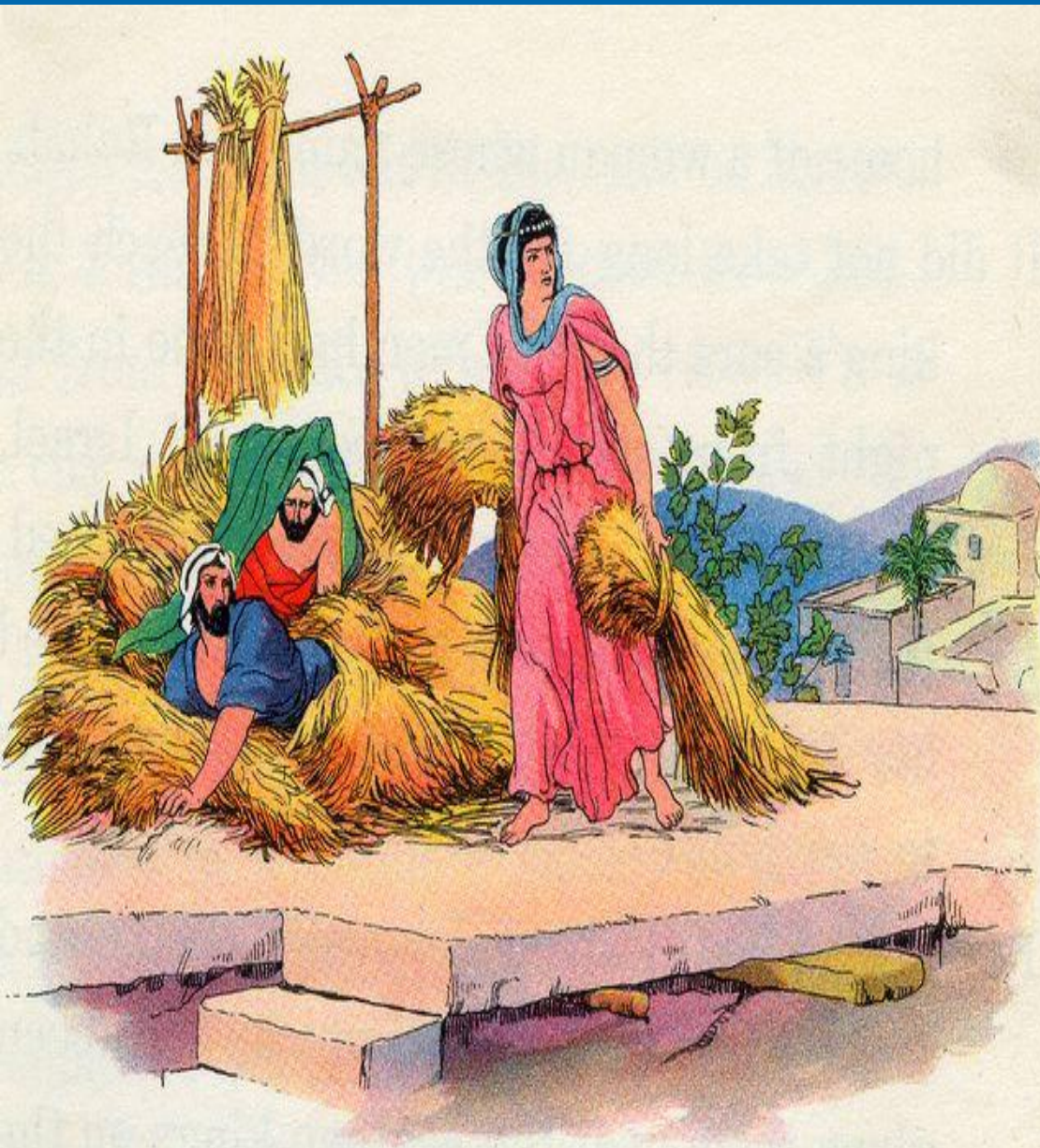


RAHAB AND THE 2 SPIES



- Rahab is the innkeeper/prostitute at Jericho
- Israel is waiting on the east bank of the Jordan at Shittim
- King of Jericho suspects that the 2 men at Rahab's inn are spies from Israel
- Everyone knew Israel was coming to takeover Canaan

RAHAB HIDES THE SPIES



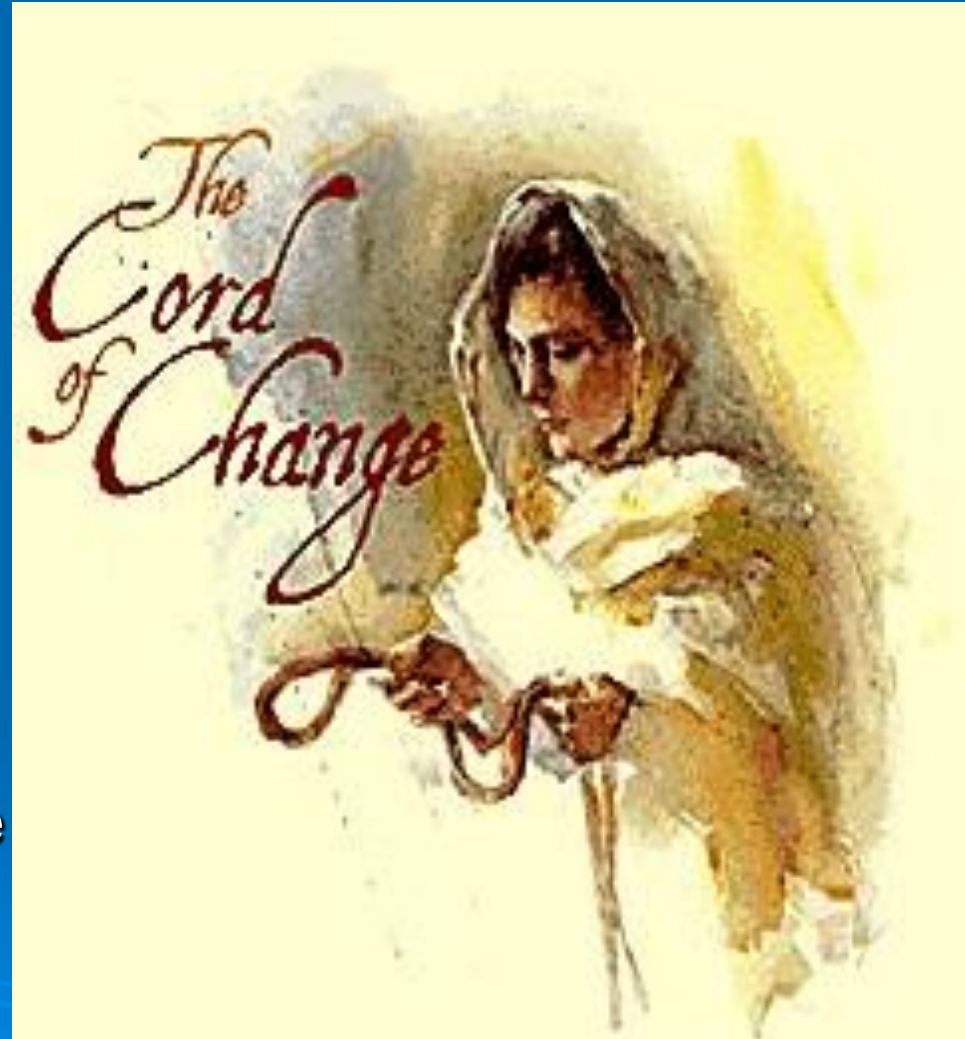
- Rahab lies to the soldiers and says the 2 men left
- Cities closed their gates about nightfall
- Roofs were used for sleeping, curing meats and drying grains, hosting guests

BIBLE DOES NOT CONDEMN RAHAB FOR HER LIES

- Hebrews 11:30 *“By trusting, Rahab the prostitute welcomed the spies and did not die..”*
- We should not admire her lies, nor should we be concerned about them or condemn her for them
- We often find ourselves caught between having to choose the greater and lesser sin
- This is due to the condition of our fallen world and mankind’s fallen natures
- Sins DO HAVE greater and lesser levels and it is incumbent upon us to search God’s Word to know which is the lesser and greater sins

RAHAB'S CONFESSION OF FAITH IN YHWH

- Soldiers believed Rahab's falsehoods
- WHY did Rahab lie for the spies at great risk to herself?
- Rahab: ***"I KNOW that YHWH gave this land to Israel"***
- Rahab says the Canaanites are depressed and full of fear of the Israelites and their God
- Everyone had heard about the God of Israel, and the parting of the Red Sea, and the defeat of Sihon and Og



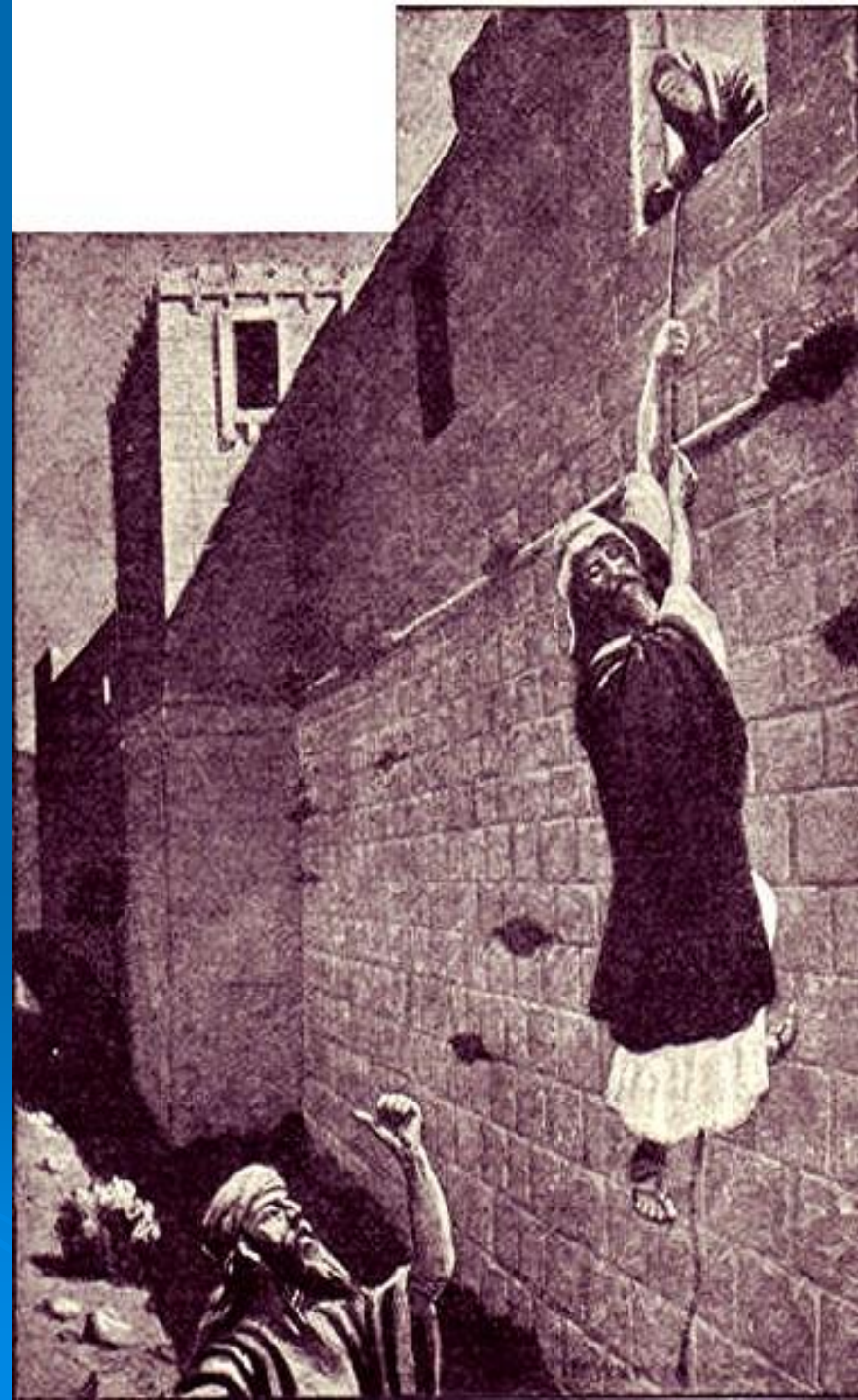
GOD OF HEAVEN AND OF EARTH

- This was an amazing understanding by Rahab
- ALL the Mystery Religions believed that there were separate gods for heaven and earth
- Rahab has “walked the aisle”
- Rahab’s was a practical trust, she wanted to be saved from the coming and certain destruction
- Our trust should ALSO be a practical trust, for we too are being saved from certain and coming destruction!



RAHAB'S HOUSE NEXT TO THE WALL

- Spies made an oath to Rahab to save her and her family
- It was usual for houses to use one wall of the city wall if available
- Spies told to go west to the mountains to hide
- West was the opposite direction from the Jordan and the soldiers
- They are to remain in hiding for 3 days before they return to Joshua





THE SCARLET CORD

- Rahab must do 3 things for spies vow to her to be validated
- 1) Hang a scarlet cord out of her window
- 2) Gather her family to her house
- 3) They must NOT leave the house during the attack
- Symbolic of the Passover



THE LAW OF HEREM

- Law of Herem is at the heart of Holy War
- Spoils of war reserved for God
- God is the commander-in-chief of a Holy War, so all spoils belong to Him
- **Herem** = ban (banned from being used)
- All spoils are to be destroyed as the only way to set them aside for God
- That which is set aside for God is holy





TO HAVE FAITH IN THE GOD OF ISRAEL IS TO BE SAVED!

- Spies were not comfortable with what transpired, but knew something had changed
- Rahab now more Israelite than Canaanite
- The Gospel is an Old Testament promise, not a New Testament invention



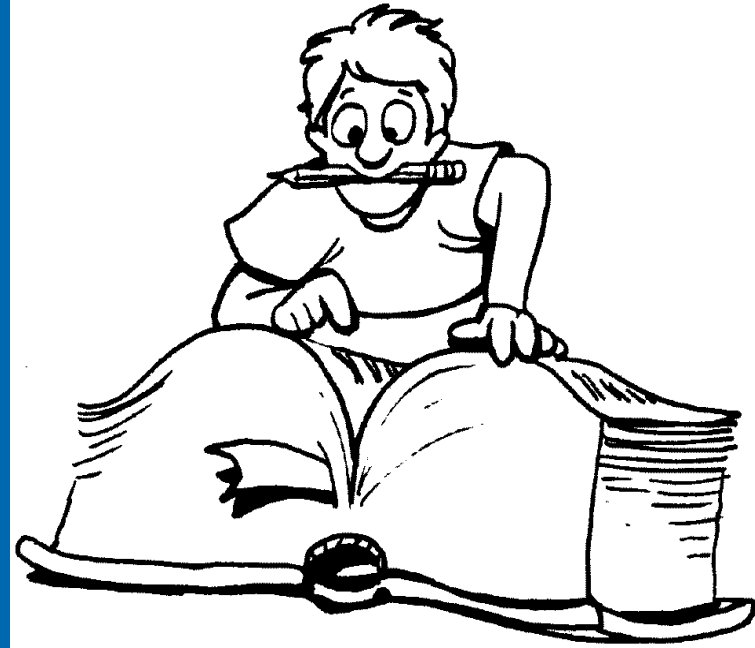
JOSHUA 3: THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY



- Crossed over the Red Sea at beginning of Exodus
- Crossed over the Jordan at ending of Exodus
- Passover observed to end servitude to Pharaoh
- Passover observed to begin moving into their inheritance

“Joshua got up early in the morning.....”

- Greek, Latin, English are linear and rational
- Hebrew is circular and organic
- The Old Testament was not written to be read, but to be SPOKEN
- All ancient cultures were ORAL cultures
- Written word was ONLY a sacred archive
- People could read, but the PREFERRED method was the spoken word



ORAL VS. TEXTUAL COMMUNICATION



- Hebrew Bible is loaded with rhyme, poetry, songs
- A science textbook is NOT designed to be spoken, too much detail
- A Dr. Seuss book is better read out loud
- Punctuation is recent
- Masoretic text
- People of the Bible era thought that SPOKEN words had great power

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and · be built	street	and · moat		
and · she/it will be built	[with] streets	and · moat		