

Battle Lessons:

Lessons from Mt. Ebal/Mt. Gerizim

Joshua 8:30,31 God has led the Israelites into the Promised Land. They rededicated themselves at Gilgal. They then observed the Passover. God gave them victory over Jericho and most recently, victory over Ai; after suffering defeat there because of disobedience.

The Israelites are now in the middle of the land. They have enemies to the South, the West and the North. In the midst of all these heathen peoples, they worship and offer sacrifices to the one true God.

Joshua 8:32, 33 Joshua takes the time, in front of the people, to write on stones the law of Moses that he had recorded. As a leader, in the midst of the greatest challenge of his life (conquering the nations); God has Joshua take time to review ALL the things that God had commanded the people. They had recently seen how one person's disobedience at Jericho, had led to the death of 36 Israelite soldiers and defeat by Ai.

Joshua 8:34, 35 Joshua then takes time to read all of the laws to the entire nation; men, women and children. They were ALL reminded of how they were to live as a holy people unto God. God had instructed them to do this through Moses (Deuteronomy 11:26-30). On Mount Gerizim they would pronounce the blessings, and on Mt. Ebal would pronounce the curses.

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