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The book of Joshua, written around 1453bc, describes the conquest of Israel over the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; now entering the land occupied by 7 different pagan cultures. Leading the people, was Joshua, whose name means: The Lord is salvation.

Checking out Jericho: Rahab and the spies,

- ¹ And Joshua the son of Nun sent from Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came to a house of a harlot, named Rahab, and lodged there.
- 2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, men from the children of Israel came here tonight to search out the land.



- 3 And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, bring out the men who came to you, who entered your house: for they have come to search out all the land.
- 4 But the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men to me, but I did not know where they were from:
- 5 and it happened about the time to shut the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: where the men went I do not know: pursue them quickly; for you will overtake them.
- 6 But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them in stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.
- 7 So the men pursued them on the road to Jordan to the fords: and as soon as those who pursued them were gone out, they shut the gate.
- 8 Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof;
- 9 and she said to the men, I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that your terror has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away because of you.
- 10 For we heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you, when you came from Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

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- 11 And when we heard these things, our hearts melted, and no courage remained any longer in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above, and on earth below.
- 12 So now, please, swear to me by the LORD, since I have dealt with you kindly, that you also will show kindness to the house of my father, and give me a true pledge:
- 13 and spare my father and mother, and my brothers and sisters, with all who are theirs, and deliver our lives from death.
- 14 So the men answered her, Our life for yours, if you do not tell this business of ours. And it will happen, when the LORD give us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.
- 15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was on the city wall, and she lived along the wall.
- 16 And she said to them, Go to the hill country, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there for three days, until the pursuers return. Then after you may go your way.
- 17 And the men said to her, We will be free from this oath which you have made us swear.
- 18 unless, when we come to the land, you will bind this cord of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down by: and you will gather yourselves into the house; your father and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's household.
- 19 And it will happen, that whoever goes out the doors of your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head, and we will be free: and whoever is with you in the house, his blood will be on our head, if any hand is laid on him.
- 20 But if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from the oath you have made us swear.
- 21 And she said, According to your words, so be it. So she sent them away, and they departed: and she tied the scarlet cord in the window.
- 22 And they departed, and came to the hill country, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers returned. Now the pursuers searched for them along the way, but did not find them.
- 23 Then the two men returned, and descended the hill country, and crossed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that happened to them:
- 24 And they said to Joshua, Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands; and all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before us.