

# Rahab and the Two Spies

*Joshua Chapter 2*

Joshua sent two men out of Shittim to secretly spy over the land and Jericho.

They went away and came to the house of a woman called Rahab and stayed there.

Rahab took the two men and hid them on the roof under stalks of flax that she arranged.

*It was reported to the king of Jericho saying, "Men have come here tonight from the sons of Israel, to search the land."* The king of Jericho sent men to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to your house. For they have come to search out all the land."

Before the spies laid down on the roof, Rahab came to them and said, "I know that YAHWEH has given the land to you, and that your terror has fallen on us. All those living in the land have melted before you. For we have heard how YAHWEH dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, as you were going out of Egypt. Also, that you destroyed the two kings of the Amorites, Sihon and Og, who were beyond the Jordan."

She continued to say, "We have heard, and our heart has melted. There still does not rise the spirit in any man, because of you. For YAHWEH your Elohim, He is Elohim in the heavens above, and in the earth below. Now, please swear to me by YAHWEH, since I have dealt with you in kindness, you will also deal with my father's house in kindness. Give me a true token and keep my father, my mother, my brothers, and my sisters alive, and all that belongs to them. Deliver our souls from death."

The men said to her, "Our life instead of yours, if you do not tell our business, then it will be when YAHWEH gives this land to us that we will deal with you in kindness and truth."

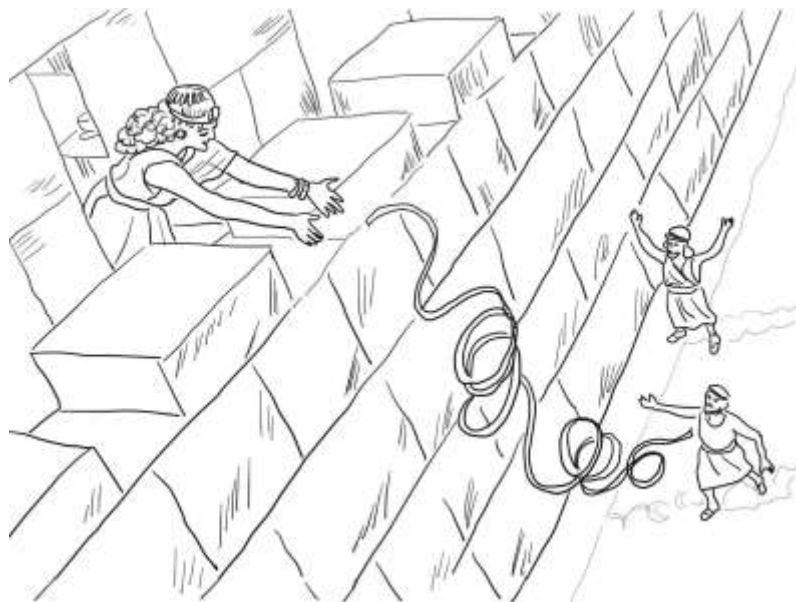
Then she let them down by a rope through the window. Her house was in the side of the wall. She said to them, "Go to the mountain so the pursuers do not find you. Hide there for three days until they return. After three days, go on your way." The men said to her, "We will keep this oath of yours which you made us swear. When we come into the land; you will bind this scarlet thread of line in the window by which you have let us down.

Bring your father, your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's house and have them stay in your house. If anyone goes outside of your house his blood will be on his own head and we will be innocent. Anyone who is with you in the house, his blood will be on our head, if any hand is on him. But, if you tell anyone this business of ours, we will not be guilty of your oath which you have made us swear."

She said, "Let it be according to your words." She sent them away and they went. Rahab did as they said and bound the line of scarlet thread in the window.

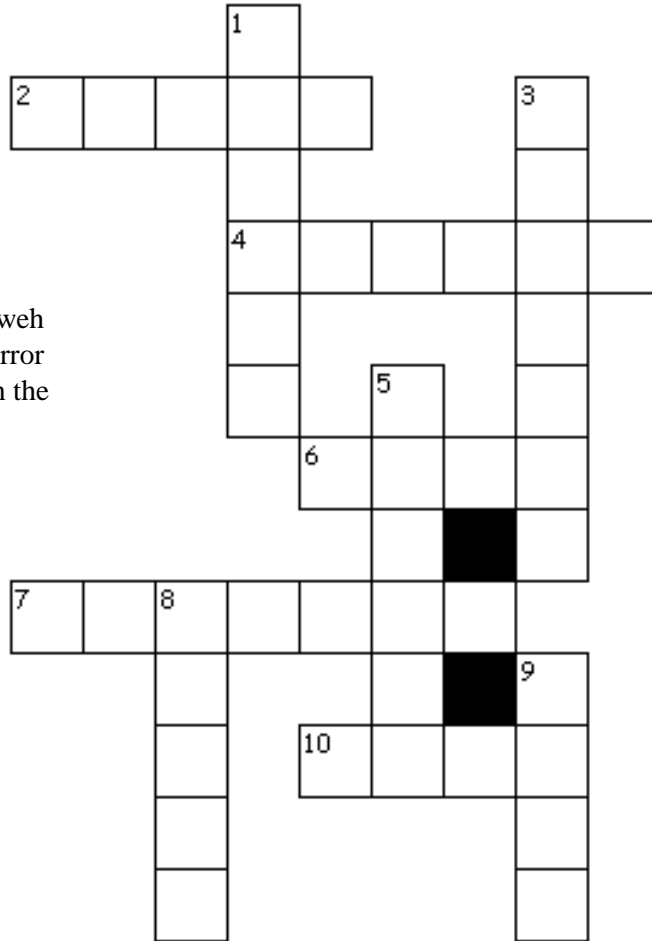
The spies left and came to the mountain. They stayed there three days, until the pursuers returned. The pursuers searched everywhere, but did not find them.

After three days, the two men came down from the mountain, and went to Joshua. They reported to him all that had happened to them. They said to Joshua, "Surely **YAHWEH** has given all the land into our hands. All those living in the land have melted before us."



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And she said to the men, I know that Yahweh has given the land to you, and that your terror has fallen on us, and that all those living in the land have melted before you.

Joshua 2:9

## Across

2. How many days did the spies hide in the mountains?
4. What was the sign the spies told Rahab to put outside her window?
6. What were the spies let down by through the window?
7. Which city were the spies sent to spy on?
10. Where was the house located inside the city?

## Down

1. They said to Joshua, "All those living in the land have \_\_\_\_\_ before us."
3. What color of thread was hung in the window of the house?
5. Who sent the spies out?
8. Who took the spies into their house?
9. What did the spies hide under?



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Flax

Hid

House

Israel

Jericho

Jordan

Joshua

Land

Oath

Rahab

Roof

Scarlet

Spy

Thread

Window

Woman

And she said, let it be according to your words. And she sent them away. And they went. And she bound the line of scarlet thread in the window.

Joshua 2:21

