

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE DESTINY OF HUMANITY

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PART 11: NO PITY FOR GOD'S ENEMIES

A SECOND CHANCE

There is restoration and a second chance when there is repentance. In this case, Jesus did not wait for Joshua to ask what to do next. As soon as Jesus saw the repentance and the obedience of Joshua and the people, He told them it was time to go and wipe out the city of Ai. **Joshua 8:1**

There wasn't going to be a supernatural event to destroy the city of Ai, instead, Joshua and the soldiers would have to do the fighting with the promise that they could loot the city of its goods and animals. **verse 2**

God knows the future. So it is important to remember that when you get advice from God, He already knows what is going to happen. The Israelites were told to set an ambush, approach the city in daylight to draw out the defenders, withdraw in disarray to further draw out the defenders, and then spring the trap by having the troops who were hiding behind the city to move in and burn it. Doing so would demoralize the king of Ai and his soldiers and make it easy to defeat them. **verses 3-8**

NO PITY FOR AI

God had no pity the people of Ai; they were His enemy and every man, woman and child perished that day. **verses 9-28**

This is a gory story and Christians have a tendency to not want to read the biblical account. But we need to accept the fact that while God is love, He is also a God of judgment. When the time of mercy and grace is over, God won't have any pity for the people who rejected him.

- ❖ Some 600 million men, women and children died in the Flood. **Genesis 7:21-24**
- ❖ The entire population in Sodom and Gomorrah was incinerated. **Genesis 19:23-29**
- ❖ During the time of the Tribulation, one third of the world's population will be killed. **Revelation 9:14-21**
- ❖ Billions of humans will be sent to the Lake of Fire at the Great White Throne Judgment. There won't receive any pity from Jesus; their fate is sealed for eternity. **Revelation 20:11-15**

Do you understand these concepts? Do you have any pity for those who are unsaved? Do you care about these people? These are questions that should be burning like a hot fire in our souls.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!



Do you have an ear to hear with?