

# The Faith of Rahab

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# Opening Breath of NT

*The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,  
the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

*Matthew 1:1*

- The NT is firmly anchored in the OT and is the verification that the Gospel is from God.
- *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”*  
Matthew 5:17
- *“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.”*  
John 5:39

# Frequency of Biblical Names

Name	OT	NT	TOTAL
Jesus	0	983	983
Moses	772	80	852
Abram/Abraham	237	74	311
David	1005	59	1064
Jacob	350	27	377
Saul	394	26	420
Aaron	345	5	350

Counts from The Project Gutenberg KJV text.

# Genealogy of Christ

## Matthew 1:1-17

Abraham	Solomon	Shealtiel
Isaac	Rehoboam	Zerubbabel
Jacob	Abijah	Abiud
Judah	Asa	Eliakim
Perez	Jehoshaphat	Azor
Hezron	Joram	Zadok
Aram	Uzziah	Achim
Amminidab	Jotham	Eliud
Nahshon	Ahaz	Eleazar
Salmon / Rahab	Hezekiah	Matthan
Boaz / Ruth	Manesseh	Jacob
Obed	Amon	Joseph / Mary
Jesse	Josiah	Jesus
David	Jehoichin	

“Ab” = father, “ram” = high, “raham” = of multitudes

# Called from a Pagan Culture

- *Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. Joshua 24:2,3*
- *The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having **determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.** Paul at the Areopagus, Acts 17:24-27*
- *I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Revelation 7:9*

# Exemplars of Faith

*belief in the unseen*

Hebrews 11 <i>Faith of OT Saints</i>	James 2:14-26 <i>Faith evidenced by works</i>
Abraham Hebrews 11:8-19	Abraham James 2:21-23
Rahab the Prostitute Hebrews 11:31	Rahab the Prostitute James 2:25

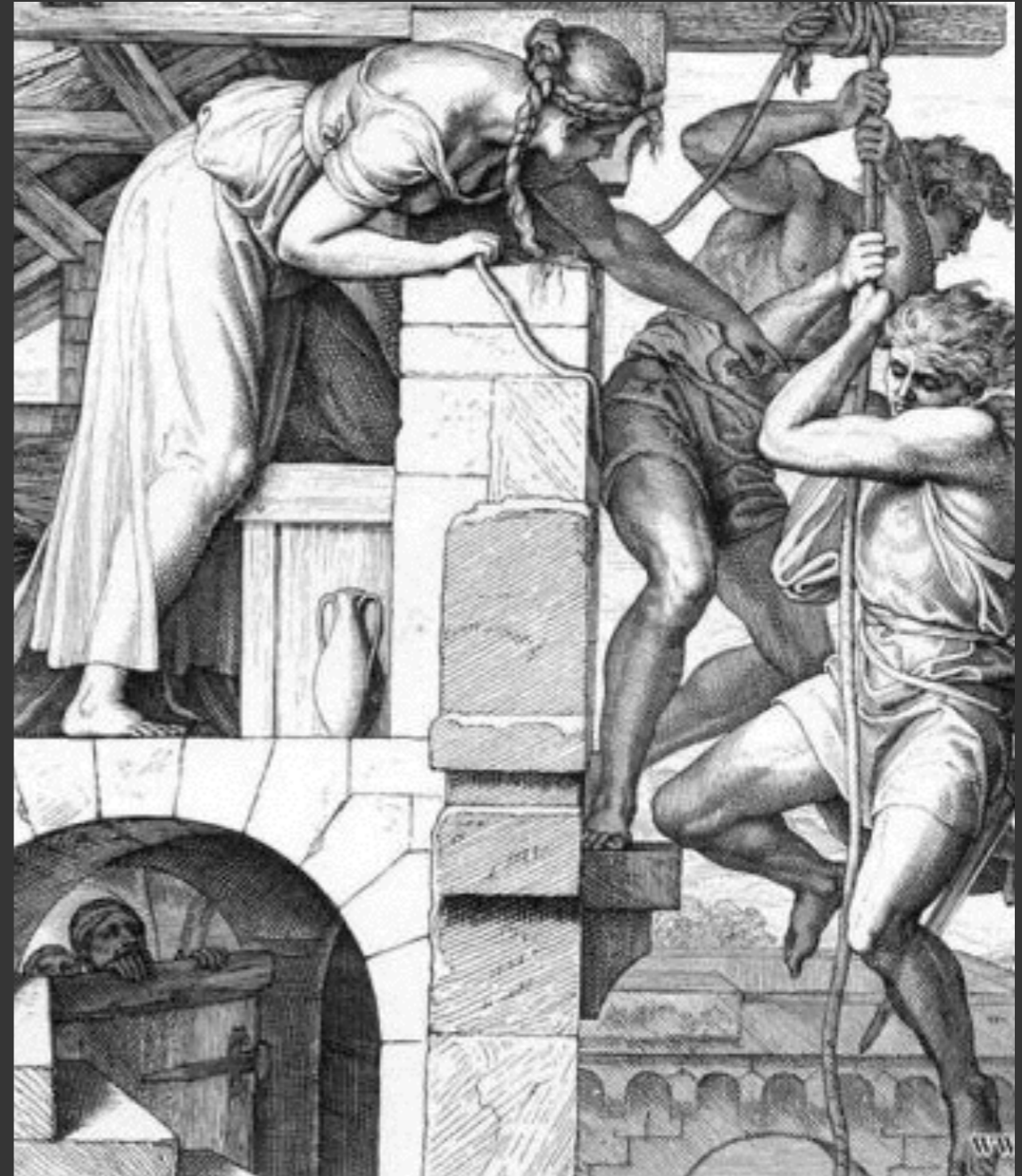
*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1*

*...we look not to the things that are seen but to the  
things that are unseen. 2 Corinthians 4:18*

# Rahab Hides the Spies

## Joshua 2

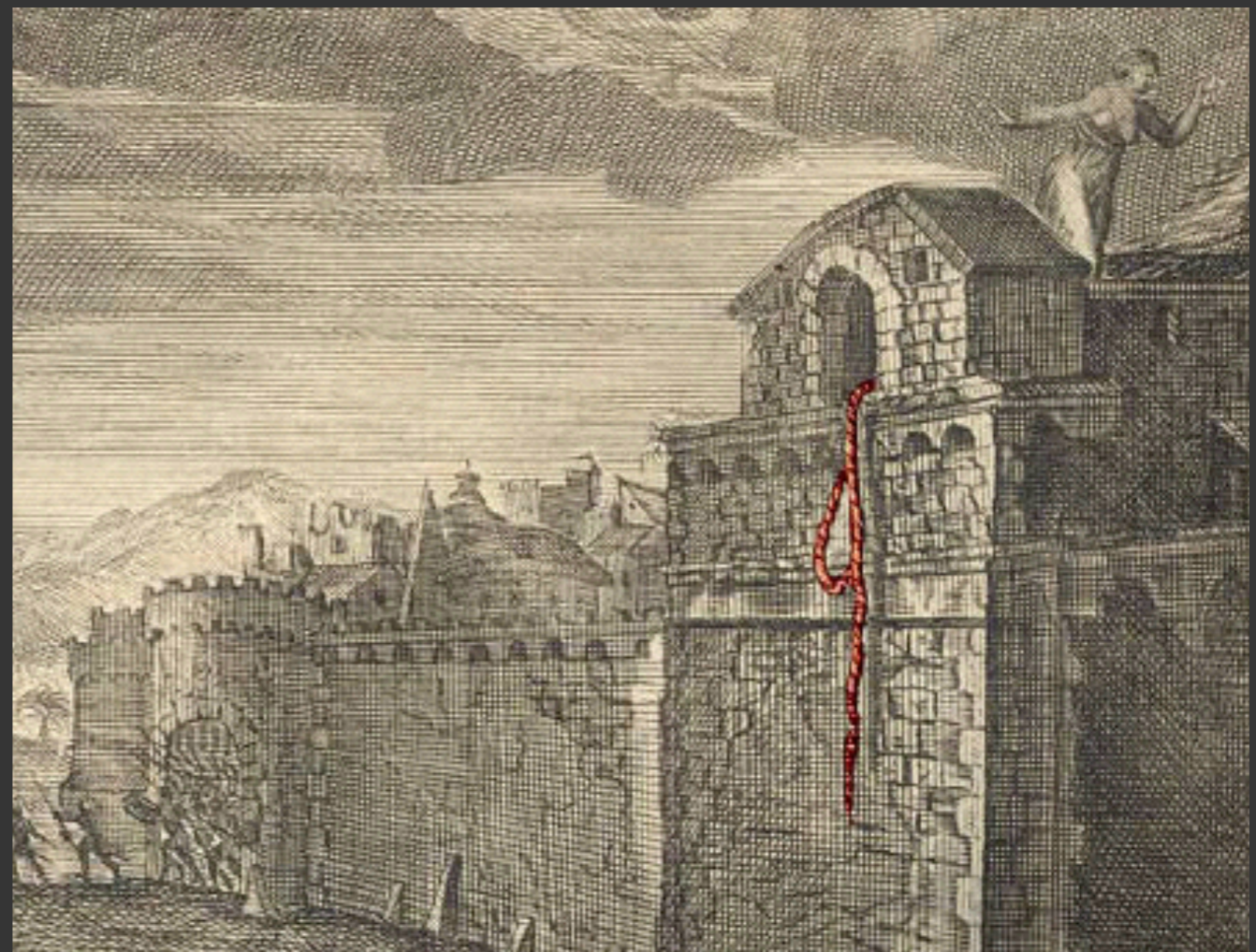
- Joshua sends spies into the land they are about to enter ... they will first encounter the walled city of Jericho.
  - Joshua and Caleb were spies 40 years earlier Numbers 13,14
- They lodge with a prostitute named Rahab.
- Rahab hides the spies and misdirects the king's men.
- Rahab knows the Exodus story and thus knows the power of God and understands Jericho's pending doom.
  - Purpose of the Exodus: *Proclaiming God's Name* Exodus 9:16
  - Rahab seeks deliverance!
  - Rahab, a Canaanite, has a deeper faith in God than the children of Israel who witnessed the events of the Exodus!



# Rahab is Saved

## Joshua 6

- The fall of Jericho 6:1-21
- Rehab and her family live (6:17), but the rest are devoted to destruction.
- Under Joshua's command, the spies bring out Rahab and her family (6:22-25).





# Rejection vs Faith

- Jesus rejected in His own hometown  
Luke 4:16-30
  - Elijah sent to widow in Sidon
  - Elisha heals Naaman the Syrian
  - *And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief. Matthew 13:58*
- The Faith of a Canaanite Woman
  - Matthew 15:21-28