

RAHAB THE MOTHER

This lesson will study six aspects of Rahab the Mother

1. Rahab the Harlot is a grace trophy of the gospel of Christ working on the foreign mission field (Josh. Ch.2 and Ch.6).

The salvation of Rahab reminds us of the importance of **2 Pet.3:9 and Rom.1:16**

(Acts 17:27) "That they should **seek** God, if perhaps they might **grope** for Him and **find** Him, though He is not far from each of them."

Rahab found while God living in a pagan polytheistic nation at war with Israel because of her Positive Volition at God-consciousness.

2. Rahab the Harlot was a successful entrepreneur of hotel, dye, and prostitution businesses.

She ran a secular prostitution business, not a temple prostitution service, as did Tamar in (Gen.38:21-22).

It is noteworthy that the word "Rahab" is a Hebrew slang term for our English term "broad".

She is a testimony to what God can save you **from** as well as save you **for** in life. Rahab is a testimony that God will save anyone who will believe the gospel of Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

She is a testimony that God's forgiveness subtracts as well as adds to one's life

- Subtracts: Judgment: The 13 Judicial charges of Adamic Sin (Eph.1:7) (2 Cor.5:16-17)
- Adds: Blessings: The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first.(Job 42:12)

3. As a result of salvation, Rahab found true liberty in the Plan of God (Gal.3:26-29; Rom.8:17).

Rahab the Harlot met and married one soldier out of 601,730 invading her city because of positive volition (PV) at God-consciousness and faith in the gospel of Christ (Num.26:51).

One of the two spies sent into Jericho was Salmon who married Rahab (Josh.2:1). Salmon was in the direct lineage to Christ. (Matt.1:5-6). Rahab was to Salmon - "like a lily among the thorns is my darling among the maidens." (SOS 2:2)

He had the same experience as Abraham's servant finding a mate for Isaac - "Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has directed." (Gen.24:51; 1 Cor.7:39)

God's plan is perfect and Rahab entered that perfect plan at moment of salvation. That perfect plan was designed in eternity past at the Eternal Life Conference (Eph.1:4; 1 Pet.1:20).

4. **As a result, Rahab the mother became one of five prominent mothers of the lineage of Jesus Christ (Matt.1:1-17)**

- Tamar
- Rahab
- Ruth
- Bathsheba
- Mary

Question:

- Who would have picked Rahab out of all the women of Jericho for Salmon?
- Who would have picked Rahab over all the women of Israel?
- Who would have picked her to be one of two woman of the bible to have their jersey retired?
- Who would have picked Rahab to be a mother in the lineage of the Son of God?
- Who would have picked Rahab to be recorded in the word of God that will last forever?

Answer:

- God chose Christ
- Rahab chose Christ
- She became chosen in the Plan of God (Isa.42:6-7; **Eph.1:4-7**; Col.3:12-14).

5. **Rahab is called the harlot everywhere except Matt.1:5, where she is called Rahab the mother.**

(Matt.1:5) “Salmon the father of Boaz, **whose mother was Rahab**, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse

(1Tim.2:15) “But women will be saved through childbearing--if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety

James gave Rahab top billing, along with Abraham for special recognition of the faith cycle

(James 2:21) “Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?”

(James 2:25) “ In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?”

Rahab learned that the Lord God is a personal God. **She learned** that God not only know all the names of the stars, but He knows the names of every child that belongs to Him (Ps.147:4; John 1:12) [Rahab].

She also learned that God will go to the ends of the earth to give gospel hearing to anyone with positive volition (PV) at God-consciousness (2 Pet.3:9; Acts 1:8).

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – GOD LOVES YOU!