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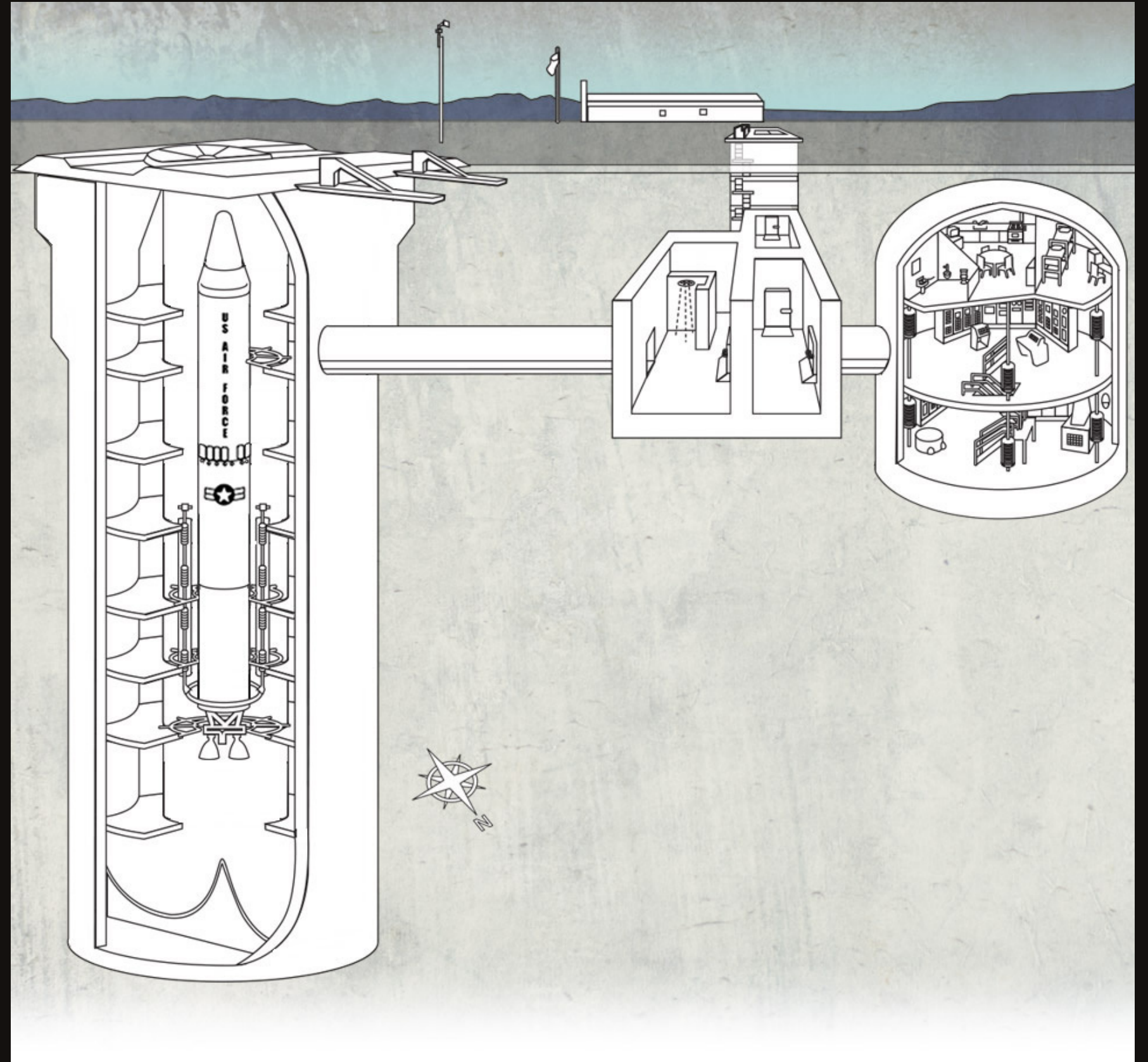
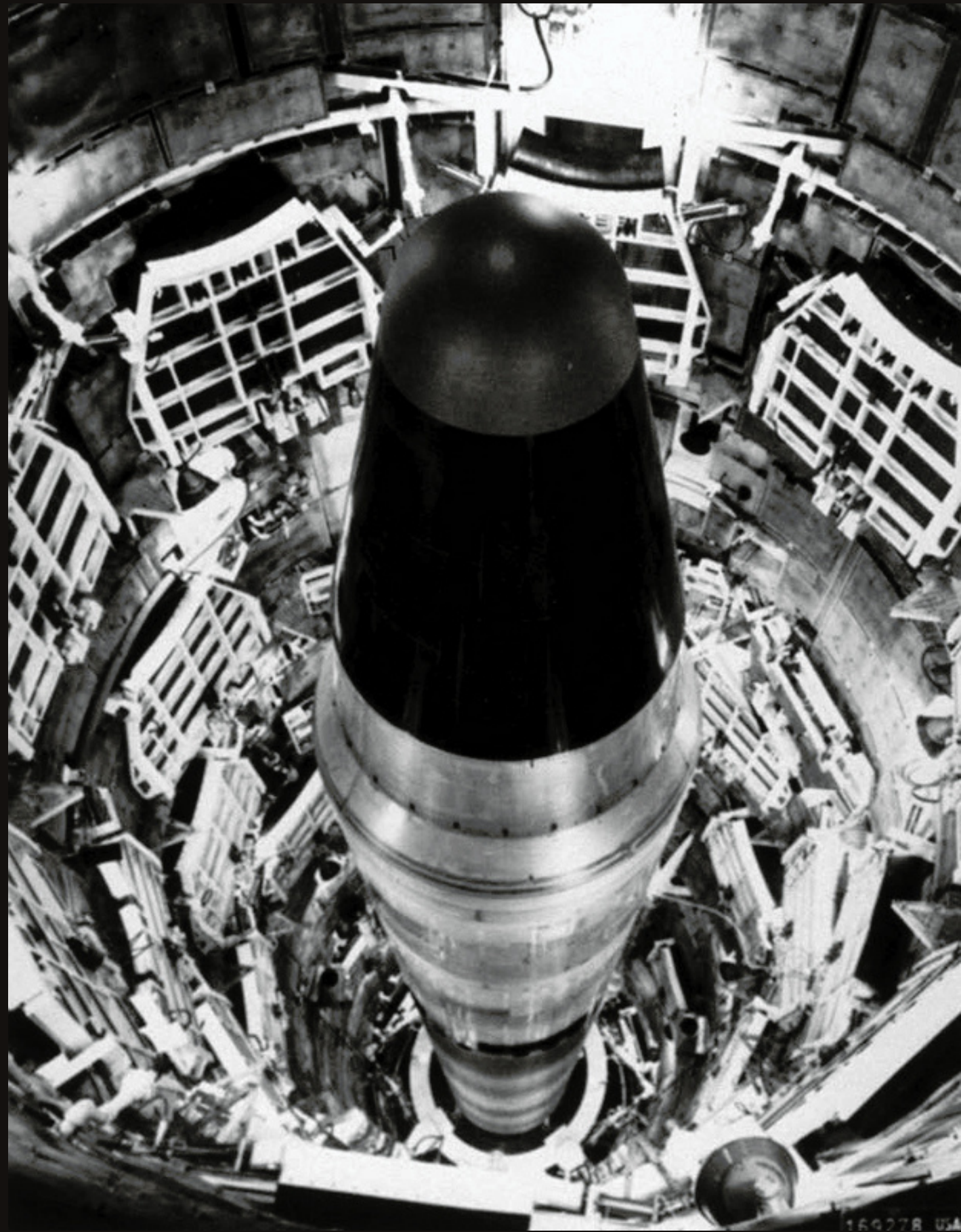
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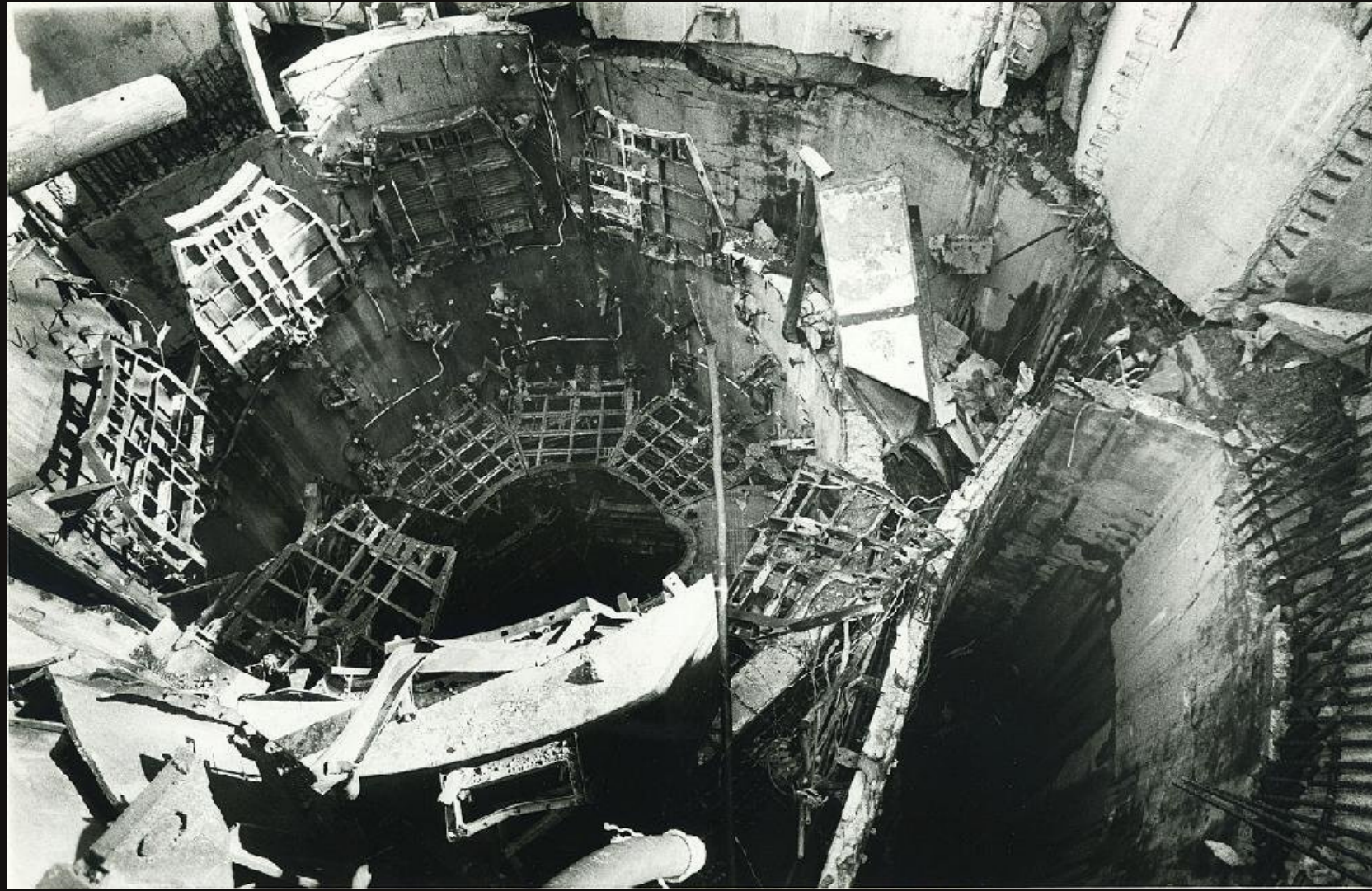
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Joshua 6:15 On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. 16 The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!”

Joshua 6:17 The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. **18 But keep away from the devoted things**, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them.

Joshua 6:Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. 19 All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are **sacred to the Lord** and must go into his treasury.”

Joshua 6:24 Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord's house.

Joshua 7: But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things; **Achan** son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, **took some of them**. So the Lord's anger burned against Israel.

Joshua 7:7 And Joshua said, “Alas, Sovereign Lord, why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? If only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan!

Joshua 7:10 The Lord said to Joshua, “Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? 11 **Israel has sinned**; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have **taken some of the devoted things**; they have **stolen**, they have **lied**, they have **put them** with their own possessions.

Joshua 7:12 That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they **have been made liable** to destruction. I **will not be with you anymore** unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction.

Joshua 7:19 Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me.”

20 Achan replied, “It is true! **I have sinned** against the Lord, the God of Israel. This is what I have done:

Joshua 7:21 When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

Joshua 7:24 Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold bar, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor.

Joshua 7: 25 Joshua said, “Why have **you** brought this trouble on **us**? **The Lord will bring trouble on you today.**” Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them.

Achan's Sin

Personal Consequences

his death and the death of his family

Social Consequences

defeat at Ai-God's presence departed

Cosmic Consequences

"Shalom" is lost

Malachi 3: 8 “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet **you rob me.**

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

If you're going to seek the presence
of God

Be sure to **INCLUDE** God.

The most damaging sin we can
commit:

Steal from God

We steal from God to **shortcut** the
system.

Stealing from God is a lot easier
(we think) than receiving from
God.

Acts 19: 15 One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but **who are you?**” 16 Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

When we partake in what is sacred and precious to God **without** God's presence, we **grievously** sin against God.

Matthew 7: 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘**Lord, Lord,**’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not **prophesy** in your name and in your name **drive out demons** and in your name **perform many miracles?**’ **23** Then I will tell them plainly, ‘**I never knew you.** Away from me, you evildoers!’

Are you stealing from God?

Stealing from God usually feels
like **honoring** God.

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