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)