

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

JOSHUA 2

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Joshua chapter two records the incredible story of Joshua sending two spies into the land to spy out what was before the people and to do reconnaissance, especially on the town called Jericho they could see plainly in front of them while camping on the plains of Moab. As the men went into the land undercover, they came to the house of a harlot named Rahab. The leader of Jericho was told that Rahab was harboring men from the people across the river and sent men to bring them to him for interrogation. The fascinating story is told of Rahab and her protection of the men of Israel. Before she finally helped them to escape certain death, she told them that the people of Jericho and the surrounding territory had heard about the LORD, the great God of the people of Israel and how He had fought for and defeated the great kings on the eastern side of the Jordan River and how paralyzing it was to the entire countryside. She expressed her faith in the God of Israel, as a gentile woman, who sold herself as a profession to men, that God would win the victory for them and that He was the true and living God. She made them promise that

they would spare she and her father's household for the kindness and faith she had expressed. They agreed and told her to express her belief in their victory by binding a **"line of scarlet cord in the window through which you will let us down."** (v.18). Rahab sent them away but did not delay in binding the "scarlet cord" in the window from which she had let down the spies to freedom and safety. The spies immediately made their way back to the camp of Israel and reported the incredible story of God's deliverance to their commander Joshua. Israel was now set to cross over the Jordan and begin to take the Land of Promise and their inheritance, for the God of creation and the God who would fulfill His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Prayer and Action Steps

Remember we are following the great story of God! The primary theme is the theme of "redemption." This is presented by way of a "crimson river" or a "scarlet thread" that runs throughout the Bible. God, please help me understand the great story of Redemption.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

