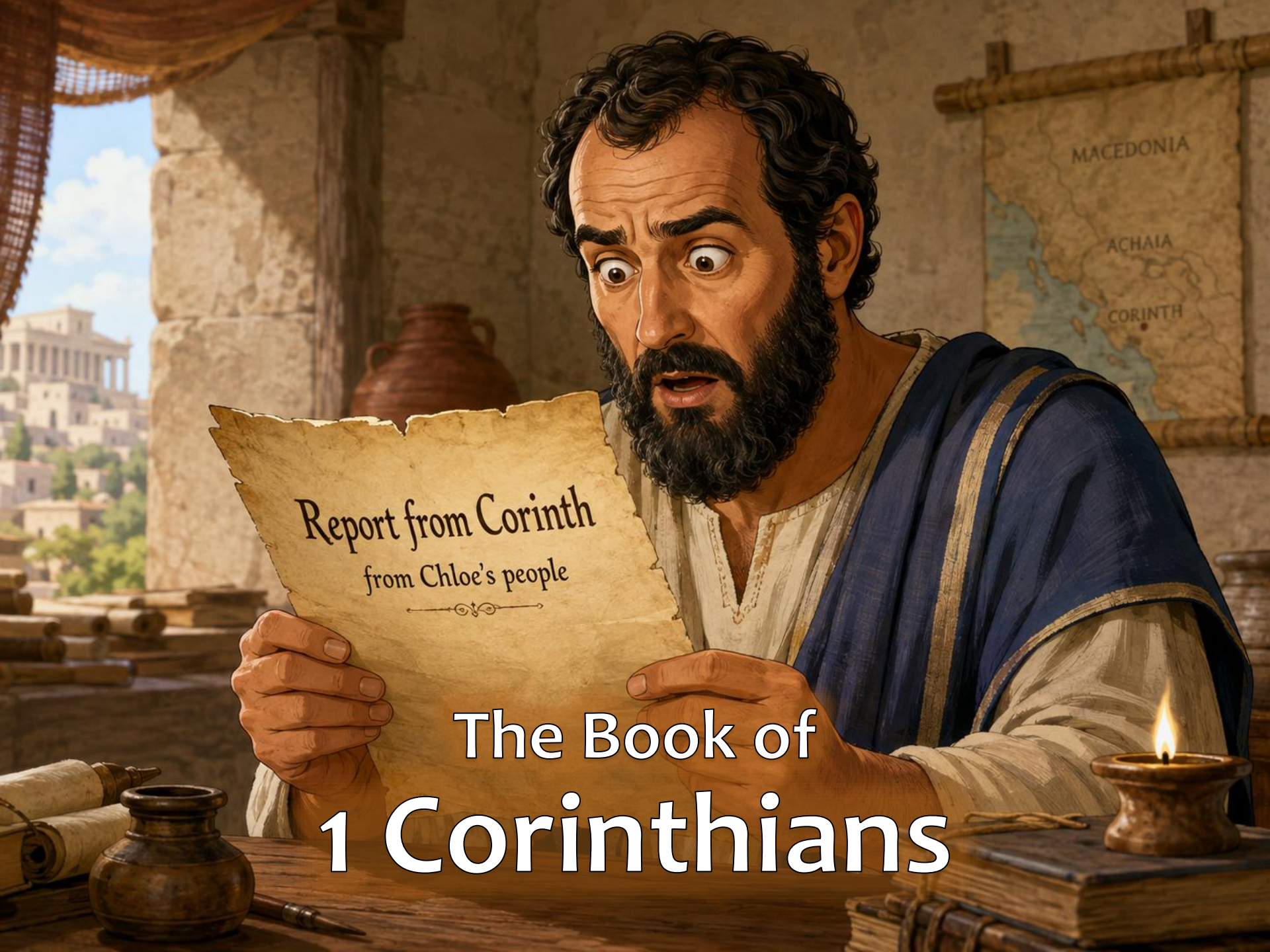
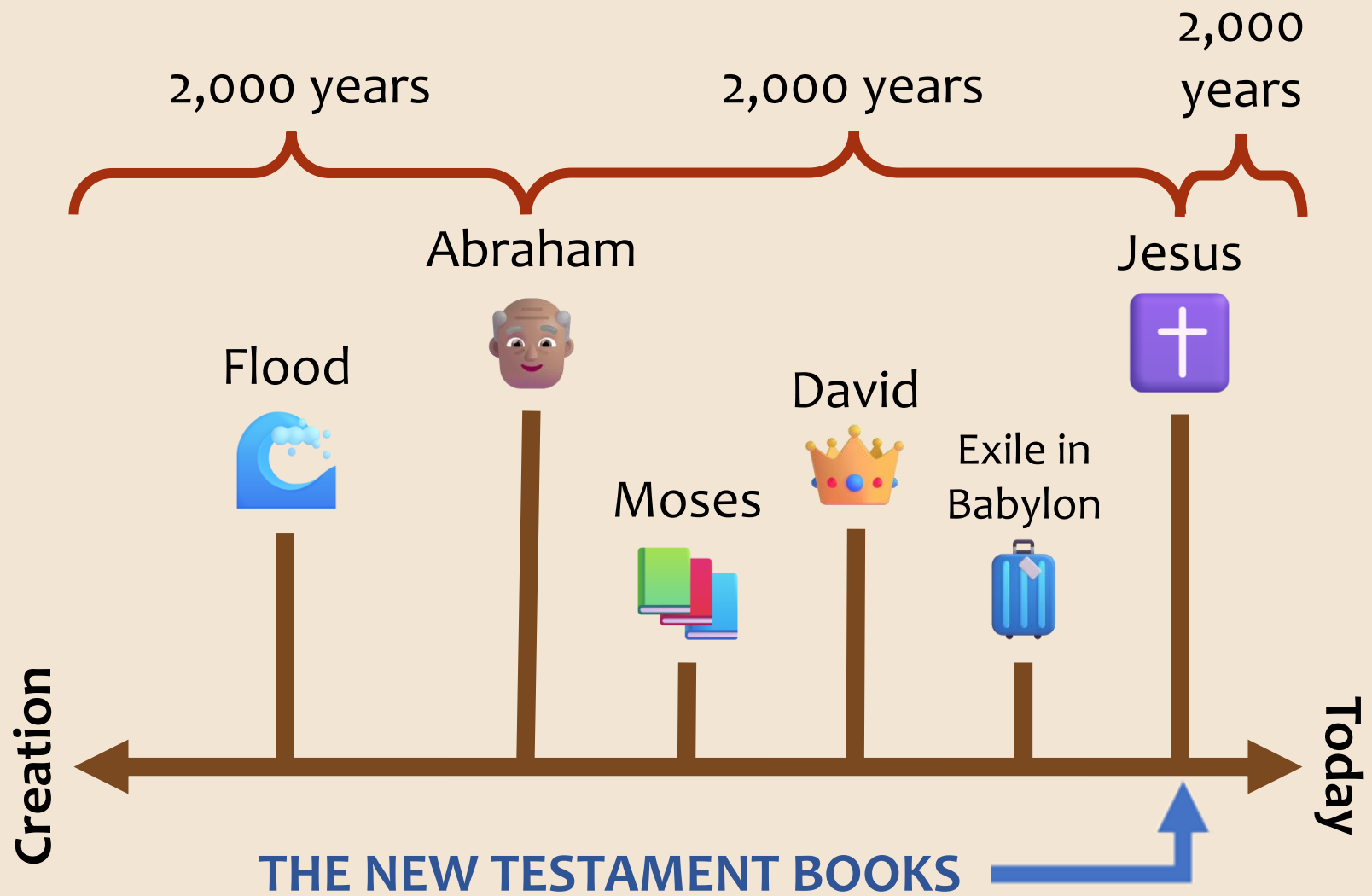




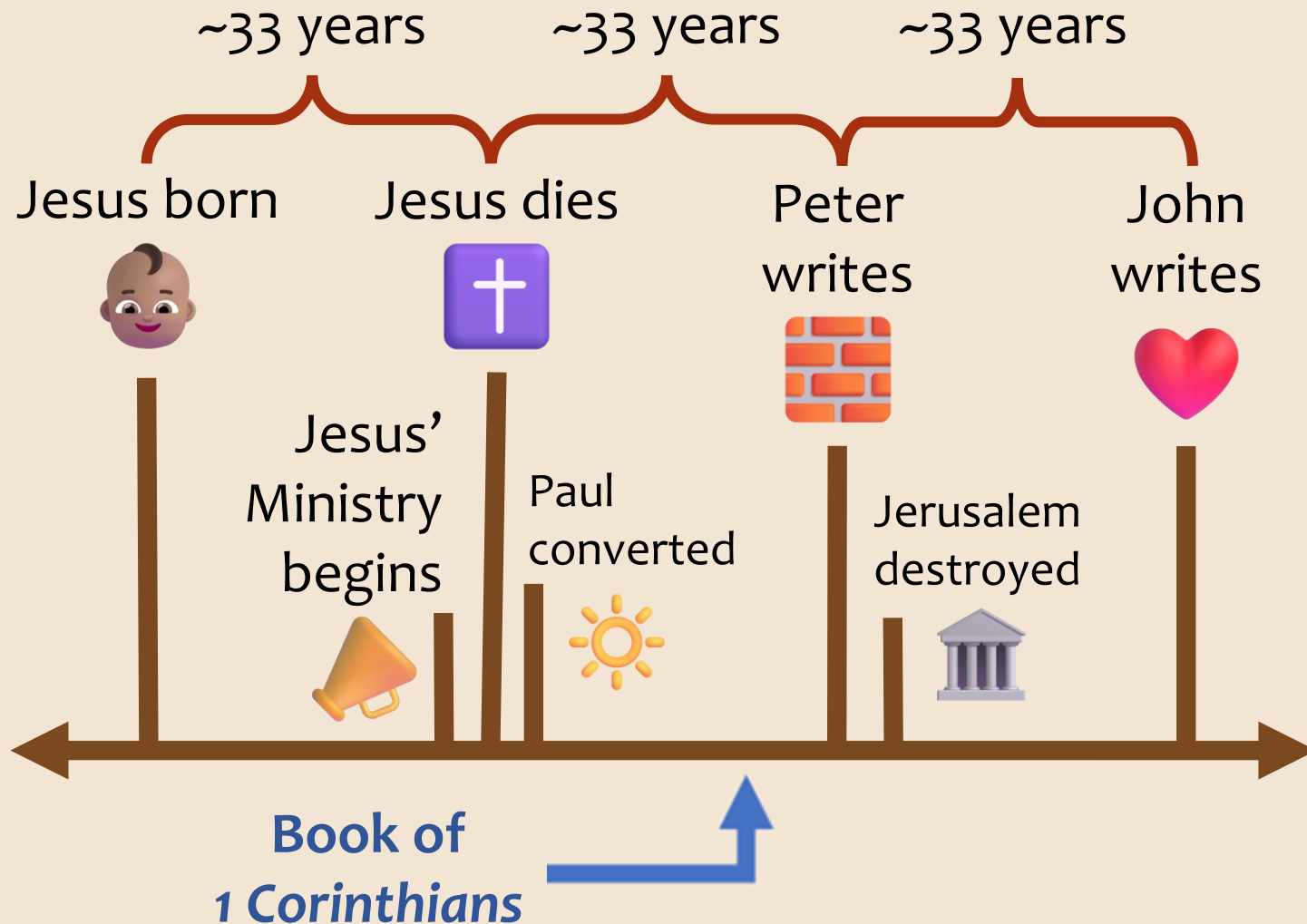
Report from Corinth
from Chloe's people

The Book of 1 Corinthians

Bible timeline



Bible timeline



Summary

1 Corinthians

- The church in Corinth was doing almost everything wrong, and Paul sets them straight
 - This is a *letter*, but we call it a *book*
 - Fancy word is “epistle” (that’s just a letter)



Why 1 Corinthians is special



- We see how a congregation works (and doesn't)
 - Plus a very unique chapter on marriage

church = congregation

Main characters

-  **Paul**
 - Apostle
 - Wrote the letter
 - Taught in Corinth for 18 months (**Acts 18:11**)
-  **Christians in Corinth**
 - Read the letter
 - Need to learn to work together
-  **Apollos**
 - Also used to live and teach in Corinth (**Acts 19:1**)
 - Speaks really well (**Acts 18:24**)

Outlines of 1 Corinthians

By sources

- **Chapters 1-6:**
Correcting what Paul heard about the Corinthians
- **Chapters 7-16:**
Teaching about what the Corinthians asked about

By topic

- **Chapters 1–6:** I cannot believe what I am hearing about you people!
- **Chapters 7–10:** How to deal with personal issues
- **Chapters 11–14:** What to do at church
- **Chapter 15:** Resurrection is everything
- **Chapter 16:** Travel plans and farewell

Source outline of 1 Corinthians

- **Chapters 1-6: Correcting what Paul heard about the Corinthians**
 - 1:11 – “For I **have been informed** ... by Chloe's *people*” that you are making cliques
 - 5:1 – “**It is actually reported** that there is immorality among you”
- **Chapters 7-16: What the Corinthians asked about**
 - 7:1 – “**Now concerning** the things about which you wrote” about marriage
 - 7:25 – “**Now concerning**” unmarried people
 - 8:1 – “**Now concerning** things sacrificed to idols”
 - 11:2 – “**Now** I praise you because” of traditions (head coverings)
 - 11:17 – “**But** in giving this instruction, I do not praise you” about the Lord's Supper
 - 12:1 – “**Now concerning** spiritual gifts”
 - 15:1 – “**Now** I make known to you, brethren, the gospel” of resurrection
 - 16:1 – “**Now concerning** the collection for the saints”
 - 16:12 – “**But concerning** Apollos” and his travel plans

Topical outline of 1 Corinthians

- **Chapters 1–6:** I cannot believe what I am hearing about you people!
 - 1-4: You are in cliques, but the “leaders” are all on the same team
 - 5-6: You must start handling the problems there (like immorality)
- **Chapters 7–10:** How to deal with personal issues
 - 7: Marriage, singleness
 - 8: Eating food sacrificed to idols
 - 9-10: Concern for offending your brother
- **Chapters 11–14:** What to do at church
 - 11: Head coverings
 - 11: The Lord’s Supper
 - 12-13: Spiritual gifts (love is better)
 - 14: Orderly worship
- **Chapter 15:** Resurrection is everything
- **Chapter 16:** Travel plans and farewell

Theology and doctrine

- “‘All things are lawful for me,’ but not all things are helpful...”
1 Corinthians 6:12, ESV.
- Paul says a similar version of this again in **chapter 10 (verse 23)**.
- It’s a core theme of the book: it simply is irrelevant that you can prove your point somehow. Your brother’s faith and the purity of the church and its reputation are far more important.
 - Can you like one man’s speaking style more? Sure. But don’t form groups around it. (**Chapter 1**)
 - Are physical desires from God? Yes, but don’t be excessive and practice sin with them. (**Chapter 6**)
 - Is marriage good? Of course, but still serve the Lord. (**Chapter 7**)
 - Are idols real? No, but don’t make it look like you approve of worshiping them. (**Chapter 8**)
 - Should you eat during the Lord’s Supper? Yes, but not to the point of leaving people out. (**Chapter 11**)
 - Is (was) speaking in tongues from God? Yes, but people still need to understand you. (**Chapter 14**)

Recap of 1 Corinthians

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- **Chapters 7–10:** Personal issues
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- **Chapter 15:** Resurrection is everything
- **Chapter 16:** Travel plans and farewell

• Theology and doctrine

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- Also **10:23**

An illustration of Achan, a man with a dark beard and a yellow headband, kneeling inside a tent. He is looking down at a pile of gold and silver items on the ground, which he is partially covering with a blue and red patterned cloth. The items include a large gold bar and several silver coins. The tent is made of brown fabric and has a large opening on the left side, showing a view of a desert landscape with mountains and other tents in the distance. To the right of Achan is a large, empty terracotta jar. In the foreground, there is a brown bowl and a bundle of rope. The text "Achan and Ai" and "Joshua 7" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Achan and Ai

Joshua 7

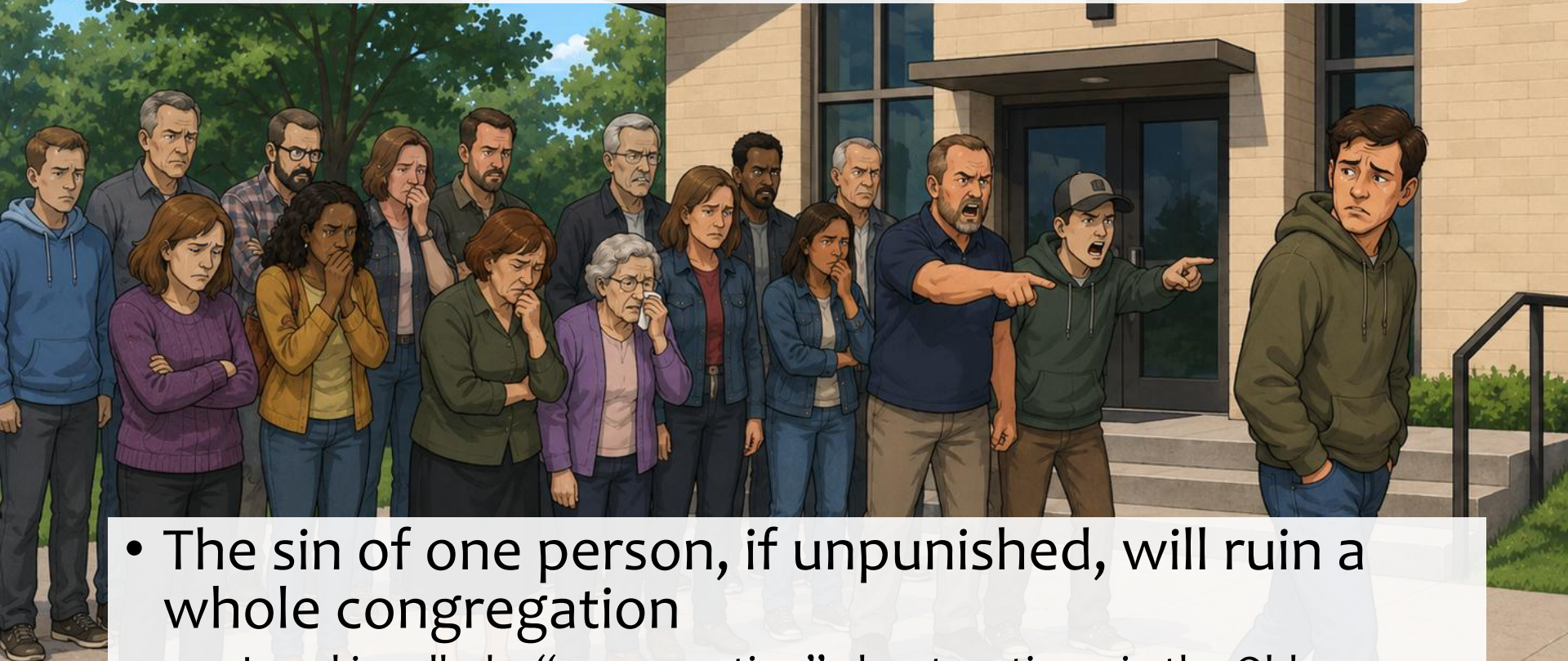
Summary

Achan and Ai
Joshua 7

God allows Israel to lose in battle, all because Achan stole some forbidden treasure



Why this story is special



- The sin of one person, if unpunished, will ruin a whole congregation
 - Israel is called a “congregation” about 50 times in the Old Testament
 - **1 Corinthians 5:13** says a church congregation should “REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES” (NASB). This is from **Deuteronomy 13:5; 17:7; 21:21; 22:21, 22, 24**

Main characters

-  **Joshua**
 - Leader of Israel
-  **Achan**
 - Stole things from Jericho
-  **Israelite soldiers**
 - Die because of Achan

Outline of *Joshua* 7

- *Spoils* are useful things that used to belong to an enemy that you defeated
 - It was normal for the winners of a battle to take gold and animals and anything of value from the losers
 - But in Jericho, God had told Israel (the winners) to kill the animals (**6:21**) and give the gold and silver to the treasury (**6:24**)

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In case you missed it

Achan was found out by lot (**verses 14-18**).

- The LORD winnowed it down to Achan, likely through some kind of divinely-guided blind choice, like names in a hat.
- Compare the apostles in **Acts 1:24-26**, or many other examples in the Old Testament (**Joshua 18:10; Jonah 1:7**)

Joshua 7:14-15	Joshua 7:16-18	If you stole a rival mascot
All 12 tribes	All 12 tribes	All 50+ schools in SCCPSS
Tribe	Judah	Esther F. Garrison school (10 grades)
Clan	Zerahites	The four 4th grade classes
Household (Grandparents)	Zabdi	Mr. Jones' class (your class)
Man	Achan	You, the student

Theology and doctrine

Church discipline

- **1 Corinthians chapter 5** looks at sin in the church as a problem that is as serious as the story of Achan
 - “you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh” (v. 5 ESV)
 - A man who refuses to repent is poisoning a congregation – he needs to leave or repent
- There are many reasons for discipline:
 - Stop the poison before other Christians are affected
 - Make people feel safer there
 - Perhaps the sinner will change

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Poem: Psalm 8

“You have put all things under his feet”

- Context is humans’ rule over creation (like Adam)
- But it is often applied to Jesus
 - **1 Corinthians 15:27** quotes Psalm 8:6
 - Others quote Psalm 8, too – especially Hebrews
- “Out of the mouth of babes” is from this (v. 2, KJV)
 - Compare **Matthew 21:15-16**, “the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David... And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?”