

# Joshua 2: Rahab

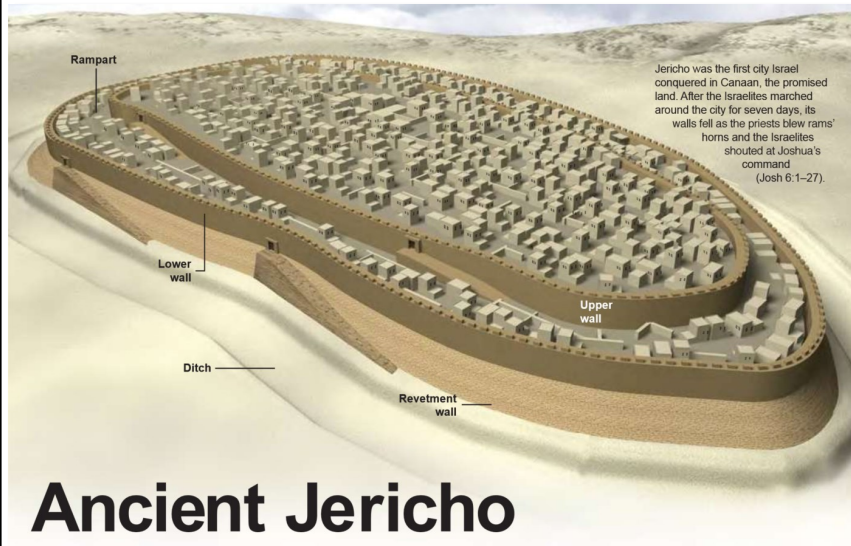
The second chapter of Joshua begins with Joshua sending two spies to view Jericho. It is here that they meet Rahab.

### God devotes the entire chapter to Rahab

- More is said about Rahab than the spies or the city
- She was a Gentile, a citizen of Jericho and a prostitute (5x the expression, "the harlot" follows her name)

### A. The Story (1-8)

1. The two spies make their way to Jericho. It is a walled city of about 8 acres, just north of the Dead Sea. Jericho is an independent city with it's own king.
2. Rahab had a house on the wall of the city.
3. The king is aware that the spies are in the city and seeks them out (2-3)
4. The reputation of God and Israel preceded the spies.
  - They had heard of the parting of the Red Sea (10) which was 40 years before this
  - They heard about the Amorites being "utterly destroyed" (10)



## Ancient Jericho

- They believed Jericho was next (13)
- Jericho was terrified (9), their hearts melted and they had no courage (11)

What was the king intending to do?

### Twice Rahab is complimented for her faith

1. James 2:21-26 she was \_\_\_\_\_ by faith
2. Hebrews 11:31 she was \_\_\_\_\_ by faith (39)

What evidences of her faith does the text show us?

- Rahab doesn't try to save Jericho

Rahab presents a moral dilemma of one who lied and seems to be praised for what she did. How is this explained?

- Rahab states:

I do not know where they are \_\_\_\_\_ (4): Is that true?  
 I do not know where the men \_\_\_\_\_ (5): Is that true?

### B. The Promise (15-24)

The covenant between Rahab and the spies was based upon two things

- she was not to tell about the spies (20)
- she was to hang a scarlet rope out her window (18-19)

Why do you think there is so much here about this story?

Matthew 1:5 How is Rahab connected to Jesus?

She is one of three women listed in Matthew's genealogy. What do we learn from Rahab being there?

