

THE CROWN “RAHAB”

TALKING ABOUT THE FAMILY LINE OF JESUS!

TRUE JEWISH GENEALOGY: Should have followed Just the men.
Matthew was Speaking to a Jewish audience

- Jesus needed to be tied to Abraham and David for any credibility.
- Messiah had been Promised from the line of David.

BUT LOOK AT ALL THE EXTRA INFO!

The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

Matthew 1:1-6 This is the genealogy[a] of Jesus the Messiah[b] the son of David, the son of Abraham:

2 Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob, (not called Israel)

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, (Not Joseph, Judah, ring leader...Leah)

3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, (Incest & tricks)

Perez the father of Hezron,

Hezron the father of Ram,

4 Ram the father of Amminadab,

Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, (a prostitute)

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, (Nobel...has a book of the bible)

Obed the father of Jesse,

6 and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, (Bathsheeba)

42 GENERATIONS FROM ABRAHAM TO JESUS!

-We are looking at the first 15!

ALL OF THE UNDERLINED PARTS DIDN'T NEED TO BE IN THERE!

Jesus didn't just come FOR sin....he came FROM sin, though he never sinned!

RAHAB

She was a Canaanite (not even Jewish) THE ENEMY!

A little history, Israel is finally a nation.....

-right out of slavery.....right out of Egypt RED SEA....wandered 40 years in the wilderness.....NOW READY TO GET THEIR LAND!

-estimated 1 to 3 million Israelites are crossing the Jordan heading home to their promised land!

-The land that the Canaanites inhabited was the land God had given to Abraham for his descendants.....all of the people of Israel.

-And they didn't really want to move!

On their path, Jericho was in the way.....

This was going to be the first major battle to take their promised land from the Canaanites.

Deuteronomy 9:1 Hear, Israel: You are now about to cross the Jordan to go in and dispossess nations greater and stronger than you, with large cities that have walls up to the sky.

THEY WERE ON A MISSION AND JERICHO WAS IN THE WAY!

-One of the most fortified cities in that era!

-If they could take down Jericho, they could take down anyone!

So Joshua sent 2 spies out to check it out!

Joshua 2:1-15 Rahab and the Spies

1 Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. (strategic place to live for business)

2 The king of Jericho was told, "Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight

to spy out the land.” 3 So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.”

4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. 5 At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” 6 But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof. 7 So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

8 Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof 9 and said to them, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. 10 We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea[a] for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.[b] 11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

12 “Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign 13 that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.”

14 “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land.”

15 So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall.

INTERESTING: for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

The power of The One True God was being made known!

-The reason God showed his delivering power so strongly through the people of Israel was TO SHOW THAT HE WAS GOD!!!!

-Most battles were demonstrating God’s power to the Israelites and ALL OTHER NATIONS!

-God knew very well that they needed reminding that HE is giving them the victory! HE WAS GIVING THEM THE LAND HE PROMISED!

Deuteronomy 9:3-6 But be assured today that the Lord your God is the one who goes across ahead of you like a devouring fire. He will destroy them; he will subdue them before you. And you will drive them out and annihilate them quickly, as the Lord has promised you.

4 After the Lord your God has driven them out before you, do not say to yourself, “The Lord has brought me here to take possession of this land because of my righteousness.” No, it is on account of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is going to drive them out before you.

5 It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the Lord your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **6** Understand, then, that it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiff-necked people.

-HE REMINDS THEM OF THE GOLDEN CALF!

NOW GOD WAS GOING TO GIVE THEM JERICHO!

Back to the 2 spies!

Joshua 2:23-24 Then the two men started back. They went down out of the hills, forded the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them. **24** They said to Joshua, “The Lord has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us.”

So Joshua calls all his Generals into the War Room!

EVERYONE IN JERICHO IS MELTING IN FEAR

HERE IS THE PLAN.....we are gonna walk!

-once a day for 6 days.....**7** on the 7th with trumpets & we will shout the last time!

Joshua 6:1-4 Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

2 Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. **3** March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. **4** Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. **5** When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

Out of this ENTIRE CITY.....-God spares one family

Rahab is a picture of god's mercy

Outsider, enemy, and should be killed because of her being a prostitute.

The LAW of Moses said she should be killed!

-Remember Judah and Tamar from last week!

Joshua 6:25 But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day.

YEP.....wanna know why? She married one of the spies!

Rahab actually falls in love with Salamon. Has a son named Boaz

Boaz meets Ruth.....and their great grandson is King David

REHAB IS THE GREAT GREAT GRANDMA OF KING DAVID!!!!

THIS STORY ILLUSTRATES THE STORY OF JESUS!

-IT RUBS ALL OF THE LAW THE WRONG WAY!

According to the Law of Moses.....she is an outsider and should be killed because of her being a prostitute.

God offers GRACE ABOVE HIS LAW!

-THE LAW SAYS WE ALL DESERVE DEATH!

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RAHAB HAD A LABEL.....mentioned 3 times in the NT!

-ONCE IN THE LINEAGE OF JESUS

Rahab is mentioned in the "hall of faith"

Hebrews 11:30-31 By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

31 By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.[

Rahab's actions are also mentioned in James 2:25–26 as an example of true, living faith.....

James 2:25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?

RAHAB HAD A LABEL.....why does Matthew even bring her up?

MATTHEW HAD A LABEL.....He was a tax collector!

Maybe that is why he didn't call Jacob by his new name....Israel

GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU WHAT YOU CAN'T DO FOR YOURSELF!

Before Matthew even gets to the JESUS part of the story.....he shows clearly the heart of God! The grace of God!

AND THIS IS ALL THE LINE OF CHRIST!

Jesus didn't just come FOR sin....he came FROM sin, though he never sinned

THE ULTIMATE MESSAGE OF GRACE IS WEAVED INTO THE ENTIRE CHRISTMAS STORY!

EPH 2:4-9 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

GRACE.....UNDESERVED FAVOR.....WEAVED INTO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

RESPONSE:

- 1) You feel discredited because of your past!
- 2) Need a miracle! (Jericho)
- 3) You want to accept that Grace today!