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## A Biographical Study of Rahab

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# *Rahab*

## CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. Her assistance to Israel's spies—She was a converted harlot living in Jericho who protected the two Israelite spies from being killed by the king of Jericho (Josh. 2:1-7).
- II. Her assurance from the Israelite spies
  - A. She asked and received assurance from the two men that she and her entire family would be spared when the Israelite army defeated Jericho (Josh. 2:8-21).
  - B. Upon the defeat of the city, she and her loved ones were spared (Josh. 6:17, 23, 25).
  - C. She later married a man from the tribe of Judah named Salmon and bore him a son called Boaz (Matt. 1:5).
  - D. This made her the second mother-in-law to Ruth.
  - E. She would later become the great-great-grandmother of King David (Matt. 1:5-6).
  - F. Her name is mentioned in the genealogy leading to Christ himself (Matt. 1:1-16).

## THEOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. The New Testament refers to Rahab on two occasions, mentioning both the fact of her faith and the proof of her faith.
- II. The fact of her faith is found in Hebrews 11:31.
- III. The proof of her faith is found in James 2:25.

## STATISTICS

*Spouse:* Salmon (Matt. 1:5)

*Sons:* Boaz (Matt. 1:5)

*Significant descendant:* David (Matt. 1:5-6)

*First mention:* Joshua 2:1

*Final mention:* James 2:25

*Meaning of her name:* "Breadth"

*Frequency of her name:* Referred to eight times

*Biblical books mentioning her:* Four books (Joshua, Matthew, Hebrews, James)

*Occupation:* Former harlot (Josh. 2:1)

*Place of birth:* Jericho

*Important fact about her life:* She was Boaz's mother and the ex-harlot who saved the lives of two Israelite spies in Jericho (Matt. 1:5; Josh. 2:6)