

Joshua 2 Spies
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Review:

1. Joshua 1: Strong in the Lord

Joshua 2:1

1. Had Joshua been in Canaan before? *Yes, he had been one of the 12 spies*
2. Why did they go “secretly” from the Israelite camp?
Numbers 13:26 In Numbers 13 spies went out and came back and reported to the Israelites. They then rebelled. Joshua, having been one of the 12 spies, wanted the spies to report back just to him, not to the whole camp
3. What do we know about Jericho?
 - a. Government *Had a king*
 - b. Position *Near the fords of Jericho - important trading post*
 - c. Fortifications *Thick walls*
 - d. Located 5 miles west of the Jordan River.
 - e. Well supplied with water - springs of water
 - f. Jericho means “Moon City”
4. Why did they go to Rahab? *Prostitutes would have lots of foreign visitors. Jericho is on a major trade route*
5. “Prostitute” or “inn-keeper” (Josephus)? *Josephus calls her an inn-keeper*
 - a. Hebrews 11:31 *Hebrews calls her a prostitute; KJV - Harlot,*
 - b. James 2:25 *James calls her a prostitute; Josephus wanted to cover things up.*
6. Rahab, a hero of faith and an ancestor of Christ, has three strikes against her:
 - a. *She is cursed because she is an Amorite - Gen. 15:16 - Abraham promised Canaan*
 - b. *She is a woman*
 - c. *She is a prostitute*
7. Is there anyone that God cannot save? *No matter how bad we seem, God can save us.*

Joshua 2:2-2

8. What is the king’s concern? *Rahab is sheltering spies*

Joshua 2:4

9. What does Rahab tell the government officials? *She did not know they were Jews*

Joshua 2:5

10. What does Rahab tell the government officials? *They left before they shut the gates*
11. Are any of these true statements? *No. These are lies.*

Thought question: Is it permissible to lie? If so, when? If not, why not?

“I swear that I will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God.”

Are these descriptive or prescriptive? *Descriptive - just describing an event, not condoning it. For example, Solomon had hundreds of wives. This is descriptive, not prescriptive. We should have one wife. Confession of sin is prescriptive.*

Betsy and Corrie Ten Boom *Betsy would not lie at all, even to protect the Jews; Corrie would not tell a lie.*

Genesis 12:12-13; 18-19

Genesis 20:2

Genesis 26:7-10

Genesis 31:34-35

Exodus 1:15-21

I Samuel 19:11-12, 17

II Kings 10:18-19, 25

Joshua 2:8

12. Purity. *No indication that they had sex with her.*

Joshua 2:9

13. What is Rahab's confession? *The Lord has given you this land; our hearts have melted*

Joshua 2:9-11

14. What is the reaction of the citizens of Jericho? *Their hearts melted.*

15. Psychological warfare.- Greenbrier Christian vs. Norfolk Christian *In baseball, Greenbrier Christian is a powerhouse. Same school that produced the Upton brothers. State champions. NCS is a small school and are defeated before they even take the field.*

Joshua 2:10

16. How many years before had the Lord dried up the Red Sea? *40*

17. Would Rahab have been old enough to remember? *Probably not*

18. Who were kings Sihon and Og? *Great giants and kings*

a. Numbers 21:21-35

b. Deuteronomy 2:26-3:11

19. "Whom you completely destroyed"

Joshua 2:11

20. What is Rahab's confession? *The Lord is God over heaven and earth*

Joshua 2:12

21. By whom does she ask the spies to swear? *Their Lord, not by Baal*

Joshua 2:12-13, 18-19

22. How does the Lord work? *Through families*

Joshua 2:14

23. Oath - Should we swear like that? *Oaths are serious. It is not wrong to swear, but be very, very careful when you swear. Here they are swearing on a mission.*
24. What does "So help me God" mean? *God help me to tell the truth.*

Joshua 2:16

25. Who else escaped by being let down over the wall? *Paul-Acts 9:25*
26. What does she tell the spies to do? *Go west to the hills, not east to the Jordan River where the fords would be guarded.*

Joshua 2:18

27. Rahab's Faith - Rev. Roest sermon 09 Dec 07
- a. Informed Faith: 2:8-11 *Rahab knew what God had done*
 - b. Dangerous Faith: 2:4 & 5, 21 *Rahab risking her life for them. She could have been killed as a traitor*
 - c. Active Faith:
 - i. 2:4 *She hides them and lies to the gov't officials*
 - ii. 2:5 *She lies a second time*
 - iii. 2:15 *She lets them down by a rope - once again if seen, death to her*
 - iv. 2:21 *She ties a scarlet cord - quite visible from the outside of the wall - she risks death again.*

Joshua 2:24

28. How does this verse differ from Numbers 13:28, 31-33, 14:3? *These two spies are convinced that the Lord has given the land to the Israelites. In Numbers, they say that there are giants and that they will be defeated. Better to go back to Egypt and become slaves again.*