

RAHAB: An Unlikely Role Model
Joshua 2:1-24; 6:17-25



Introduction:

I. RAHAB PRIOR TO THE DESTRUCTION OF JERICO (Josh. 2:1-24)

- A. Though a prostitute, she cared for her family.
- B. Though a liar, she was confident in her faith in God.
- C. Though a sinner, she was greatly used of God.

II. RAHAB DURING THE DESTRUCTION OF JERICO (Josh. 6:17-25)

- A. She didn't waver in her faith in Yahweh.
- B. She led others to believe also.
- C. She became a testimony to her times.

III. RAHAB IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- A. James 2:24-26 - ²⁴You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead."
- B. Hebrews 11:31 - "By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace."
- C. Matthew 1:5 - "Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse."

Conclusion:

Food for Thought:

- 1) Why do you think the spies went to Rahab's house when they arrived in Jericho?
- 2) Explain the idea of a house built into the wall.
- 3) What evidence is there to suggest that Rahab was a genuine believer in the God of Israel?
- 4) What is the significance of the scarlet cord in the window?