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TITLE:

By Faith Israel and Rahab

TEXT:

Hebrews 11:29-31

By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

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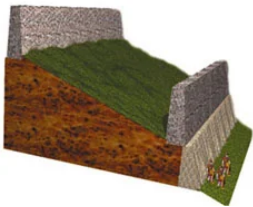
- Crossing the Red Sea and falling down the walls of Jericho are two impossible things that happened through faith.
- Rahab's salvation by faith.

BY FAITH ISRAEL PASSED THROUGH THE RED SEA

- Exodus 14
 - The LORD's instruction to Israelites (v. 1-4).
 - Pharaoh pursues the Israelites (v.5-9).
 - Fear of the people (v.10-12).
 - The salvation of the LORD (v.13-20).
 - Crossing the Red Sea (v.21-25).
 - Pharaoh's army was destroyed (v.26-31).
- Notice the purpose of this event: "I will be honoured" and "that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD" (v.4, 17-18).
 - Compare Romans 9:17.
 - Compare Joshua 2:9-11.
- Israel's faith is based on the word of the LORD.
- God allowed Israel to become trapped so that there was no natural way of escape.
- We are reminded that there nothing too hard for the LORD (Jer. 32:17).
- There is a judgment of the wicked.

BY FAITH THE WALLS OF JERICHO FELL DOWN

- The Walls of Jericho:



- Moses described the Canaanites' cities as "great and fenced up to heaven" (Deut. 9:1).
- Jericho has doubled wall
 - The retaining wall was 4 to 5 meters (12–15 feet) high.
 - On top of that was a mudbrick wall two meters (6 feet) thick and about 6 to 8 meters (20–26 feet) high.
 - The inner wall was four meters (12 feet) thick and about 6 to 8 meters (20–26 feet) high.
 - Therefore the top of the inner wall was about 5 stories above the ground level.
- Joshua 6
 - The siege of Jericho (v.1-7).
 - Israel follows Joshua's instructions (v.8-19).
 - The walls of Jericho fall (v.20-21).
- Israel obeyed their leaders.
- They had patience and faith.
- They trusted God for the impossible.
- They obeyed Him in every detail.

BY FAITH RAHAB PERISHED NOT

- Joshua 2
 - Joshua sent two spies (v.1-2).
 - Rehab hides the spies (v.3-7).
 - Rahab's faith in the LORD (v.8-11).
 - Covenant between Rehab and the spies (v.12-14).
- Joshua 6
 - Rahab's household was saved (v.22-23).
- Rehab was saved by faith based upon the word that she had heard about Jehovah God.
- She is an example of a Gentile who was saved in the time of the law of Moses.
- She joined herself with the people of God.
- She became a great-great-grandmother of Jesus (Mat. 1:5).
- Canaanites perished because they believed not in Jehovah God.