

Caught In A Trick

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- Definition and examples of a trick
- Meeting of the kings
- Making of the trick
- Implementing of the trick
- Consequences of the trick
- How to defeat the third enemy

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- Trick- a cunning or skillful act or scheme intended to deceive or outwit someone; a wile; deceit; deception
 - Tricks are not new
 - The first trick
 - People who used tricks

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- Meeting of the kings
 - Plan of attack against the Israelites
 - Kings unite to fight the Israelites
- The kings of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, Hivites, and the Jebusites
- Old proverb: “The enemy of my enemy is my friend”

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- Making of the trick
 - Two formidable enemies- Jericho and Ai
 - Formidable meaning they brought about fear and respect to them by being large, powerful and intense
 - Jericho represents the world
 - Ai represents the flesh
 - Gibeon represents the devil
 - Gibeonites decide to use trickery against the Israelites

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- Execution of the trick
 - First, they pretended to be from a far country
 - Second, they told Joshua they were his servants
 - Third, they said they came because they heard about their God
 - Fourth, they had moldy and dry bread, worn wineskins and clothes

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- Consequences of the trick
 - The Israelites discover the Gibeonites were their neighbors
 - The cities of Gibeon, Beeroth, Chephirah and Kirjathjearim were spared
 - The people of Israel murmured against the princes because of the vow
 - The Gibeonites were cursed by Joshua and made servants
 - The Israelites disobeyed God's instruction concerning the Canaanites

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- How to defeat this third enemy, the devil
 - Be submissive to God
 - James 4:7
 - Eph. 6:11, 12
 - Matt. 24:11
 - 2 Tim. 4:2-4
 - 1 Cor. 15:33