

Rahab the Harlot
and the
Red Cord of Salvation



Mess Ups of the Bible

Review:

Old Testament History

Scripture	Events
Joshua 2:1-7	Rahab hides the Israeli spies
Joshua 2:8-13	Rahab asks the spies for protection
Joshua 2:14-24	Rahab receives her promise of protection
Joshua 2:14-24	Rahab helps the spies escape
Joshua 5:13—6:5	Joshua receives orders to take Jericho
Joshua 6:6-21	Joshua and Israel defeat Jericho
Joshua 6:17	Joshua reminds the people not to harm Rahab
Joshua 6:22-25	Joshua saves Rahab
Joshua 6:26-27	Joshua's final instructions about Jericho

While the principles found in this history are difficult to outline, there is still much to learn. Let's zero in on why Rahab chose to forsake the King of Jericho and all that he would represent...the religions of Canaan, etc. We'll find this answer in Rahab's conversation with the spies while she was hiding them on the roof of her home.

What three things did she tell them she believed about their God whom she too had come to trust?

1. **Joshua 2:9** (NIV): "I know that the Lord has given you the _____"
2. **Joshua 2:10** (NIV): "For we have heard how the Lord _____ for you when you came out of Egypt"

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3. **Joshua 2:11** (NIV): "for the lord your God, He is God in _____"

What three things can we understand about God based on these three beliefs?

1. The Lord is a God who _____.
2. Unlike the idols of Canaan, unlike the King of Jericho, God really is a God of _____.
3. The Almighty God of _____ and _____ chooses to interact with us right here in _____ and _____.

New Testament Implications

Scripture	Events
Matthew 1:5	Rahab was an ancestor of Jesus
Hebrews 11:31	Rahab was delivered by faith
James 2:25	Rahab was justified by works (an active faith)

Read Matthew 1:5 and Hebrews 11:31. Now quickly glean the rest of Matthew 1 and Hebrews 11. What are some of the names listed in the Genealogy of Christ and the Hall of Fame of Faith?

What does all this tell us about God and Rahab?

Application: So, as with Rahab, when God looks at you and I...

1. What does he not linger and focus on?

WOW!

2. What does he linger and focus on?

DOUBLE WOW!

3. Other than prostitution, what other sin could just have easily been Rahab's vice or issue?

4. What does this tell us about ourselves and God?

★ Does this not just bring worship into your hearts!? ★



Read James 2:25. Now look at a bit of the context in James 2:14-24.

What does all this tell us about true, vital faith?

Application: As with Rahab...

1. What should our faith in God do in us?

2. What are some specific ways we can demonstrate our faith?

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Prayer:

How can we pray for one another?

Is anyone having trouble seeing themselves as God saw Rahab...flawed and sinful, yet special and full of promise?

Is anyone having trouble seeing that they like Rahab can have a tremendous impact in the lives of others?

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