

Questions Week 21

Joshua 1-2:1-24; Joshua 6:1-27; Joshua 7:1-26

The Conquest Era

Joshua was at the helm of the nation during the conquest, the distribution and the settlement of Canaan. He was a military leader, a political leader, and a spiritual leader. He was quiet and unassuming, but he was not intimidated by his responsibilities or the task that lay before him. His faith in God directed his every action.

As we begin this week's study we will look at a woman, who by the view of the world, would never amount to anything, but whose life would radically change as she put her faith in the God of Israel.

Memory Verse: 2 Peter 3:9 – "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us. Not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance".

Prayer Focus: Ask the Lord to enable you to be aware of opportunities to share with someone His faithfulness to you.

Read Joshua 1 - Joshua 2:1-24; Joshua 6:1-27.

1. Who was Rahab?

2. What did the spies recognize about the people of Jericho?

3. What did Rahab know and understand about God?

4. How did Rahab express her faith in the God of Israel? (Joshua 2:9-11)

5. What did the two spies recognize about Rahab? (Joshua 2:14)

6. How did the people of Jericho feel about the Israelites?

7. What was the request that Rahab make of the two spies?

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8. What did the spies require of Rahab?

The scarlet cord at the opening of Rahab's house with the family gathered inside is clearly symbolic of the Passover and its placement of blood on the door frames of the house in which the family was preserved from death (Exodus 12:3-13). At the same time that Israel celebrated the Passover in the new land (Joshua 5:10-11), Rahab would be joining them in similar actions that would bring about her salvation from Jericho's destruction.

9. Only in the genealogy of Christ is Rahab not referred to as a "harlot" (see Matt. 1:5, Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25). What does this tell you about God? About the past of those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ?

10. What are God's instructions concerning Jericho and all who are involved?

11. God has given Israel the victory, all they need to do is follow His instructions. How many days are they required to march around Jericho?

12. What in human nature must they overcome to obey God?

13. How many times are they to march around the city on the seventh day?

14. Upon what basis will the walls of Jericho fall?

15. Why are the people to abstain from the accursed things inside the city?

16. Why does Joshua spare Rahab? Joshua 6:22

The destruction of Jericho is interwoven with that of the salvation of Rahab and her household. In chapter 2 and verses 17-25 of Joshua 6, there are 86 Hebrew words devoted to the salvation of Rahab and 102 words to describe Jericho's destruction. For the author of the book of Joshua, Rahab's salvation is as important as the account of Jericho's fall.

Read Joshua 7:1-26.

17. What do the spies think about the situation at Ai?

18. How many men do they send to fight? How many die?

19. What does Joshua understand about their defeat?

20. How does God respond to Joshua's prayer?

21. How does God reveal Achan as the guilty party?

22. What has Achan done with the stolen items? Can he enjoy what he has taken?

23. Who all suffers as a result of Achan's sin? What does this tell you about sin?
