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God chose Rahab not because of who she was but because of who He is. God's grace shining through.

Now notice the verse in *Matt 1:5* which gives us a nugget of grace. *And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse...* Just in case you do not recognize the names as the KJV translates them notice the NIV, "*Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse...*"

Jesse as you will recall was the father of King David. This makes Rahab, the harlot in the eyes of the world but redeemable in the eyes of God, the great, great great grandfather of David. By the way Boaz was the husband of Ruth of the book of Ruth. Rahab was in the lineage of Messiah.

III- Rumors Reach the King:

Joshua 2:2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.

The King of the city-state of Jericho hears that spies are coming. He knew that they were camped across the Jordan (transjordan). He is told that some spies have entered the land to "search out the country." This king was greatly concerned with finding them before they could report back. He knew where to go ask for them.

Joshua 2:3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.

The king knew they had come into the house of Rahab. He send an inquiry about their whereabouts.

IV- Hiding the Spies:

Joshua 2:4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: 5 And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

There are some who want to spend a great deal of time trying to figure out if Rahab lied and if she should have. She told that they had come to her house but in fact, they were still in the house. *Joshua 2:6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.*



Coordinates:
Joshua 2:1-24

Sights to See:

- 1- There is no one who is so low that God's grace cannot reach them.
- 2- God uses people that often times society has written off.
- 3- Rahab recognized that God was giving the land to the Israelites and acted according to this in faith.
- 4- When we see God moving we need to act in faith to join Him.
- 5- The fear that had been their 40 years before is evidence that God intended for them to enter the land before. Can you think back on something in your life that you now know was God will and was missed. We need to learn from these past failure.
- 6- The promise Rahab extracted from the spies again shows her great faith that God was giving the land to the Israelites.
- 7- The preparation was began immediately by Rahab for the attack with the placing of the red cord in the window. When we know something is of God lets act and not dissect, refurbish and hash it over.
- 8- The report of the spies this time sure show a great contrast to the former spies. Sometimes being used by God is a matter of believing in Him and not ourselves.



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My mind plays the scene of men with pitchforks stabbing into the hay trying to find these men. We are not told that any search took place in the Bible however. In fact we get the sense that they believed Rahab and went after the men immediately. *Joshua 2:7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.* These men were on a wild goose chase.

V- Faith of Rahab:

Joshua 2:8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; 9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you. 10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. 11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

Remember that forty years before this event the children of Israel had come out of Egypt. The first event that she says they had heard about had taken place forty years before. The people had been in fear the first time they came to the edge of the land and the nation had been unaware of it. Notice the words used to describe the mood of the people. Words like, *“Terror...our hearts did melt...”*

Moses however had predicted this. *Ex 15:15-16 “Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. ¹⁶ Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.”*

The next thing Rahab mentions is the destruction of the kings of the Transjordan side. Allow me to offer a lengthy quote from *The Preacher’s Homiletic Commentary*.

“The strange and unprecedented passage of the Red Sea had appalled the Canaanites. The overthrow of Sihon and Og had alarmed them no less. The Amorites were a very powerful and warlike race. They had overcome the Rephaims or giants (Deut ii. 20-21); they had driven out the Ammonites and Moabites. A contest of Sihon, therefore, was a terrible thing for Israel; but they had Ebenezers of mercy even then behind them, Moses with them, and God and His word for all the conflicts before them. The Amorites were utterly defeated, and the king slain. The kingdom of Og was even more formidable. The territory was far larger, the people very warlike, their king a giant, and their land crowded with fortified cities. For the armour of those days the very houses must have been as forts; they were built, we are told, of huge basalt rocks, having the walls, in some cases, four feet thick, and thick stone slabs, swinging upon pivots in sockets, for doors. But the battle of Edrei was decisive; Og was slain, as Sihon had been, and his forces were utterly destroyed.” (Baker Book House, Vol 5, p 25)

It is no wonder that fear and trembling had fallen upon the land of Canaan. They had heard of the destruction. The land was ready to be conquered. The mission of action based on faith lay ahead.

VI- The Solicitation of a Promise

