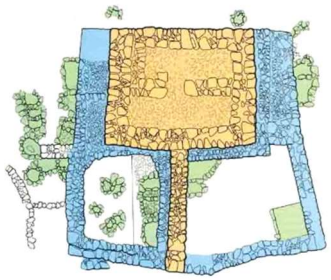
Joshua 8:30-35
Covenant Renewal at Shechem

Map 4-9 from the *ESV Bible Atlas*.



▲ Altar on Mount Ebal, built of uncut field stones.

◀ Plan of the altar on Mount Ebal. There are three stages in the construction of the altar. Ashes and the bones of kosher animals indicate it was a Hebrew religious site.

▶ A scarab of Thutmose III (r. 1479-1425) was found in the fill of the altar.

<u>What was the point of this episode?</u>

- The Israelites were to teach the Law to their children (Deut 6:6-7); the application of this had probably been _____.
- There seems to be benefit to us in having _____, corporate events of this kind (compare marriage and baptism).
- The covenant had not previously been _____ by this generation (or perhaps multiple generations), so they were due.
- This set the stage for the following conquest, the success of which was dependent on _____ to the covenant.