

## RAHAB the TWO SPIES and THE WALLS OF JERICHO

*Joshua chapters 2 and 6*

**Narrator #1:** 5 parts

Narrator #2: 4 parts

**Child Narrator:** 1 part

**Rahab:** 4 parts

**Spy #1:** 2 parts

**Spy #2:** 1 part

**Joshua:** 1 part

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### **NARRATOR 1:**

Shalom! After Moses died, Joshua was given authority to lead the children of Israel into the Land. We are going to tell you from the books of Joshua chapters 2 and 6 how they captured the city of Jericho.

Before capturing Jericho, Joshua sent two men to secretly spy the land and Jericho. They went and came to the house of a harlot woman, named Rahab.

### **NARRATOR 2:**

It was reported to the king of Jericho that men from the sons of Israel came to search the land. The king of Jericho sent men to tell Rahab to bring out the men who were in her house.

The woman took the two men and hid them. She made the two men go up on the roof, and hid them with stalks of flax. Before they laid down she said to them...

### **RAHAB: (to the Spies)**

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. For we have heard how YAHWEH dried up the water of Red Sea before you, as you were going out of Egypt; also that which you have done to two kings of the Amorites whom you destroyed.

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, that you will also deal with my father's house in kindness, and keep alive my father, mother, brothers, and sisters.

### **Spy #1:**

Our life instead of yours, if you do not tell this business of ours, then it shall be, when YAHWEH gives this land to us that we shall deal with you in kindness and truth.

MEN OF JERICHO arrive... (This is not a speaking part)

### **RAHAB: (to the men of Jericho)**

The men came to me, but I do not know where they are now. It happened as the gate was to be shut at dark, the men went out. I do not know where they have gone. You hurry and go after them.

### **NARRATOR 1:**

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was in the side of the wall, and she lived in the wall.

**RAHAB: (To the Spies)**

Now, Go to the mountain lest the pursuers catch you. Hide there three days until the pursuers return; and afterward you shall go on your way.

**Spy #2:**

We will be guiltless from this oath of yours which you made us swear. Behold, we are coming into the land; bind this scarlet thread of line in the window by which you have let us down.

Gather all your family to the house. It shall be, anyone who goes outside from the doors of your house his blood shall be on his head, and we shall be innocent.

**Spy #1:**

Anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand is on him. But if you reveal this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless from your oath which you have made us swear.

**RAHAB:**

Let it be according to your words.

**NARRATOR 2:**

Rahab sent them away and she bound the line of scarlet thread in the window.

They left and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had returned. The pursuers searched everywhere, but did not find them. So the two men came down from the mountain to Joshua and reported to him all that happened to them.

**NARRATOR 1:**

Joshua and the sons of Israel crossed over the Jordan and camped. They found Jericho was closed to the sons of Israel. Yahweh told Joshua that Jericho and its king and the mighty warriors, would be given into his hand. Yahweh instructed Joshua how to capture the city.

So, Joshua called the priests and the men of battle and told them exactly what Yahweh said to do.

**NARRATOR 2:**

The ark of YAHWEH went around the city, going around one time. Then, they came into the camp, and remained in the camp.

Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests bore the ark of YAHWEH. Seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns were walking before the ark of YAHWEH, and blowing with the rams' horns. He who was armed went before them. The rear guard went behind the ark of YAHWEH, blowing with the rams' horns. They did this for six days.

**NARRATOR 1:**

It happened on the seventh day, they rose early, and went around the city seven times in the same way. Only on that day they circled the city seven times. At the seventh time the priests blew with the rams' horns.

**JOSHUA: (To the People)**

Shout! For YAHWEH has given you the city. The city shall be devoted to YAHWEH, it and all that are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, and all that she has, and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

**NARRATOR 2:**

The people shouted, and blew with the ram's horns, and it happened, when the people heard the sound of the ram's horn, the people shouted a great shout.

The wall fell under it; and the people went up into the city and captured it. They destroyed all that was in the city with the sword.

**NARRATOR 1:**

Joshua told the two spies to go and bring out Rahab and her family as they have sworn. So they went and brought her and her family out of the city and set them outside the camp of Israel. Then they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only the silver and the gold, and the vessels of bronze, and of iron, were taken and given to the treasury of the house of YAHWEH.

**Child NARRATOR:**

Wow, I really enjoyed hearing how Yahweh saved Rahab and her family and how He brought down the walls of Jericho. Nothing is impossible for Yahweh our Elohim! Shalom to you friends!