

Rahab and Divine Rescue

Joshua 2



Preparing for Conquest (1a)

- Joshua's past experience with spy missions
Numbers 13
- A notable difference: the Jericho spies were sent out secretly
- The strategic importance of Jericho



A Dangerous Mission and an Unlikely Ally (1b-7)

- A surprising base of operations (1b)
- The secret is out! (2-3)
 - The king is informed (2)
 - The king's command (3)
- Rahab's deception (4-7)

A Bargain is Struck (8-14)

- Rahab's faith (8-11)
 1. She is certain Yahweh has given Israel the land (9)
 2. She knows that Yahweh has acted powerfully in history on behalf of His people (10)
 3. The bottom line for Rahab: she knows that Yahweh, the God of Israel is the God of heaven and earth (11)
- Rahab's request (12-13)
- The spies response (14)

The Successful Escape (15-21)

- Rahab's assistance and valuable advice (15-16)
- A sign for the protection of Rahab's house (17-21)
- Mission accomplished! (22-24)
 - The Lord's hand of protection was on the spies
 - They bring a report to Joshua that is greatly encouraging!

Implications / Application

1. God sovereignly weaves all the threads together to accomplish His perfect master plan and no one can thwart His will! Whatever the trials of life we may be facing, we can rest in the fact that He is right now weaving together all the threads to accomplish His good and perfect will.
2. Praise God that He is the great Rescuer! He lavishes His mercy and grace on those who deserve nothing but wrath.
3. The Lord rescues by divine appointment, seeking and saving the lost.
4. Rahab stands as a reminder that we must never write off anyone as being a hopeless case or of being beyond God's reach, but we should be faithful to pray for those we know who are not in Christ.