

THE Story

Lesson 14 Chapter 7 The Battle Begins p.89-94

1. On page 89 to the top of page 90, what promises did God make to Joshua?

What conditions of success was he given?

How could Joshua be "strong and courageous" in such intimidating circumstances?

2. On pages 90-91 we read the story of Rahab the prostitute.

How does this story justify the statement in Hebrews 11:31

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

Observe how Rahab's faith kindled the faith of the spies. What stimulus does this give us in the life of faith?

What parallel is suggested to you by the house protected by the scarlet thread?

Reflect on these words found in Matthew 1:5-6

⁵ *Salmon the father of Boaz, **whose mother was Rahab**,
Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and
Jesse the father of King David.*

Salmon may have been one of the spies. What truths does Rahab illustrate concerning God's ways of dealing with men and women?

3. The note at the bottom of page 91 and the top of page 92 summarizes the story of the people crossing the Jordan River on dry land. In Joshua 3:15-16 we read,

¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

Some scholars believe that the city of Adam was located as much as 30 miles back up the Jordan. Why do you think God backed up the Jordan River that far?

4. Pages 92-93 provide us with the amazing story when "Joshua fit the battle of Jericho and the walls came a tumbling down." It was truly a spectacle of sight and sound! In what ways was their victory a picture of the importance of obedience and perseverance?

In what ways was their victory to be a sobering reminder of God's words a few weeks earlier as recorded in Deuteronomy 9:4-5

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.... to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

5. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....

sins to avoid &

examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim &

His character to embrace