

When suffering a defeat, the lessons we learn will grow us. This is true for us as individuals and also as the body of Christ.

Review of Chapter 7 & 8

- 1. Chapter 7 The Battle of Jericho
 - A. Unusual battle plans that mirror the use of seven trumpets as warnings of judgement like in Revelation Chapters 8 -11.
 - B. **The total destruction parallels** the same judgement of the cities of Sodom & Gomorrah. The righteous had to be removed before the fire.
 - C. Rahab redemption goes on to reveal the bloodline of King David and Jesus.
- 2. Chapter 8 Sin in the Camp.
 - A. Achan sin brought a total destruction judgement on his household.
 - B. Our sins do impact the lives of others.

When the enemy is raging, and the land is overrun by them. We must trust God, even if he uses strategies that we don't understand.

Joshua 8:1-7

A righteous ambush for the enemies of God.

- 1. God's plan put 30 thousand troops behind the city. Put 5 Thousand troops West of the city. Ai's army will come to do battle with Joshua. As Joshua flees, the king of Ai will pursue them. While Israel's troops behind the city go in and destroy the city. All are killed. Total destruction
- 2. The plunder: God allows the spoils of victory to go to Israel this time.

Joshua 8:30-35

Do you have an altar? A place of prayer? Do you know the warnings and promises of God?

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 The Blessings to the Nation of Israel that keeps God's promises.

Revelation & the 7 Blessings

- **1.** "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near" (Revelation 1:3).
- 2. "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, 'Write this: **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'** 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them' " (14:13).
- "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed" (Revelation 16:15).
- 4. "Then the angel said to me, 'Write this: **Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!**' And he added, 'These are the true words of God' " (Revelation 19:9).
- "Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6).
- 6. "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll" (Revelation 22:7).
- "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:14).