

Rahab: Harlot Turned Heroine Joshua 2

Spies hide out at Rahab's home, 1-7

- Why spy? Why go to a harlot's home? How did the King know of it?
- Rahab = a prostitute (term in Heb. 11:31, Js. 2:24) who runs an Inn.
- Rahab = single (2:18, 6:23) and probably late 20's or 30's since she later weds Salmon and has children (see lineage passages later).
- Rahab's lie—OK or not? It's an ethical dilemma--Is it right to lie to save a life? Ex. 1:17-19, I Sam. 16:2, II Sam. 17:19-21, II Kgs. 6:19.

Rahab confesses faith and makes a deal with the spies, 8-21

- She confesses the oft' repeated, "the Lord has given you the land"
She recounts the Red Sea miracle (40 yrs. before!) and Sihon / Og.
She confesses the Yahweh is God, practically quoting Dt. 4:39.
- She obtains a sworn oath (cf. 9:15,19) for her "lovingkindness."

Spies hide out in the hills and return home, 22-24

- The demoralized Canaanites = fulfillment of Ex. 15:15, 23:27.
- Again Rahab's advice is trusted (as w/king's officers and family later). Contrast the spies report here with the Num. 13,14 report.



Rahab's great lineage:
Num. 2:3, Ruth 4:21
Mtt.1:5

Rahab's great legacy:
Heb. 11:31, Js. 2:24,25

What should Rahab's conversion suggest to us?

Contrast Rahab w/the man in Jdgs. 1:23-26. Looking ahead, you might contrast

Rahab with Achan in ch. 7 as well.