

Timeline of Truth – Rahab Hides the Spies (Joshua 2)

<p>Joshua 2:1 Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.</p>	<p>1. Joshua Sends _____ into the Land</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Mission b. The Contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They came to the house of a harlot • Named Rahab
<p>² And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country." ³ So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country."</p>	<p>2. The King _____ Rahab</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The king receives a report b. The king commands Rahab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring them out • He knows why they are here.
<p>⁴ Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they <i>were</i> from." ⁵ "And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them." ⁶ (But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.) ⁷ Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate.</p>	<p>3. Rahab _____ the Spies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rahab hides the spies b. Rahab lies to the King <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The men came to her • The men left • I don't know where they went c. Rahab give the king advice d. The king sends men out
<p>⁸ Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, ⁹ and said to the men: "I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you." ¹⁰ "For 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 the two kings of the Amorites who <i>were</i> on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed." ¹¹ "And as soon as we heard <i>these things</i>, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He <i>is</i> God in heaven above and on earth beneath.</p>	<p>4. Rahab Shares the _____ of Israel</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rahab shares what she has come to know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lord has given Israel the land • The terror of Israel has fallen on them • The inhabitants of the land are fainthearted - melt • How did she know this? Who else knows this? b. Rahab shares what she had heard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea. • What Israel did to the two kings. c. Rahab shares what happened to them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their hearts melted • They lost their courage • Because of them • Because the Lord is God
<p>¹² "Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, ¹³ "and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death."</p>	<p>5. Rahab Makes a _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Because she showed them kindness b. Spare her father's house: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show kindness • Give a true token – lit. "a faithful sign" • Spare – father, mother, brothers, sisters, all that they have.
<p>¹⁴ So the men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you."</p>	<p>6. The Spies Promise _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The promise – our lives for yours b. The condition – if they don't tell anyone c. The reward – they will deal kindly and truly with them. Lit. "we will do with kindness and faithfulness."

<p>¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house <i>was</i> on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall. ¹⁶ And she said to them, "Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way."</p>	<p>7. Rahab _____ the Spies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rahab lets them down through the window in the wall. Rahab gives instruction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to the mountains Hide for 3 days After that, they may go their way
<p>¹⁷ So the men said to her: "We <i>will be</i> blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear, ¹⁸ "unless, <i>when</i> we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home. ¹⁹ "So it shall be <i>that</i> whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood <i>shall be</i> on his own head, and we <i>will be</i> guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood <i>shall be</i> on our head if a hand is laid on him. ²⁰ "And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear." ²¹ Then she said, "According to your words, so <i>be</i> it." And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.</p>	<p>8. The Spies Give _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The sign – Rahab must bind a line of scarlet cord to her window. The condition – all who are to be saved must be in Rahab's house. The warning – if Rahab tells anyone, then the deal is off. Rahab agrees and sends the spies off.
<p>²² They departed and went to the mountain, and stayed there three days until the pursuers returned. The pursuers sought <i>them</i> all along the way, but did not find <i>them</i>. ²³ So the two men returned, descended from the mountain, and crossed over; and they came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them. ²⁴ And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us."</p>	<p>9. The Spies _____ to Joshua</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The spies follow Rahab's directions. The king's men were unable to find them. The spies reported to Joshua. Joshua gives credit to God. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God has delivered the land into their hands The inhabitants are fainthearted.

Takeaways:

Matthew 1:5-6 ⁵ Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her *who had been the wife* of Uriah.

- God used Rahab to bring about the _____ of the Savior.**

Hebrews 11:31 ³¹ By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

- Rahab is an example of _____ to us.**

James 2:24 - 3:1 ²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way? ²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

- Rahab is an example of faith in _____ to us.**