



A HARLOT WITH A HEART OF HOLINESS

Joshua 2:1-24,

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NEEDLES AND THREADS



- **UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLICAL DEFINITION AND CONTEXT OF THE WORD HARLOT**
- **CONSIDER VARIOUS ASPECTS OF “HARLOTRY”**
- **BROADEN THE POSSIBLE PERCEPTION OF RAHAB AND HER ROLE IN GOD’S BLUEPRINT**
- **CHALLENGE CURRENT CULTURAL NORMS THAT DISMISS THE “FAITH” OF THE HARLOT**
- **REMEMBER (DURING THIS 8TH WEEK OF CONSECRATION), “BEING HARLOTS WITH HEARTS OF HOLINESS” IN ORDER TO REVIVE BELIEVERS AND RECRUIT SEEKERS**



DEFINITIONS AND SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT



- **HARLOT: Hebrew: *Zanah*: Commit Fornication, Serve Other Gods**
- **Greek: *Porne, Pernemi* – To Sell**
- **HARLOT FOUND 48 TIMES IN KJV – IN THE ORIGINAL HEBREW (OT), FOUND 90 TIMES**
- **THE SEVENTH PLACE THE WORD HARLOT IS FOUND OF IT'S 48 NOTATIONS IN THE KJV, IS IN REFERENCE TO RAHAB.**
- **JESUS TOLD CHIEF PRIESTS AND ELDERS THAT PUBLICANS AND HARLOTS WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM BEFORE THEM (Matt.21:31&32; Luke 15:30)**



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- **1 Corinthians 6:15&16** – “¹⁵ Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. ¹⁶ What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. ¹⁷ But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”
- **Hebrews 11:30&31** – ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. ³¹ By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.
- **James 2:25&26** – ²⁵ Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? ²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.



DEFINITIONS AND SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT



- **RAHAB** – MEANS: LARGE, BROOD, AND PROUD - FOUND 10 TIMES IN THE KJV WITH HA... THE BOOK OF JOSHUA, TWICE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, TWICE IN PSALM, ONCE IN ISAIAH (THESE THREE OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCES ARE A DIFFERENT HEBREW WORD THAN RAHAB “THE PERSON” REFERRED ELSEWHERE. THE WORD REFERS TO “EGYPT” IN ALL THREE REFERENCES)
- **Matthew 1:1-6, 16** – The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ² Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; ³ And Judas begat Phares and **Zara of Thamar**; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; ⁴ And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat **Salmon**; ⁵ And Salmon begat **Booz of Rachab**; and Booz begat **Obed of Ruth**; and **Obed** begat Jesse; ⁶ And Jesse begat **David the king**; and David the king begat **Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias**; ¹⁶ And Jacob begat **Joseph the husband of Mary**, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.
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BEGINNING WITH THE END IN MIND



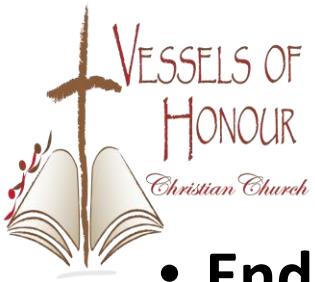
- **RAHAB PROTECTS THE SPIES**
- **MAKES AN AGREEMENT AND KEEPS IT**
- **BY FAITH, SHE TRUSTS HER SEED WILL NOT RETURN VOID**
- **SHE TAKES PREPARATORY ACTION**
- **THE SPIES TRUST SHE'LL KEEP HER WORD**
- **SHE AND HER FAMILY ARE REMEMBERED AND SAVED**
- **THE GENTILE WAS GRAFTED IN BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN THE DISPENSATION OF THE LAW**
- **RAHAB MARRIES SALMON (ONE OF THE TWO SPIES)**
- **BOAZ RAHAB'S SON**
- **BOAZ MARRIES RUTH**
- **RUTH SON IS OBED**
- **OBED – GREAT-GRANDFATHER OF DAVID/ FATHER OF JESSE**
- **JESSE IS DAVID'S FATHER**
- **DAVID IS KING**
- **BATHSHEBA IS SOLOMON'S MOTHER**



REVIEW THE PREVIEW



- **Joshua is the first book of the bible titled by a person's name**
- **Covers about 25 years**
- **Exodus happened about 1445bc in 1405 went into the land 1379bc ends the book**
- **Children of Israel in Egyptian captivity for 430 years; 400 as slaves 30 under Joseph who knew pharaoh so that time was pretty good**
- **Moses showed up – 9 months of plagues**
- **Walked across Red Sea on dry land**
- **About 2.5 million people took 6-weeks of travel into the wilderness**



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- Ended up on Mt Sinai where they sat before The Lord for over a year to get to know God and their sins better – His graciousness and favor and Holiness
- Got the Law, the Priesthood, the blood sacrifices, sacrificial substitution to save man
- Then an 11-day 126-mile walk from Mt Sinai to Kadesh Barnea
- 12 spies sent and 10 were able to convince the majority of the people that The God Who brought them this far could not deliver on His Promise to His People
- Journey turned into a little better than 38 years, the older individuals died off and God continued to keep His Promise – but now through their lineage of all those under 20 years and it was during the last year in this book of Joshua that God brought them back to where they first started but this time with “new blood” and they started experiencing God’s Delivering Power



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- **Fought enemies on the eastern side of the Jordan stronger than them, watched God deliver them as they looked to Him and believed in Him**
- **Now they find themselves on the border of this land that their enemies had tilled, kept beautiful, maintained, kept polished and perfect...the wealth of the Wicked was indeed Literally stored up for the righteous/just**
- **Moses died, 30 days of cheering, cherishing, and mourning him was shifting to a time of attentiveness to the new, affirming new authority, submitting to divine anointing, and accepting God's Truth as THE Truth**
- **Little written about the 38 years of spiritual nothingness and picks up here with the El Shaddai and Jehovah Jireh**
- **Faith ACTS**



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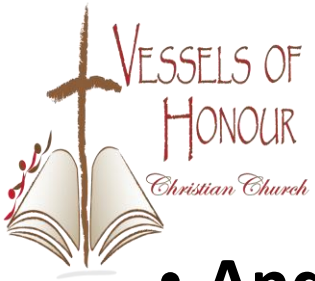
- **Joshua was prepared for this work**
- **Walk by Faith and Believe**
- **God made promises and provision...we must ACT**
- **300,000 square miles – all of Euphrates, all of Iraq, all of Jordan, lots of Lebanon, Egypt, - under the height of King David's reign, he occupied about 30,00 square miles or a tithe of what God promised – minimize what we look to God for when He's already given us More than we can ever imagine**
- **Times when you just can't accept all the "good" God has ALREADY Promised us!**
- **Joshua provides the historical connection between this time and this group to the next 7 books of the bible**
- **All connected to Joshua - Going into the land and the practicality of living in the land**
- **Joshua and the 7 books to follow primarily do 2 things: Show us, What's impossible with God is possible with man and prophetically what Jesus came to do – the Walk of Faith**



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- **First 5 Chapters – Going into the land**
- **Next 7 Chapters 6-12 – Conquering of the land**
- **Last 12 Chapters 13-24 – is about Dividing the land**
- **Jericho was in the middle of the country/land of promise, south to valley of ashuland defeat 5 kings, head toward Gaza, back to Gligad, north toward Hazar**
- **Middle, South, North – Three main campaigns, 30 different cities of lesser and greater strength before getting into 7 and a half years where the division of the land takes place**
- **Across from Mount Nebo – where Moses went to die and by the wilderness where Jesus was taken and tempted**
- **Kings were more like mayors that ruled each walled city**



FOR LAND'S SAKE!



- **And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.**
- **² And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.**
- **³ And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.**
- **⁴ And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were:**
- **⁵ And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.**



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- **6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalk of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.**
- **7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.**
- **8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;**
- **9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.**
- **10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.**
- **11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.**
- **12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:**



FOR MY SOUL'S SAKE!



- **13 And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.**
- **14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.**
- **15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.**
- **16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.**
- **17 And the men said unto her, We will be blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.**
- **18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.**
- **19 And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.**
- **20 And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.**



FOR MY FAMILY'S SAKE!



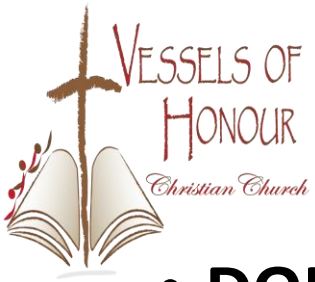
- **21 “Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.”**
- **So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.**
- **22 When they left, they went into the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had searched all along the road and returned without finding them. 23 Then the two men started back. They went down out of the hills, forded the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them. 24 They said to Joshua, “The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us.”**



FOR MY FAMILY'S SAKE!



- **Go view the land – especially Jericho**
- **She had the Spies hid on the roof**
- **Scarlet string in the window – similar to blood over the doorpost**
- **Can God depend on you to place the scarlet sins/ sins red as crimson on the doorpost – just beyond the reach of human strength**
- **Flee the adultery of your marriage to God the Father through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – Who is building the Bride of Christ through the Body of Christ made up of Transformed Believers**
- **Are you cheating on God and blaming Him to be the Adulterer**
- **(LET ME APPEAL TO THE HARLOT IN YOU/US)**
- **(LET ME APPEAL TO THE HEART OF HOLINESS)**



FOR LAND'S SAKE!

- **DOING THE RIGHT THING IS NOT ALWAYS EASY**
- **IT'S EASY TO QUICKY LABEL RAHAD...UNTIL...**
- **YOU YOURSELF, "WHAT AM I SELLING IN THE WALLED CITY, IN A ROOM ON THE WALL AT LEAST 30 FEET HIGH, SO I CAN SEE THE CHAOS OF THE CULTURE OF THE CITY I LIVE IN, RECOGNIZING ITS CARES HAVE CHOKED OUT THE WORD SO MUCH AND SO THAT IN ORDER TO STAY IN MY WALLED CITY IN MY ROOM I HAVE TO SELL MY INTEGRITY, TIME,**

