

Bible Quiz #46 - The power of Biblical Women in the background. (Pg.#1)

Some lesser-known Bible heroes. - (Good News Bible version used here.)

Next we acknowledge Rahab, the Caananite prostitute who saved her family through faith put into action.

(Mark all the correct answers you find here.)

From Joshua 2:1-9 (GNB) Then Joshua sent two spies from the camp at Acacia with orders to go and secretly explore the land of Canaan, especially the city of Jericho. When they came to the city, they went to spend the night in the house of a prostitute named Rahab. (2) The king of Jericho heard that some Israelites had come that night to spy out the country, (3) so he sent word to Rahab: "The men in your house have come to spy out the whole country! Bring them out!"

-- Q1. Why did Joshua send spies into Jericho?

- ☐ — To find the best B & B. ☐ — To find out where they hid their gold. ☐ — To survey their promised land.

-- Q.2 Where did God promise the city of Jericho to the Israelites?

To answer this question we need to back up one chapter to Joshua 1:1-5 (GNB) After the death of the LORD's servant Moses, the LORD spoke to Moses' helper, Joshua son of Nun. (2) He said, "My servant Moses is dead. Get ready now, you and all the people of Israel, and cross the Jordan River into the land that I am giving them. (3) As I told Moses, I have given you and all my people the entire land that you will be marching over. (4) Your borders will reach from the desert in the south to the Lebanon Mountains in the north; from the great Euphrates River in the east, through the Hittite country, to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. (5) Joshua, no one will be able to defeat you as long as you live. I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will always be with you; I will never abandon you.

...This brings up our current-day dispute of the rights of the nation of Israel.

-- Q3. Why did God give Jericho and the lands across Jordan to the nation of Israel?

- ☐ — Even though the Canaanites were descendants of Noah, they had turned to follow other gods.
☐ — They chose to worship gods such as; Baal, the god of fertility; and Asherah, the goddess of love and fertility; the storm god Teshub; the sun goddess Arinna; and some worshipped a god named Amurru.
☐ — For all their falling away from their True Creator God, He took away all the land He had given them.

Returning to Rahab in Joshua 2:4-11... "Some men did come to my house," she answered, "but I don't know where they were from. They left at sundown before the city gate was closed. I didn't find out where they were going, but if you start after them quickly, you can catch them." (Now Rahab had taken the two spies up on the roof and hidden them under some stalks of flax that she had put there.) (7) The king's men left the city, and then the gate was shut. They went looking for the Israelite spies as far as the place where the road crosses the Jordan. (8) Before the spies settled down for the night, Rahab went up on the roof (9) and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given you this land. Everyone in the country is terrified of you. (10) We have heard how the LORD dried up the Red Sea in front of you when you were leaving Egypt. We have also heard how you killed Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan. (11) We were afraid as soon as we heard about it; we have all lost our courage because of you. The LORD your God is God in heaven above and here on earth."

-- Q.4 Why did Rahab, a Caananite, help these Israelites?

- ☐ — She was just being a good host. ☐ — She believed their God was greater than the gods of Canaan.

-- Q.5 Did Rahab say that she had faith in the God of Israel?

- ☐ — No, she just played the odds. ☐ — She said, "I know that the LORD has given you this land." (Vs.9)

-- Q.6 How did Rahab put her faith in the God of Israel into action?

- ☐ — She refused to help the king's men. ☐ — She risked her life to hide the Israelite spies.

In Joshua 2:12-15... *(Rahab continues to speak)* "Now swear by him that you will treat my family as kindly as I have treated you, and give me some sign that I can trust you. (13) Promise me that you will save my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families! Don't let us be killed!" (14) The men said to her, "May God take our lives if we don't do as we say! If you do not tell anyone what we have been doing, we promise you that when the LORD gives us this land, we will treat you well." (15) Rahab lived in a house built into the city wall, so she let the men down from the window by a rope.

-- Q.7 From these verses, do we see why Rahab helped the enemies of Canaan?

- ☐ — She understood that God was standing against Canaan. ☐ — She sought a way to save her family.

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