



THE FAITH OF RAHAB

Hebrews 11:31

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"by faith"

Hebrews 11

- (29) By faith they passed through the red sea . . .
- (30) By faith the walls of Jericho fell down . . .
- (31) By faith Rahab . . . did not perish . . .
- (33) By faith [they] conquered kingdoms . . .

Joshua

1. Raised in a godly Jewish home
2. Saw the plagues in Egypt
3. Watched God divide the Red Sea
4. Ate manna that fell from heaven
5. Listened to Moses deliver the Ten Commandments
6. Spied the land & believed God
7. Commanded the Army of Israel
8. Taught by Moses



After the death of Moses, Joshua led the Hebrews in their battles for the Promised Land.

Hebrews 11:31

By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.



Joshua 2:1–24

¹ Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there. ² And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, “Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country.” ³ So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country.”

Joshua 2:1–24

⁴ Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they *were* from. ⁵ And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them.” ⁶ (But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.) ⁷ Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate.

Joshua 2:1–24

⁸ Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, ⁹ and said to the men: “I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. ¹⁰ For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who *were* on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

Joshua 2:1–24

¹¹ And as soon as we heard *these things*, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He *is* God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

¹² Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, ¹³ and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."

Joshua 2:1–24

¹⁴ So the men answered her, “Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.” ¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house *was* on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall.

¹⁶ And she said to them, “Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way.” ¹⁷ So the men said to her: “We *will be* blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear,

Joshua 2:1–24

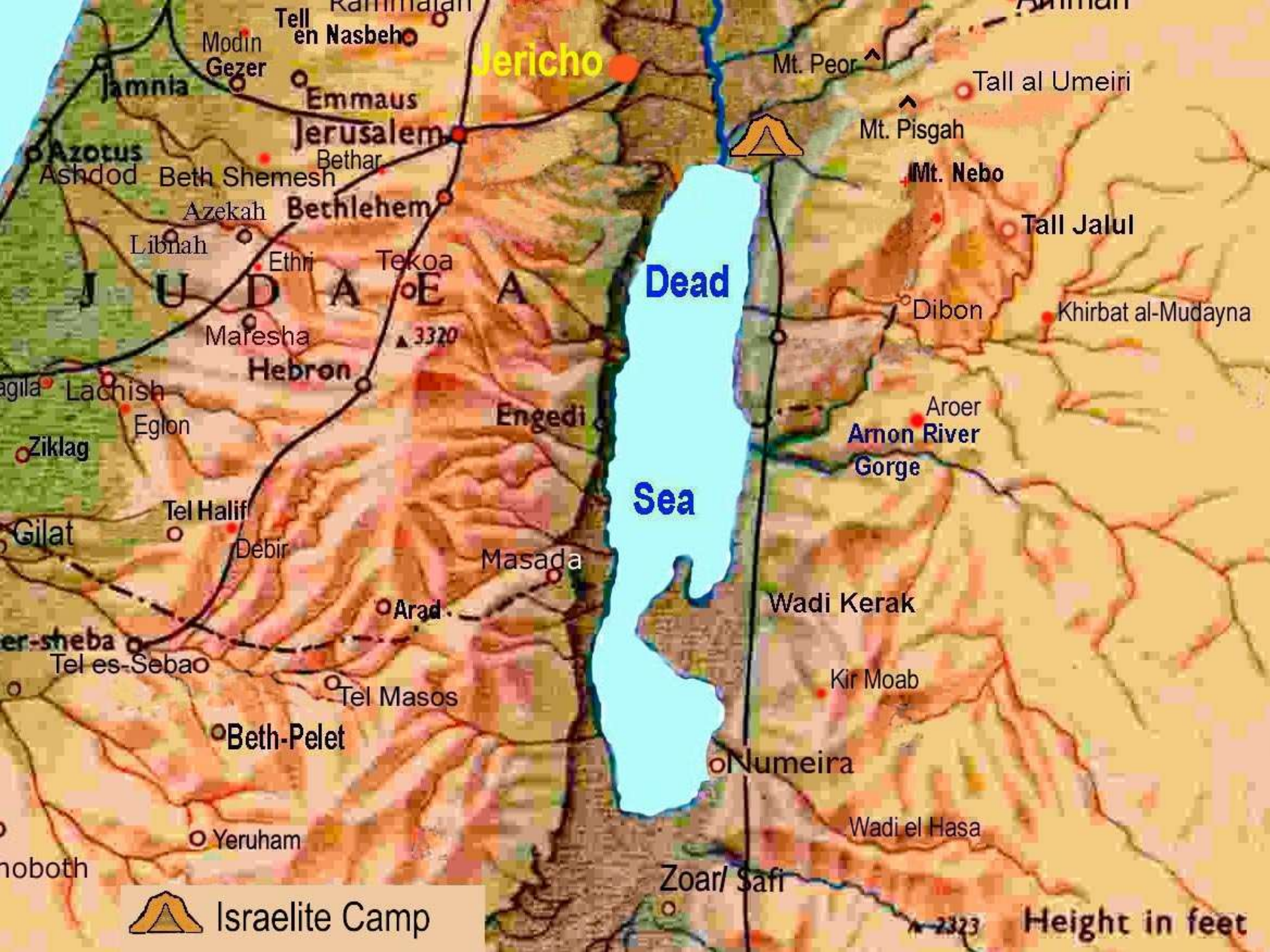
¹⁸ unless, *when* we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home. ¹⁹ So it shall be *that* whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood *shall be* on his own head, and we *will be* guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head if a hand is laid on him. ²⁰ And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear.”

Joshua 2:1–24

²¹ Then she said, “According to your words, so *be* it.” And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window. ²² They departed and went to the mountain, and stayed there three days until the pursuers returned. The pursuers sought *them* all along the way, but did not find *them*. ²³ So the two men returned, descended from the mountain, and crossed over; and they came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them.

Joshua 2:1–24

²⁴ And they said to Joshua, “Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us.”





ACACIA GROVE

Joel 3:18 And the mountains shall flow with water, the house of Israel shall be flooded with the house of Acacias.



Rahab NEEDED God

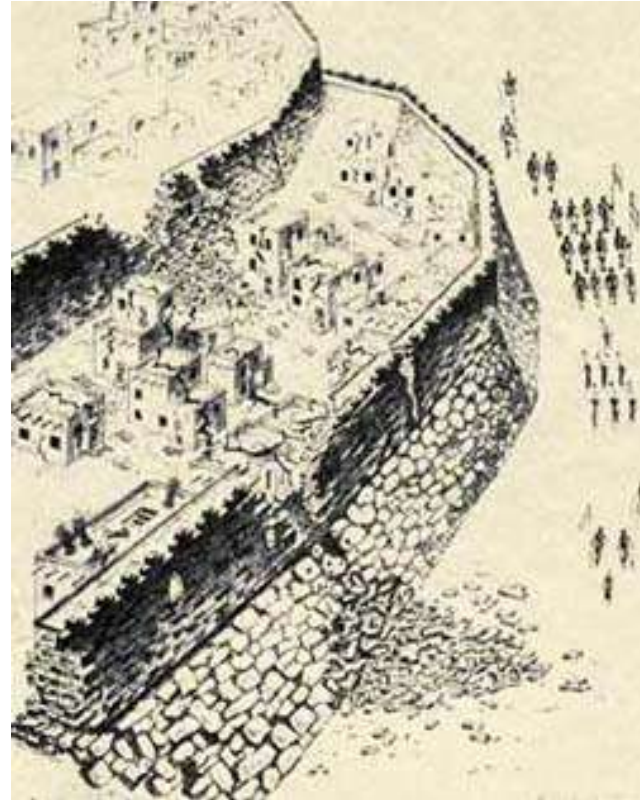
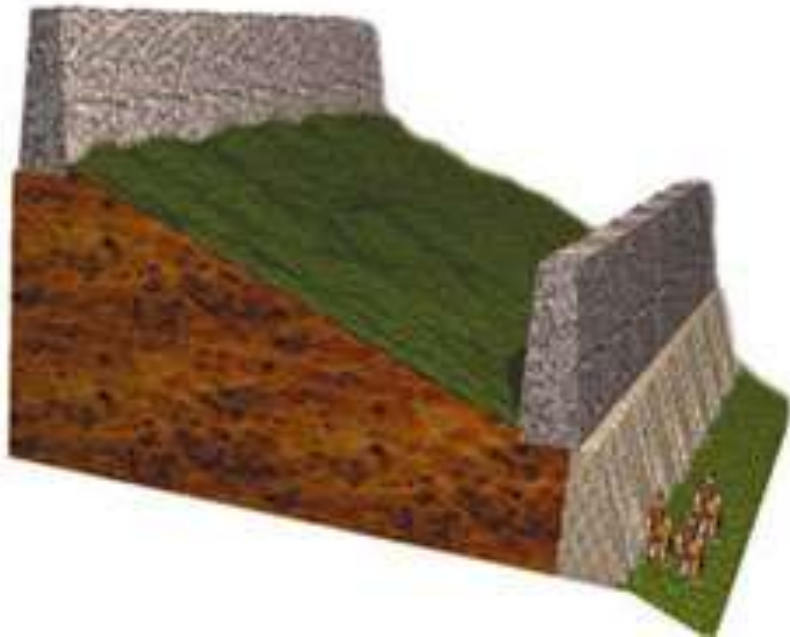
- She was a woman
- She was a gentile, a Canaanite
- She was living in a day of judgment
- She lived in a wall
- She was a harlot

Rahab

Hebrew: רַחַב

Greek: Ῥαχάβ or Ῥαάβ

Rahab NEEDED God



Rahab BASED her Faith in God

- “We have heard...” (Joshua 2:10–11)
- “I know...” (Joshua 2:9)
 - “I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.

Rahab BASED her Faith in God

For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who *were* on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. ¹¹ And as soon as we heard *these things*, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He *is* God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

Rahab CONFESSED her Faith in God

- “We have heard...” (Joshua 2:10)
- “I know...” (Joshua 2:9)

Romans 10:9–10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rahab DEMONSTRATED her Faith in God

- Welcomed the spies (James 2:25)

James 2:25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

- “Sign” = Scarlet cord (Joshua 2:18)



Rahab DEMONSTRATED her Faith in God

- Hid the spies (Joshua 2:1, 4, 6)
- Confessed to the spies her faith (Joshua 2:9-10)
- Convinced her family to have enough courage to not reveal or release the spies to the king's men
- Sent spies away (Joshua 2:16)

Rahab DEMONSTRATED her Faith in God

II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

I Thessalonians 1:9 you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

Rahab CONCERNED for Others

Joshua 2:12–13 Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, ¹³ and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."

Rahab CONCERNED for Others

Esther 8:6 For how can I endure to see the evil that will come to my people? Or how can I endure to see the destruction of my countrymen?”

Rahab CONCERNED for Others

John 1:40–42 One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Rahab CONCERNED for Others

John 4:28-30 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹ “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”
³⁰ Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

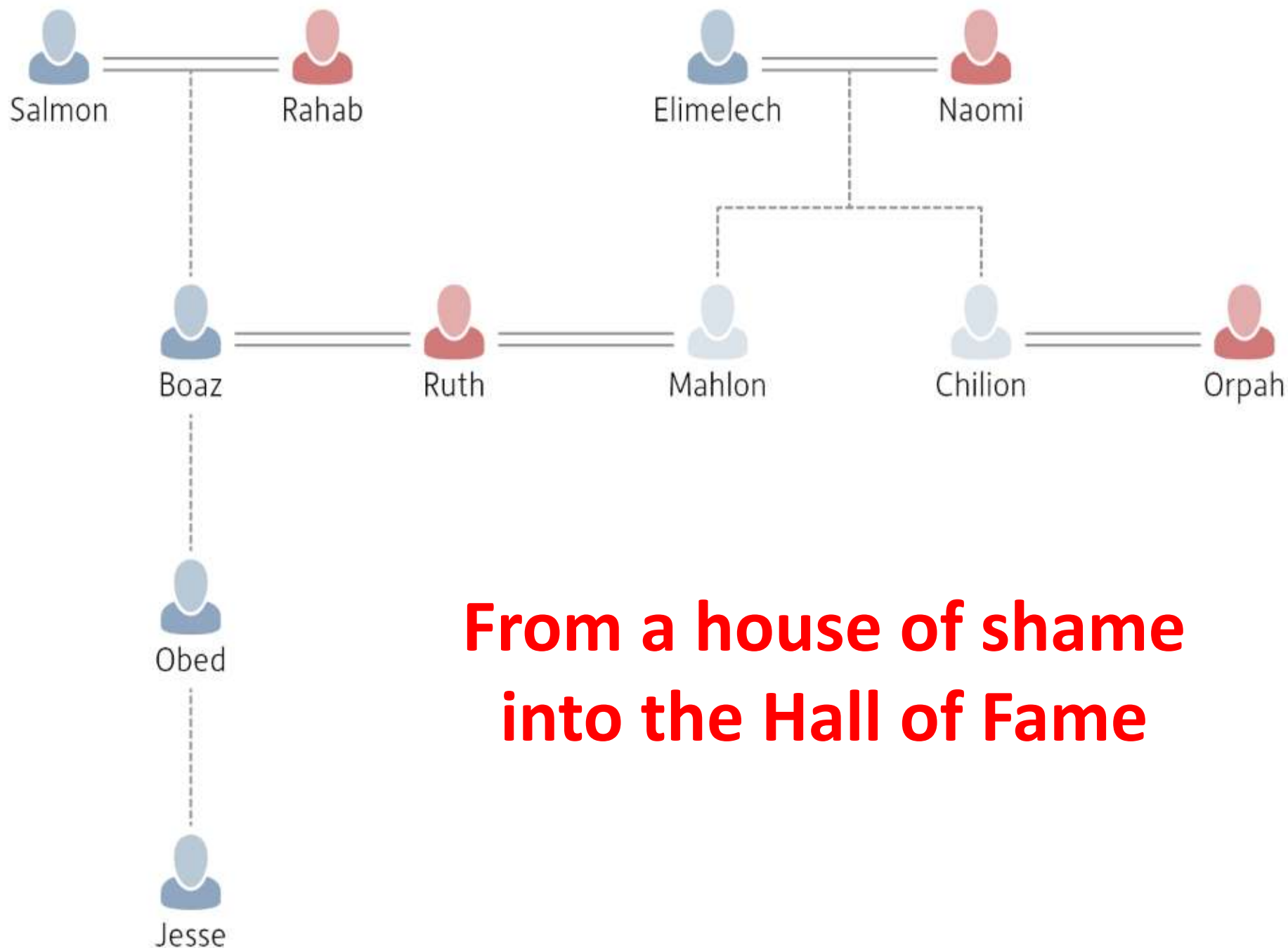
Rahab CONCERNED for Others

John 1:43–49 Jesus . . . found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.”⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

Rahab USED by God

Mentioned in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus

- Tamar (Matt. 1:3)
- Rahab (Matt. 1:5)
- Ruth (Matt. 1:5)
- Bathsheba (Matt. 1:6) “she who had been the wife of Uriah.”



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The Rahab in Us

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,



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