

# Rahab The Harlot

**Women of the Old Testament**



Joshua 2:1 Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.

<sup>2</sup> The king of Jericho was told, "Look! Some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land."

<sup>3</sup> So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab:  
"Bring out the men who came to you and entered  
your house, because they have come to spy out the  
whole land."

<sup>4</sup> But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from.

<sup>5</sup> At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, the men left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them."

*<sup>6</sup> But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.*

# RAHAB'S FAITH THAT ALIGNS ITSELF WITH LIFE

<sup>7</sup> So the men *king's agents* set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the *city* gate was shut.



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<sup>8</sup> Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof <sup>9</sup>and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.

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<sup>10</sup> 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 Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.

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<sup>11</sup> When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below."

## RAHAB'S AGREEMENT

<sup>12</sup> Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign <sup>13</sup> that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death."

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<sup>14</sup> "Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land."

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<sup>15</sup> So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall.

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<sup>16</sup> Now she had said to them, "Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way."

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<sup>17</sup> The men said to her, "This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us <sup>18</sup> unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house.



## RAHAB'S AGREEMENT

<sup>19</sup> If anyone goes outside your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head; we will not be responsible. As for anyone who is in the house with you, his blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on him.

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<sup>20</sup> But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear."

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<sup>21</sup> "Agreed," she replied. "Let it be as you say." So she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

# RAHAB'S DAY OF SALVATION

<sup>22</sup> When they left, they went into the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had searched all along the road and returned without finding them.

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Joshua 6:22 Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her."

# RAHAB'S DAY OF SALVATION

<sup>23</sup> So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel.

# RAHAB'S DAY OF SALVATION

<sup>24</sup> 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.

# RAHAB'S DAY OF SALVATION

<sup>25</sup> But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho and she lives among the Israelites to this day.



# THE LESSONS OF RAHAB THE FORMER HARLOT

Matthew 1:5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse,

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Hebrews 11:31 By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

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James 2:25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?

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Isaiah 56:3 Let no foreigner who has bound himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely exclude me from his people."

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<sup>5</sup> to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off.

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<sup>6</sup> And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him,... and who hold fast to my covenant  
<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

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