

Stay UNDERCOVER

Main Scripture: Joshua 2: 1-24

Supporting Scripture: Joshua 6, Ephesians 2; 2 Thessalonians 1: 6-10; Hebrews 11: 31; John 6: 36-40; Revelation 12: 11; 1 John 5:10

Looking at a story that depicts a very important point in the life of the children of Israel.

When they get to the land that was promised they see seven nations that now need to be evicted. We see God telling Abraham that he would give him a land and before he gave them this land there are some people on my land and because of their evil I am watching it.

What was the sin of Jericho? - sleeping with their family members and sacrificing to false gods and sacrificing their children to false gods.

So there was a harlot in Jericho - Rahab

She heard of these men and of their God and she decided to hide them and while she keeps them and maybe someone sees it. And they took this information and brought it to the King of Jericho that she brought in spies. And the King says to send the spies to him and she was in a position of authority. But Rahab knew that if she let go the spies she knew her salvation would be disrupted. And after hiding these spies she told the King that they are gone away.

Rahab says I know that God has placed our lives into your hands and she says you are my only hope and says to them to make a covenant and give me a sign and let me know that I will guarantee my salvation and they showed kindness by making a covenant with Rahab

This covenant has three conditions.

She then lets them down by a scarlet rope
Tells them to go into the hills to hide for three days
And after that, they can go back to Joshua

These two spies say truly God has delivered them into our hands - that report came from Rahab that the county was so afraid

Rahab lived an immoral life a life that was filled with sin but Rahab at the time of her visitation the scripture said she opened her door gladly. The spies were able to lodge in her house and this may not have been the most ideal situation staying with a prostitute. And when she recognized that these men had the ability to save her life the scripture says she hid them.

Let's examine:

Rahab- lives on the city wall - in those days the city walls were two walls erected.

Scarlet rope - was used to save the men and it was the sign of her salvation.

God is about to destroy this city but tie this rope so we know it's your house that we need to see to save you. Then bring your father and mother and everyone to stay with you. Anyone outside of this house there is no room for salvation.

And if you speak of this to the king even if you tell your neighbor or friend this oath will be broken

If you don't keep this word tight even if the scarlet thread is there or your family is there but you spoke of this to someone else the covenant is broken.

In Joshua 6 God gives instruction as to how to attack this city - walk around the city with my precedes and word. Make no noise no talking just blow the trumpet for 6 days. And on the 7th day, I want you to march 7 times and on the 7th time blow and shout because I have given you the city. Now, these walls were so high they trusted in their wall. Although they heard of all the words of Israel they trusted in their wall. So instead of changing their lifestyle and maybe send ambassadors to make peace, they trusted in the walls of their city. Fearful but trusting and hiding behind the walls. And God said Joshua these walls are coming down and so the priest sounded their trumpets and the people shouted unto the Lord and the walls fell flat. God told Joshua do not to leave anyone alive kill utterly everything but before you do this get into her house find the scarlet rope and bring out everyone in that house will be saved before it is destroyed. And so the spies go and find Rahab and her family all ready to go who heard and believed Rahab's word. we don't know if there were others who trust in the wall from her family but all who were in her house (the one who was plagued with sin but received the gospel) and they were brought out and the city was burnt with fire.

What's the relevance of Rahab?

The Bible says that those things that were written in the old testament were a shadow of things to come. Like the Passover which is symbolic of Jesus being the lamb slain.

All these points to Jesus and Jesus show the disciples that the scriptures were to reflect and reveal him and Jesus says to the Pharisees to search the scriptures that testify of me- eternal life.

Rahab represents the gentile church. A nation destined to be destroyed

Rahab was an alien.

I was once in school in the states but there were documents that I needed to be admitted to the country and so I had my ticket to get to school studied and ready to go and because I didn't have these documents they said we can't allow you into our country and stamped in the passport illegal alien and it was at that time I recognized that I am foreign and have no access to the land and have nothing to certify you here. So likewise we as gentiles were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel.

But now in Christ, we are made near by the blood of Christ.

The scarlet rope - represents the blood of Jesus Christ. When they saw the symbol of the blood then they know that you have been covered. Stay under the cover of the rope until we get back to you... but what if I am good and helping the poor and giving my money to the widows but the ropes not there - if it's not applied you will be denied. It was the blood that was over the doorpost in Egypt. It is the blood that washed our sins away although our sins were high and deep and dark. It was the blood that separates the sin from the sinner and turns the sinner into a saint.

There is a second part to this covenant

Bring your father and mother and all your household - what does this mean? There is only one way to salvation and it's through Christ. Jesus says I am the way the truth and the life, abide in me and my words abide in you.

We now have to abide in Christ and we have to have Christ as the foundation (the doctrine of the apostles and prophets)

Ask rehabs parents if they had stayed in their own homes what would happen.

Doesn't matter if they were next door they will also be burnt. If we have not submitted to the ruler of the house rehab had that message and covenant. We would perish.

We have to stay under the covering of the blood and of the house.

Do not tell anyone of the oath - don't break the covenant

What covenant are you under today? We must ensure we stay unto the covenant of the words of Jesus Christ.

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All those who hear my words and keep them will have eternal life.

By chapter 6 we don't know how many days that was until the spies came back. When they get there I can see Rehab looking about the wall and thinking yes today is the day but the bible says march 1 time each day and goes back. I can imagine Rehab just wondering why they are not doing anything and by day 2 she is ready and 3-5 day and her patience may be weary and the temptations are to go out into the streets and meddle with her friends and go out and enjoy the day but scripture says if we come and you are not in the house there is no salvation and I can imagine it feeling very confined and sitting there talking when will the spies bring us out and the heat of the sun boiling and they can't move out to wash. Like how we feel in this lockdown we can't move as much as we want. And the bible says judgment is about to happen and she has to stay home and I can imagine her saying when Lord and it wasn't until the last day of completion when the priest sounded the trumpet and see her sitting there in anticipation and finally the priest make the noise and the wall came crashing down and she is excited seeing the walls come down in panic everyone ready to fight but she sits waiting till they come to me under the cover of the covenant of the word of God. And the men run to her and save her.

The coming of the Lord is at hand and the bible says behold I show you a mystery at the last trumpet and we who are mortal will be changed in a moment we who are associated with the sin of this world that is devoted to being burnt with fire there is fire to come but before he burns the city he takes out Rehab.

I want to encourage you to be like Rehab to stay under the blood don't trust in your ability to do good you must be under the blood there is no salvation outside of the blood of Jesus Christ. Make your assurance in the blood of Jesus Christ's you may be tired of this and ready to pull the rope but don't allow discouragement to cause you to destroy your own self. We are near the trumpets are sounding

Revelation says that there will be the last trumpet sounded then the kingdoms of the world will be unto Christ.

People are not able to see the signs of the time

Today don't push the spies out of your house. Don't push the preacher out of your house. They come with a message of good news to save your souls don't Harden your heart but here the word of God.

Rehab was prepared the first time but when they come back the second time. They would not come back in peace unless there is coverage under the symbol of a red rope.

She brought them up to the roof - in the greek, it meant altar

Buried them under the flask - representing the tree

As they were laying there that they were laying there under the scorching sun as a burnt offering

They were hiding for three days

and then they hid in the hill country for three days.

All this foreshadows the story of Jesus, for three days Jesus was gone he was ascended and the rulers of the world told lies that the disciples stole him away.

There are many lies in today's world but I want to tell you that Jesus is gone to prepare a place for you and his second coming on the last day and the last trumpet only those who have the three conditions like Rehab will be resurrected. Are you undercover or in sin?

Someone hearing is asking what should I do now? Jesus said to Nicodemus, who came like Rehab — "I know you are sent of God" Jesus said knowing that can't help you you must be born again. You must hold not to this word. You must be born of the water and the spirit have you been filled with the Holy Spirit without these two witnesses you will die and perish in this world. The scripture teaches us that when the Lord returns

2 Thessalonians 1: 6-10

It first starts with believing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11: 31

she believed and kept and received the spies with peace. The destruction that is coming from God is coming for those who did not believe or trust in Jesus. This is the time to look up because Jesus is about to return. His will was in John 6: 36-40 that of all the father has given me he will lose none and Jesus will raise you up at the last day. Do you believe that he is the God of heaven that has come to save us?

There is a reason why Joshua was used to saving rehab because his name literally means God is our salvation equivalent to Jesus e. If we stay under the covering of his peace we will be raised up.

It will only get worse but the encouragement is that the saver is marching around the walls and he will come to save us.

If we are still holding a spirit of pride and haughtiness - stay by the window, humble yourself, watch and pray, and be prepared for the Lord is about to return the bible says that when Satan is cast out in Rev. 12: 11 they overcame by the blood, the word of the testimony, and they did not love their lives.

1. Our trust is in the blood
2. The word of their testimony - the spirit of truth that testifies (1 John 5)
3. They loved not their lives until death. - don't abandon the covenant even when our lives are at stake and they tell me I can't eat or work will I still stay undercover even if It means I must die. Those who love not their lives they will be saved. Now is not the time to be living in the pleasures of this life Focus on the lord. Because now is the time to be looking out the window for Jesus's Return.