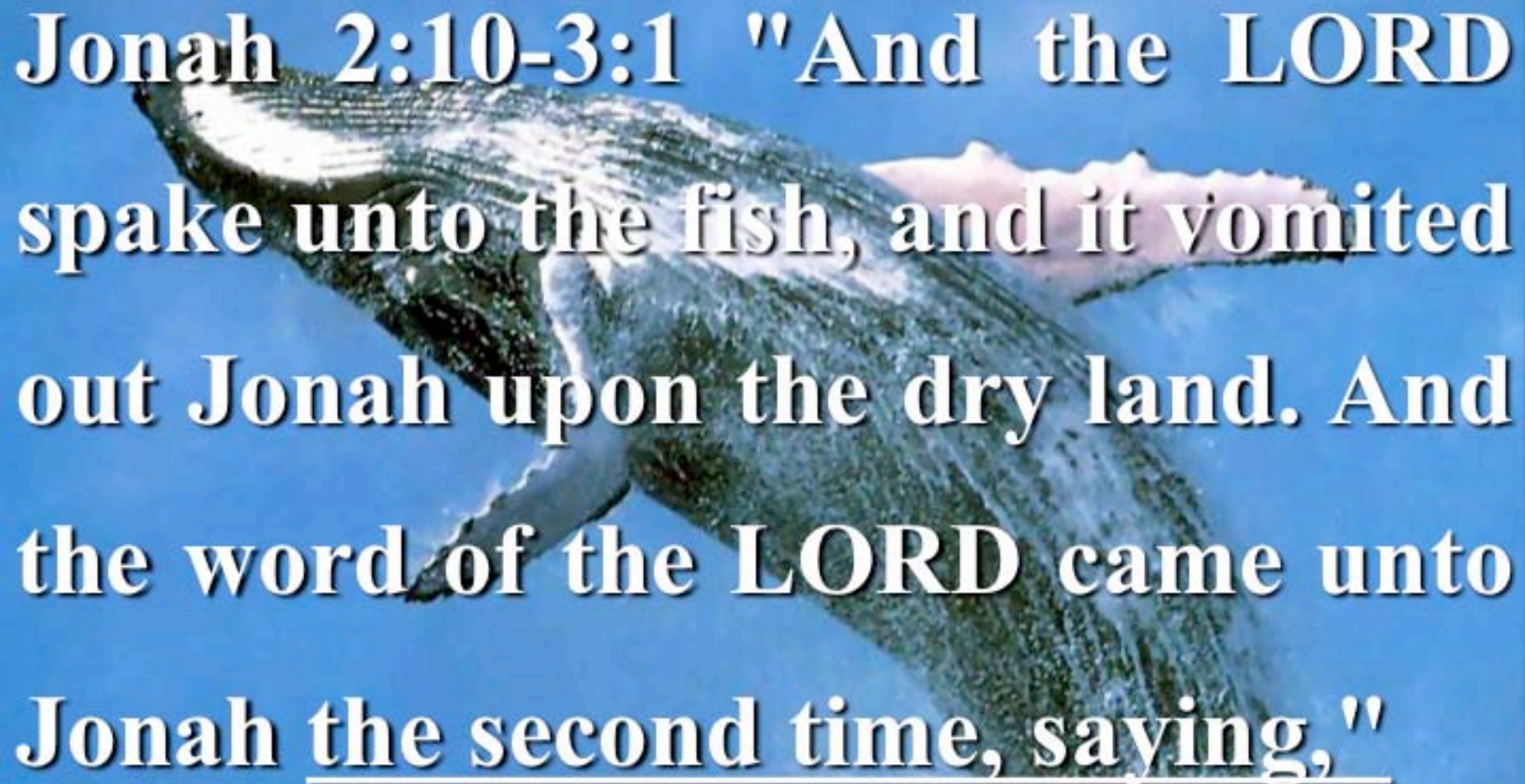
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**do to Ai and her king as thou didst
unto Jericho and her king: only the
spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof,
shall ye take for a prey unto
yourselves: lay thee an ambush for
the city behind it."**

A. Fear Not (8:1)

III. Jonah



A large whale is shown breaching the ocean surface, creating a massive splash of white water. The whale's body is dark grey and textured, and its tail is visible above the water. The background is a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, serif font with a drop shadow.

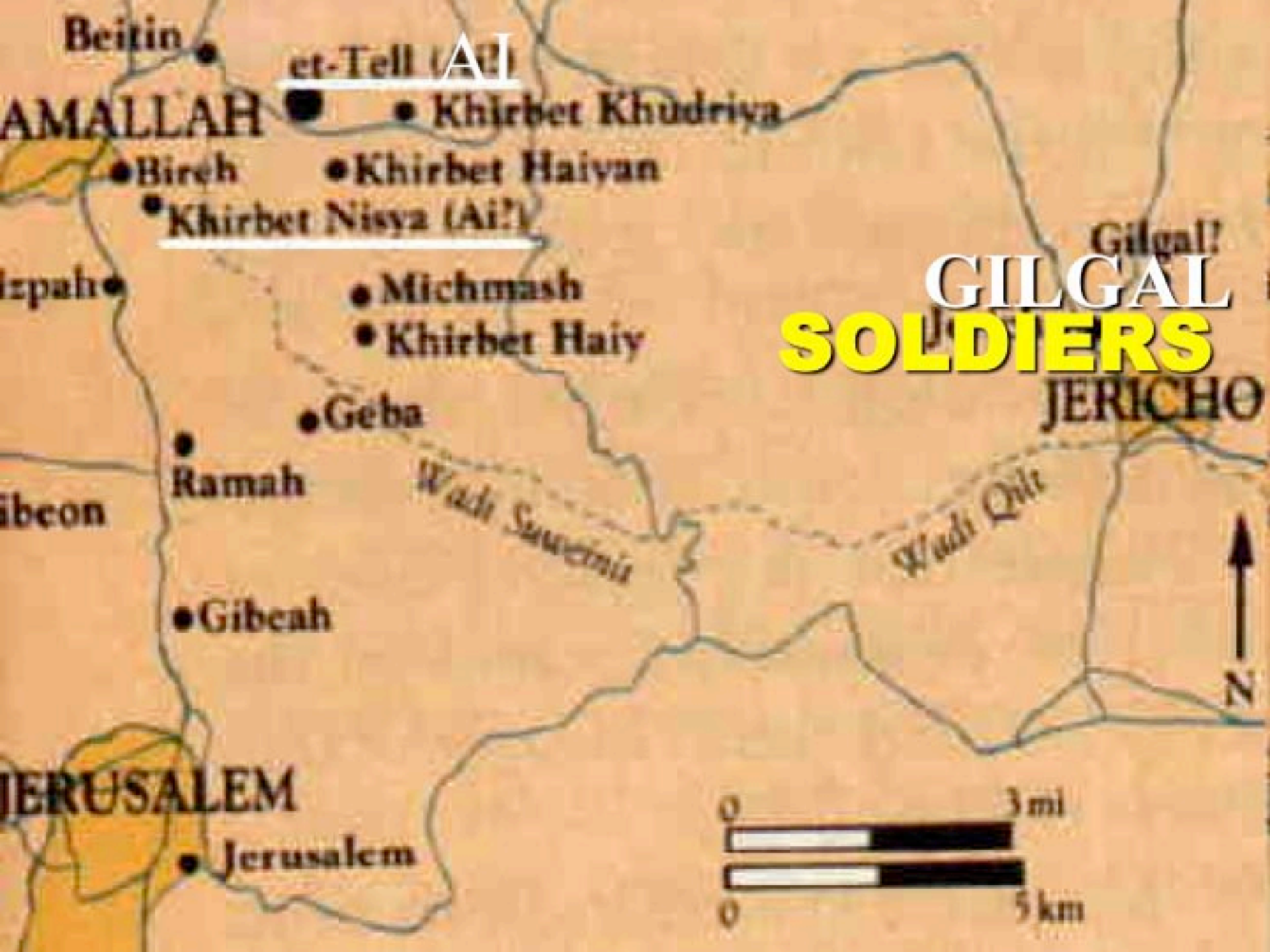
**Jonah 2:10-3:1 "And the LORD
spake unto the fish, and it vomited
out Jonah upon the dry land. And
the word of the LORD came unto
Jonah the second time, saying,"**

Psalms 37:24 "Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand."

B. Remember the Promises -

2 Chronicles 16:9a "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. .."

Joshua 8:2a "And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king:..."



Beitin

et-Tell (AI)

AMALLAH

• Khirbet Khudriya

• Birch

• Khirbet Haiyan

• Khirbet Nisya (Ai?)

• Izpah

• Michmash

• Khirbet Haiy

Gilgal!

**GILGAL
SOLDIERS**

JERICHO

• Geba

• Gibeon

• Ramah

Wadi Suweinis

Wadi Qilt

• Gibeah

JERUSALEM

• Jerusalem

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C. Wait on the Lord

Joshua 8:2b “...only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: ...”

If only Achan had waited, he could have had all he wanted at
AI!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Satan offers shortcuts!!!!!!

Faith always waits on the Lord.

**Turning blunders into blessings
requires we TRY AGAIN and that
we...**

II. Follow God's Plan (8:3-29)

A. With Humility

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

Joshua 8:3 "So Joshua arose, and **all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valor, and sent them away by night."**

B. With Total Obedience

Joshua 8:26 "For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai."

Joshua 8:14a “And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw *it*, that they hastened and rose up early, **ARABAH** and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain;”

Modern
el-Bireh

12,000

Army 30,000
mighty men of
valor

Inhabitants
of Ai reap
GOD'S
Judgment

Ancient
Bethel

Main army in
Jebel et-Tawil
Joshua here

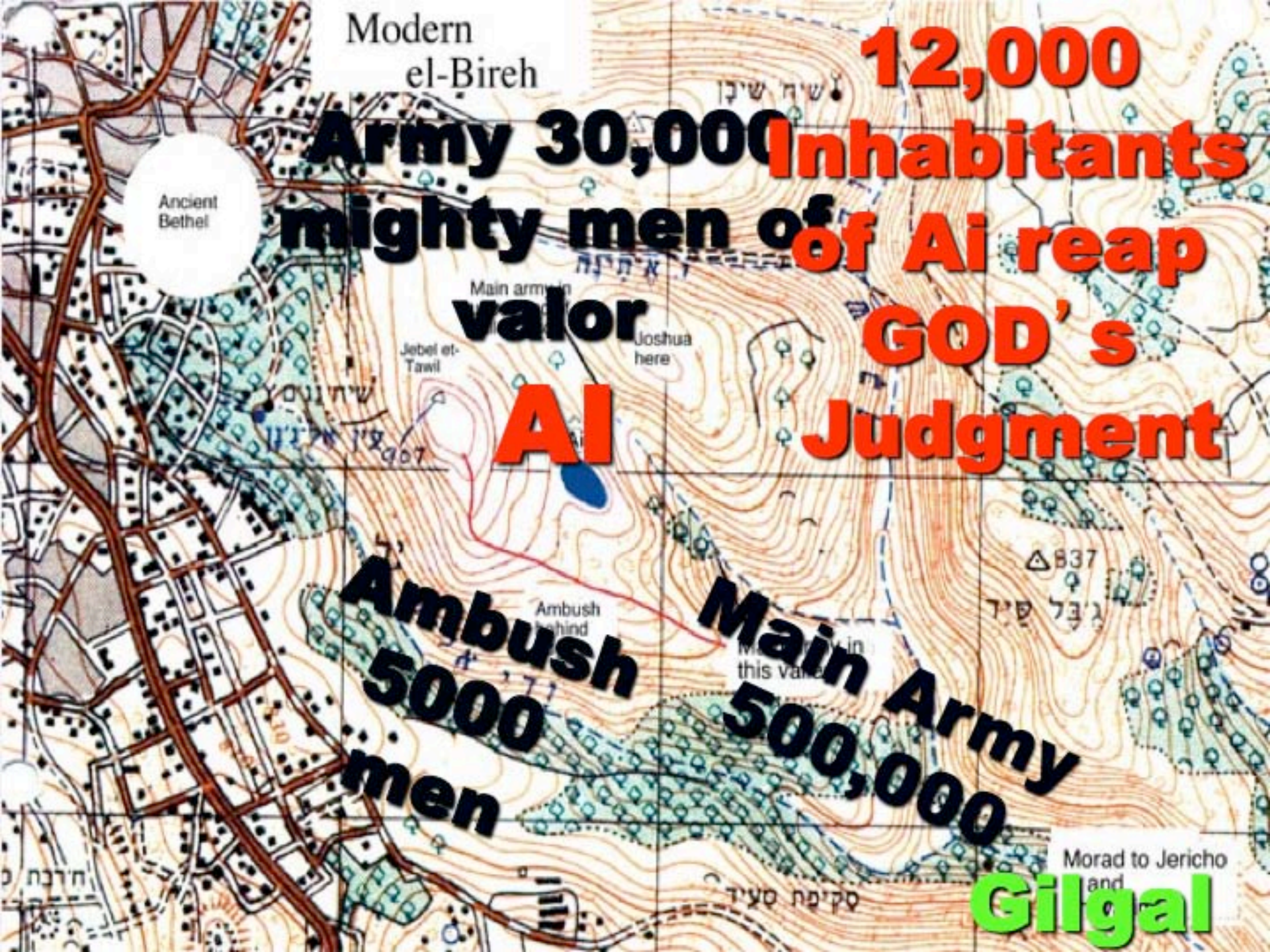
Ai

Ambush
5000
men

Main Army
500,000

Morad to Jericho
and

Gilgal



Joshua 8:27 “Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took as their plunder, according to the word of the Lord that he commanded Joshua.”

C. IF ACHAN HAD ONLY WAITED -

**Psalms 37:4 "Delight thyself also
in the LORD; and he shall give
thee the desires of thine heart."**

**To turn blunders into blessings we
must try again, follow God's plan
and third...**

III. Give God the Glory for Success (8:30-35).

A. An Altar

Joshua 8:30 "Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,"

After the victory at Ai, Joshua leads all the Israelites 30 miles north into enemy territory to Shechem between mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim to worship.

These two mountains form a steep embankment on two sides of the valley, creating a natural amphitheater.

Mount Ebal

Mediterranean
Sea

Capernaum

Galilee

Sea of
Galilee

Cana

Nazareth

Yarmuk
River

Caesarea

Scythopolis

Pella

Mount Ebal

Shechem

Mount Gerazim

Gilgal

Jerusalem

Jericho

Jabbok
River

Jordan
River

Bethlehem

Dead Sea

Gaza

Judea

Hebron

Masada

Arnon
River

Raphia

Zoar

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Mount Ebal

Mount Gerizim

Sychar

Jacob's Well

Akrabatta

Coreae

Alexandrium

Lebonah

Gophna

Bethel

Ephraim

10 mi

15 km



A panoramic view of a city, likely Nablus, seen from a high vantage point. The city is densely packed with buildings and is surrounded by hills. In the foreground, several people are standing on a rocky, grassy slope, looking out over the city. The sky is clear and blue.

Mount Ebal
(Curses)

Mount Gerizim
(Blessings)

**GOD SAID, It was to be an
ALTAR of Uncut Stones !!!!**

**Titus 3:5 "Not by works of
righteousness which we have
done, but according to his mercy
he saved us, by the washing of
regeneration, and renewing of the
Holy Ghost;"**

B. An Offering

1. LIPS

Joshua 8:31b "... and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings."

Hebrews 13:15 "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

2. BODY

Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

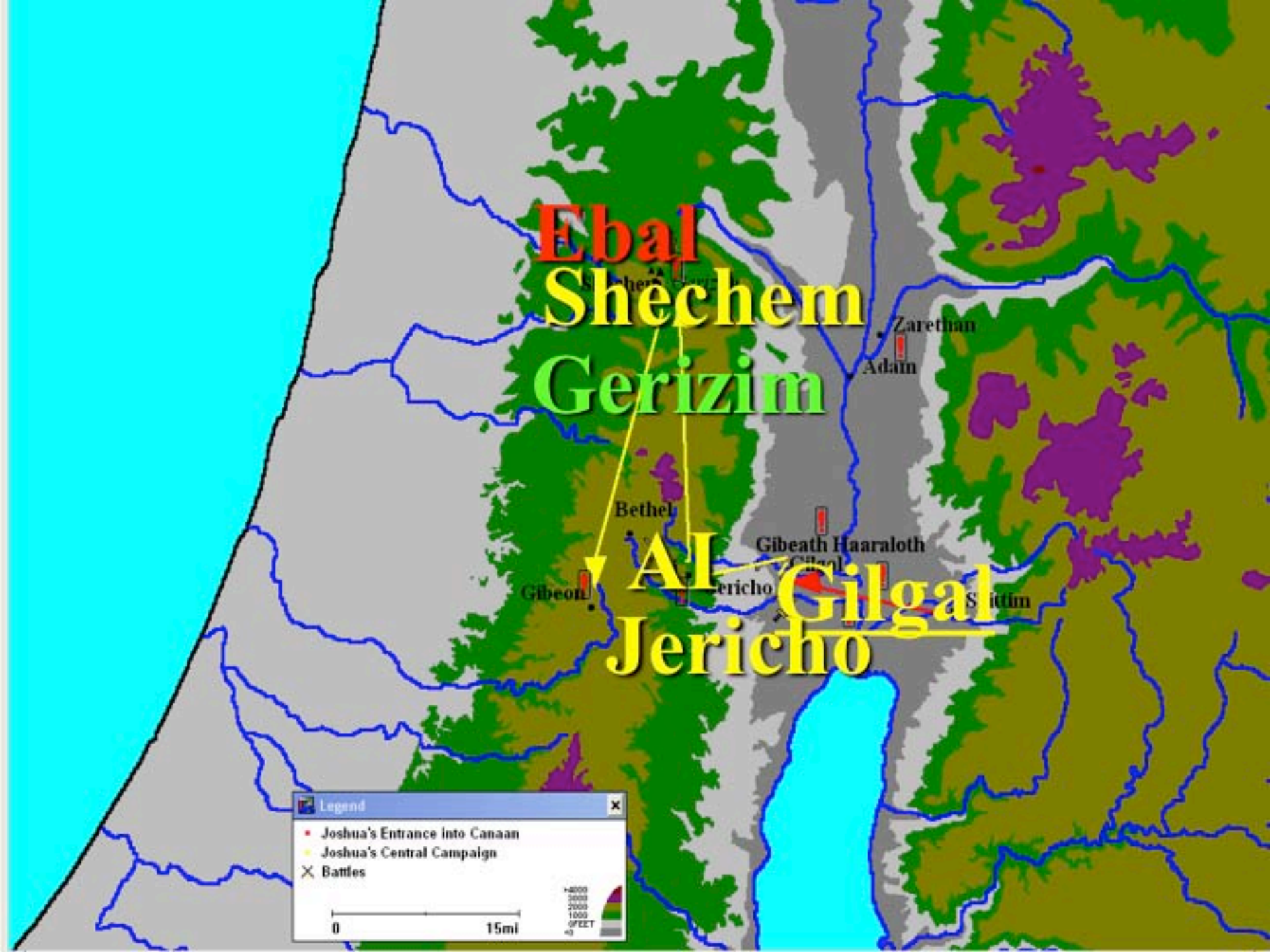
C. A Reading

**Joshua 8:34 "And afterward he
read all the words of the law, the
blessings and cursing's, according
to all that is written in the book of
the law."**

1. Location

Joshua 8:33 "And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim,

and half of them over against
mount Ebal; as Moses the servant
of the LORD had commanded
before, that they should bless the
people of Israel."



Ebal
Shechem
Gerizim

Al-Gilgal
Jericho

Legend

- Joshua's Entrance into Canaan
- Joshua's Central Campaign
- X Battles

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3000
2000
1000
0 FEET

Deuteronomy 11:29 “And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.”

2. Locution – (to speak)

Deuteronomy 27:12-13 "These shall stand upon mount **Gerizim to bless** the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin:...

13 And these shall stand upon
mount **Ebal to curse**; Reuben,
Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun,
Dan, and Naphtali."

Knowing the Israelites'
propensity for idolatry and the
temptations for the apostasy
which they would face among the
Canaanites in the land, God

experience by which they would be taught the outcomes that would result from worshiping Him or from worshiping idols.

Half of the tribes would be stationed on Mount Ebal and half on Mount Gerizim.

The former would shout the **curse**s that God would bring on on them if they disobeyed him; the latter would shout the **blessings** that would result from obedience.

Deuteronomy 28:1-5 “And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. 3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. 5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 6 Blessed shall you be when you come in,

and blessed shall you be when you go out. 7 “The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. 8 The Lord will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 9 The Lord will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways.”

D. Explanation

God wants His people to realize that what happens to them in the land will be determined by whether they are living on Mt. Gerizim (obedience) or Mt. Ebal (disobedience).

Matthew 7:24-27 "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will

liken him unto a wise man, which
built his house upon a rock: 25
And the rain descended and
the floods came, and the winds
blew, and beat upon that house;
and it fell not: for it was founded
upon a rock. 26 And every one
that heareth these sayings of mine,
and doeth them not, shall be

**likened unto a foolish man, which
built his house upon the sand: 27
And the rain descended, and the
floods came, and the winds blew,
and beat upon that house; and it
fell: and great was the fall of it."**

Conclusion:

Turning our blunders into blessings
requires that whatever we do has
obedience to God's Word as its
foundation.

Upon what MOUNTAIN
are you building
your life? 🎵

If we are to turn our blunders into blessings, we must

Try again,

Follow God's plan,

and Give God the glory for success.

INVITATION

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord

In the light of His Word

What a glory

He sheds on our way

While we do His good will

He abides with us still

And with all who will

Trust and obey

Trust and obey

For there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus

But to trust and obey

**Not a burden we bear
Not a sorrow we share
But our toil He doth
Richly repay
Not a grief nor a loss
Not a frown nor a cross
But is blest if we
Trust and obey**

Trust and obey

For there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus

But to trust and obey

**But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay
For the favor He shows
And the joy He bestows
Are for them who will
Trust and obey**

Trust and obey

For there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus

But to trust and obey

Then in fellowship sweet

We will sit at His feet

Or we'll walk by His side

In the way

What He says we will do

Where He sends we will go

Never fear only trust and obey

Trust and obey

For there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus

But to trust and obey

Prayer Time