



Introduction

The first city they came to after crossing the river Jordan was Jericho.



Questions

1. What events did Rahab say convinced her that God was with the Israelites?
2. How did the spies escape from Jericho?
3. What did the two spies tell Joshua when they returned?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 7** Joshua sends two spies to Jericho and Rahab (see theme), a prostitute, hides them. She deceives the king's messengers
- **v 8 to 13** In return Rahab asks the spies for protection for all her family
- **v 14 to 21** The spies give her instructions on what to do when they come into the land to take it. She then sends them away
- **v 22 to 24** The spies hide for three days and then return to Joshua and report back

Timeline 1400 BC (see below)



Theme

Bible characters - Rahab

Rahab lived in Jericho at the time when Israel were entering the promised land after 40 years wandering in the wilderness.

The spies sent by Joshua into the promised land went to Rahab's house:

Joshua 2 verse 1

Rahab had heard what the LORD had done in the past. This knowledge prompted her to shelter the spies and appeal for the life of herself and her family:

Joshua 2 verses 9 - 13

When Jericho was conquered Joshua gave clear instructions that all in Rahab's house should be spared destruction. These instructions were carried out:

Joshua 6 verse 17 and 23

Rahab is named by the writer to the Hebrews as one of those who demonstrated their faith in God's promises:

Hebrews 11 verse 31

James confirms that her faith led to action:

James 2 verse 25

Rahab married an Israelite and became an ancestress of Jesus:

Matthew 1 verse 1 and 5



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 10, Q 2: v 15, Q 3: v 24

Bible timeline

