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Joshua commanded the ambush **party** at the city of Ai to lie in wait, and be ready to attack.

- **Joshua 8:3-4:** "So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night. And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:"

Joshua told the ambush **party** at the city of Ai that once the Israelites had lured the men of Ai away from the city, they were to rise up and conquer it.

- **Joshua 8:4-7:** "And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready: And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them, (For they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them. Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand."

Joshua specifically commanded the ambush **party** to set the city of Ai on fire.

- **Joshua 8:8:** "And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, that ye shall set the city on fire: according to the

commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you."

When the king of Ai left the city to attack the Israelites, he didn't realize there was an ambush **party** in place behind the city.

- **Joshua 8:14:** "And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city."

When Joshua stretched out his spear toward Ai, the ambush **party** took the city of Ai (and then set it on fire).

- **Joshua 8:18-19:** "And the Lord said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city. And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire."

When raiding **parties** of Syrians invaded Israel, they took a little maid as one of their captives. (She's the one who told Naaman that Elisha could heal him of his leprosy.)

- **2 Kings 5:2-3:** "And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were

with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy."

At the **party** that Ahasuerus threw for his leaders and servants in the third year of his reign, people were given an abundance of royal wine to drink.

- **Esther 1:3-4, 7:** "In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him: When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days. ... And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king."

The reason Ahasuerus wanted Queen Vashti to make an appearance at his **party** was because she was very beautiful.

- **Esther 1:11:** "To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on."

A messenger told Job that the Chaldeans had formed three raiding **parties**, which stole his camels and murdered his servants.

- **Job 1:17:** "While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."

Job told Bildad it was impossible for someone to lay their hands on both God and Job, and bring the two **parties** together so they could discuss his case and come to an agreement. (Job was convinced that if he could somehow meet God then he could show God that He had made a mistake. In reality *Job* was the one who was in error, not God.)

- **Job 9:32-33:** "For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both."

Belshazzar threw a feast during a time of war, when the Medes and Persians was right outside the city gates. Instead of protecting his city he threw an enormous **party** and got drunk. (That decision cost him his life.)

- **Daniel 5:1:** "Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand."

It seems that no one who was at Belshazzar's **party** had any fear of God at all. In spite of Nebuchadnezzar's testimony, and all the well-documented miracles that God had done, these people openly mocked God by using His holy vessels to worship idols. (That decision cost them their lives.)

- **Daniel 5:3-4:** "Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone."

When nobody could interpret the writing on the wall, no one who was at Belshazzar's party thought to call Daniel, even though he was available. Instead someone who didn't attend the party (the queen) came and told Belshazzar what to do.

- **Daniel 5:10-11:** "Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;"

When the daughter of Herodias danced at the birthday **party** of Herod, it pleased him. (This was inappropriate for a whole list of reasons.)

- **Matthew 14:6:** "But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod."

It seems the people who Herod invited to his party actually *wanted* John the Baptist to be executed. (One of the reasons Herod went through with it was to please them.)

- **Matthew 14:8-9:** "And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her."

In the parable of the prodigal son, one of the servants told the older brother that his father had thrown a **party** to celebrate the return of his younger brother.

- **Luke 15:25-27:** "Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound."

We must not participate in wild and sinful **parties**. Such things are works of the flesh, and are opposed to the Holy Spirit.

- **Galatians 5:21:** "Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

REVELLINGS, REVELRIES

One of the sinful works of the flesh is **revellings** (pagan drunken parties).

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Peter condemned "banquetings" (which may be a reference to drunken, idolatrous, and immoral **revelries**).

- **1 Peter 4:3:** "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:"