





**THE RED ROPE
OF HOPE!**

The Bible is first and foremost a book of redemption. It is not merely a book of history, science or anthropology. It is a book of salvation and deliverance for all of lost mankind.



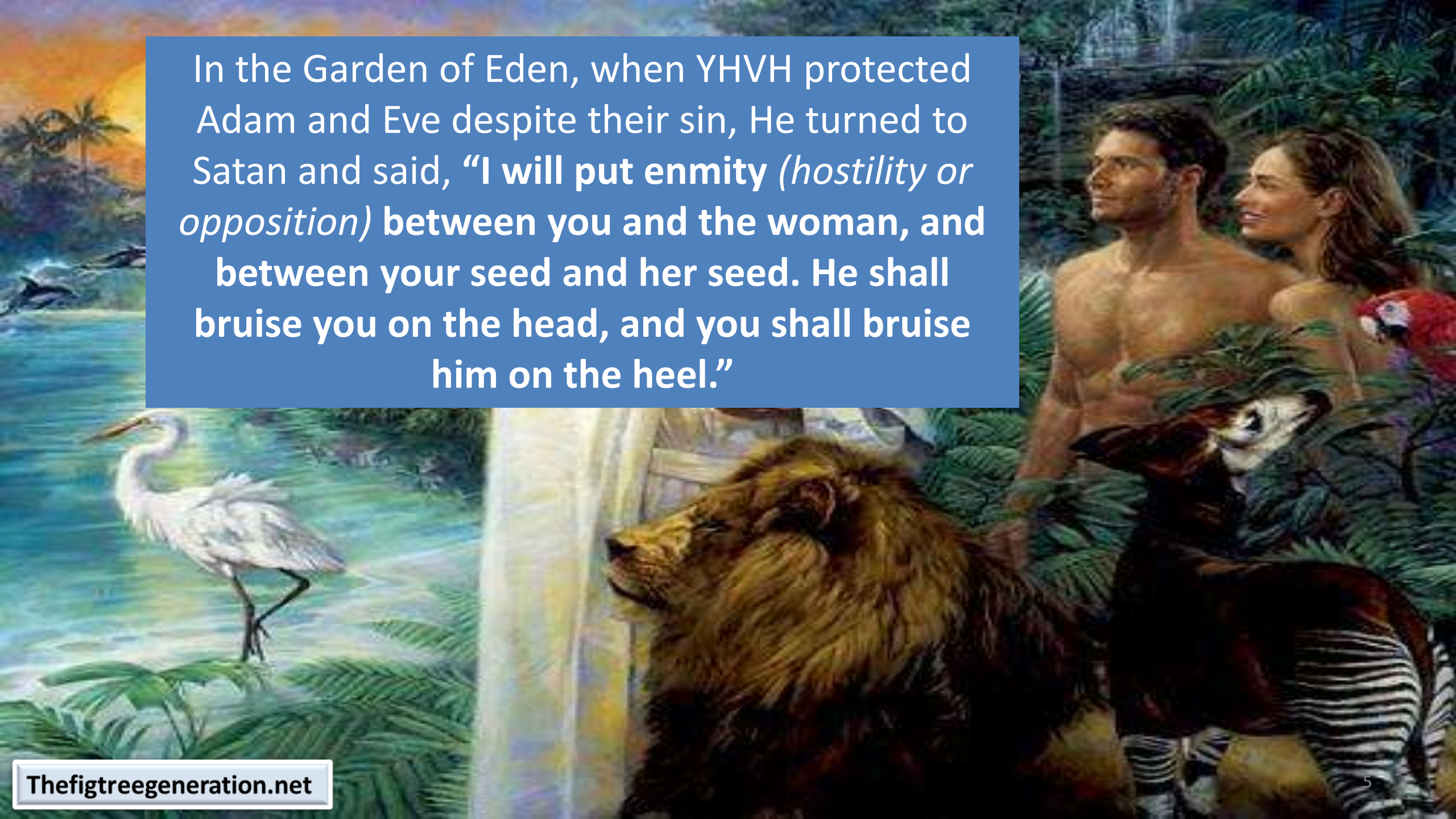
We have to pick up the hope of redemption that YHVH Elohim offers us.

We have to pursue it and hang on to it **no matter what others around us are doing and no matter what they are saying to us.**

When you look at the workings of YHVH in Scripture you will see a **“red rope of hope”** everywhere. You will see Yahuah preserving the Godly during the most difficult of circumstances down through all of history.



Here are some examples



In the Garden of Eden, when YHVH protected Adam and Eve despite their sin, He turned to Satan and said, “I will put enmity (*hostility or opposition*) between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”

When Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden and had two sons, they named them Cain and Abel. In jealousy and insane fury, the older brother killed the younger brother, leaving no “clean seed” from Eve.



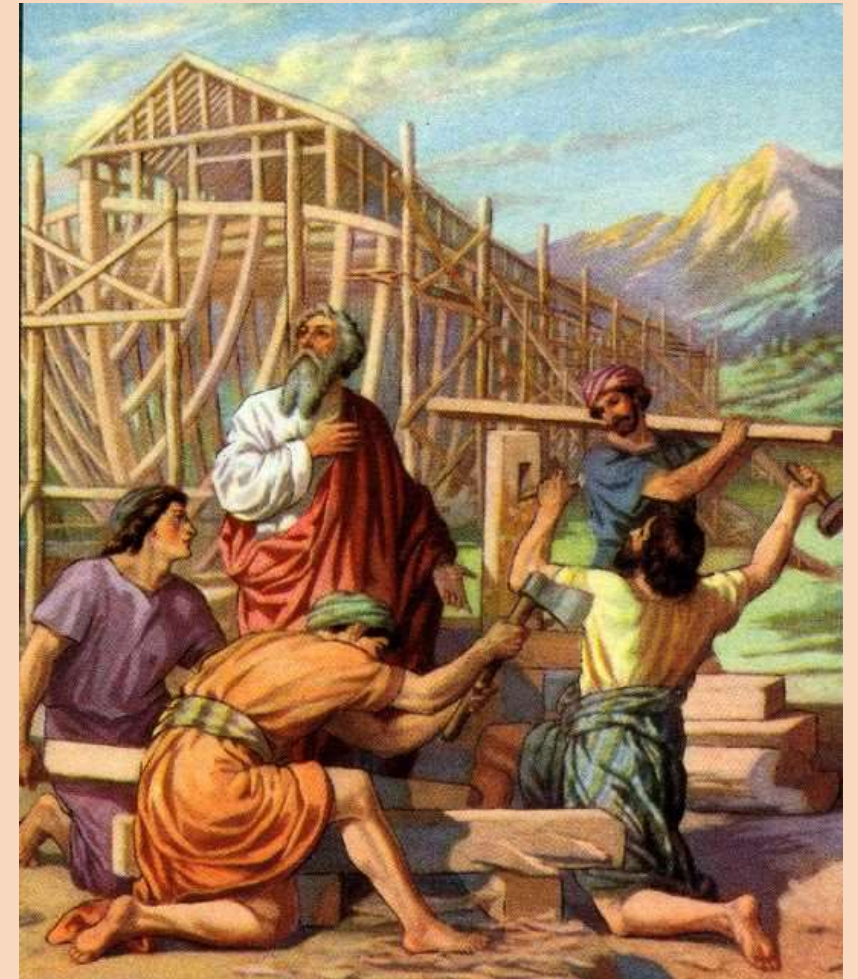
But the seed, the promise of Elohim, the **“red rope of hope”** would not be denied.

Yahuah gave Eve another son, named Seth. Seth was a man of faith, as much as Cain was a man of the world.



When the children of Seth, the godly seed, intermarried with the children of Cain, the people of the world, the result was a fallen condition on mankind that filled the earth with violence.

Finally, Yahuah (*Elohim*) says, “enough is enough” and 120 years later he destroys the Earth with water; but not before he extends favor to Noah (Gen. 5:8). (*Noah was a direct descendent of Seth*). In order to preserve the righteous seed, Yahuah (*Elohim*) directs Noah to build an ark; into that ark of safety, salvation and hope, Noah brought his family.



The ark, the representative of Yahuah’s love and mercy, the promise of HIS deliverance and salvation, became the “red rope of hope.”

After the passing of the awful judgment of the flood, the Earth once again begins its story of redemption, through the life of Noah and his three sons. Again mankind degenerates into gross sin and again Elohim must act. **He does so by scattering mankind across the face of the earth and in doing so protects the godly seed that was among them from destruction.**



Out of all these scattered nations that came forth from Noah and his sons we see YHVH call Abraham forth from the nation of the Chaldeans. In obedience to this call Abraham goes out from his home and his family and eventually, through the promise of Elohim has a son named Isaac.

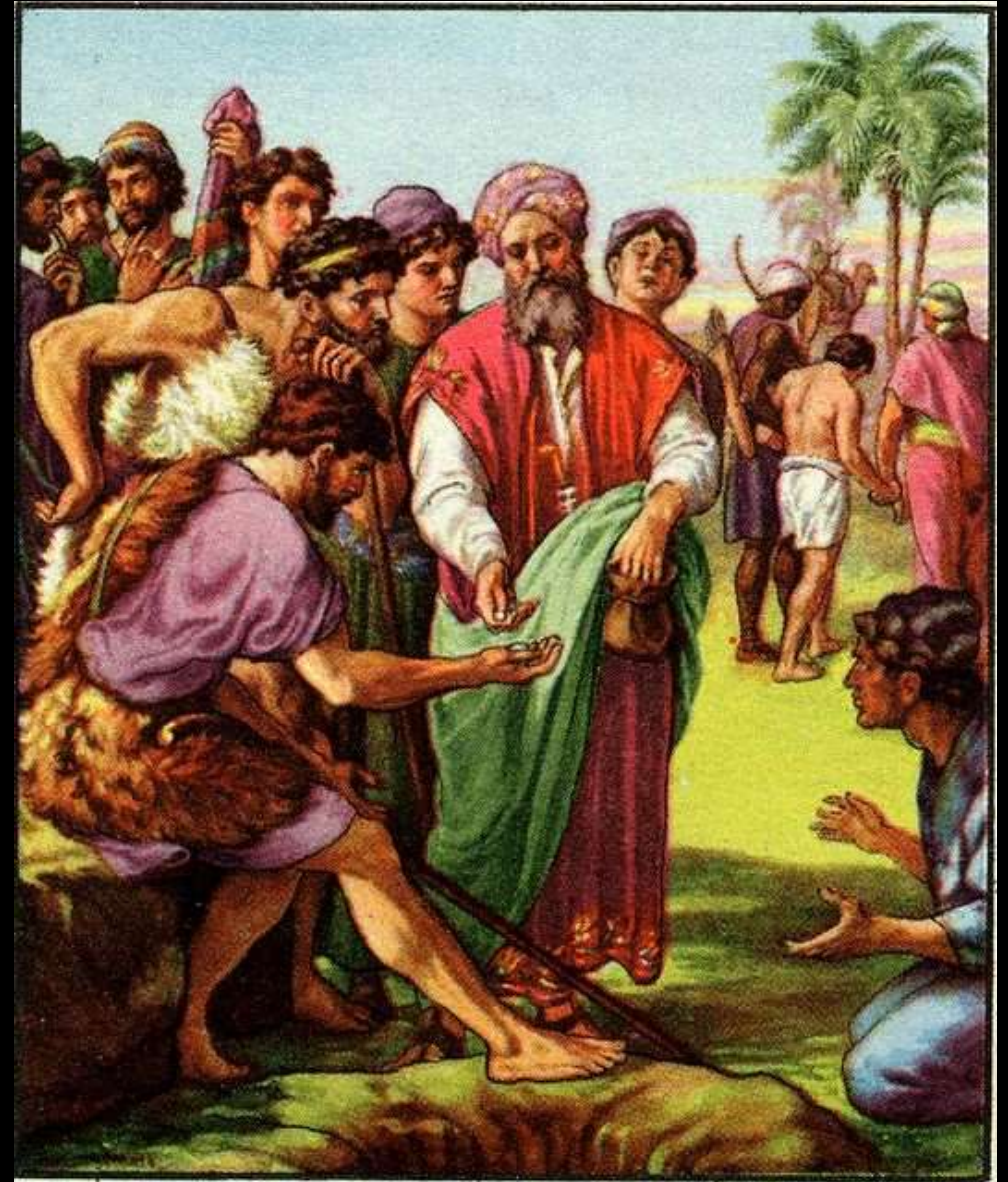
Sarah had even laughed when Yahuah told her they would have a son. She said, “Will my lord give me pleasure at this age?”



Isaac is the son of promise. Abraham and Sarah had to hang on to the promise of YHVH, **the red rope of hope**, in order to see it come to pass. They had His promise that the barrenness of their lives would not last forever. They hoped in Elohim and His word to them that they would have a son.



Eventually, through Isaac and then Jacob, we see the twelve tribes of Israel come forth. Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt and eventually his entire family came to Egypt. They later became the nation of Israel.



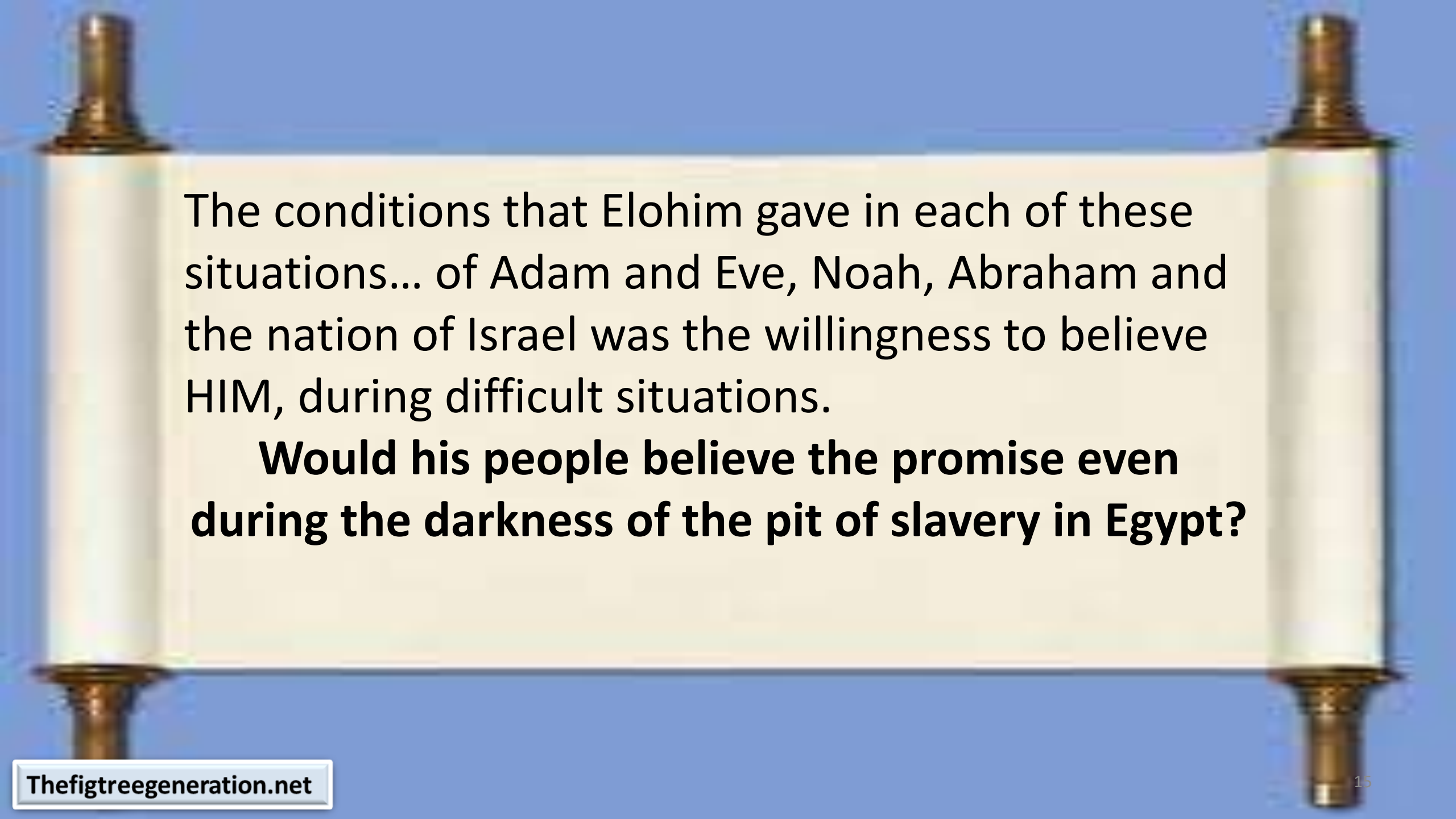
The nation of Israel also became enslaved in Egypt, just as Yahuah had told Abraham. They were in captivity and living in a hard place but had the promise of freedom that had been passed down to them, by oral traditions, from Abraham. They had a **“red rope of hope”** to hang on to.”

Abraham was told by Elohim that the people that would come forth from him would be taken into slavery but would later come forth into freedom, carrying many possessions (Gen. 15). They had a promise that they would be brought out of slavery, **it would not last forever.**

YHVH is saying the same thing to you today. You have been given promises from Him that you have not seen come to pass and He is saying to you today, “**don’t give up upon my promises.**” Hang on to that “**red rope of hope.**” Trust in the blood of My son. Believe me that His blood is strong enough to do what I have promised you it would do.”



There is power in the blood!

A scroll with text on a blue background. The scroll is unrolled and held by two golden rods. The text is written in black on a light yellowish parchment.

The conditions that Elohim gave in each of these situations... of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and the nation of Israel was the willingness to believe HIM, during difficult situations.

Would his people believe the promise even during the darkness of the pit of slavery in Egypt?

When Sarah and Abraham looked at their physical bodies and saw no “hope” of a child because they were well past their childbearing years, they needed to hang on to that **“red rope of hope”**, the redemption of Yahuah in their physical bodies if they were to see the promise come forth.



Let's look now at another situation that required the redemption and the salvation of Elohim, **“the red rope of hope”** in a woman's life.



**THE RED ROPE
OF RAHAB!**



Did you know that in the great honor roll of saints in Hebrews 11, **only two women** are mentioned? One is Sarah, who was a woman of great faith, and the other is RAHAB, the prostitute of Jericho.



*Let's read it in
Hebrews 11:11*
“Through faith also
Sara herself
received strength to
conceive seed and
was delivered of a
child when she was
past age, because
she judged him
faithful who had
promised.”

*Then we go to
Hebrews 11:31*
“By faith the
harlot
Rahab
perished not
with them
that
believed
not, when
she had
received the
spies with
peace.”



Those two women had nothing in common, did they? Rahab was an ungodly Heathen who had worshiped pagan Elohims. She sold her body for money. From a human point of view, these two ladies have nothing in common. But YHVH looking down from heaven, put them both on the honor roll because He saw that both Sarah and Rahab shared the most vital thing in life: they both had saving faith in HIM. That means both believed and acted on that belief as soon as truth was revealed to them.

Truth is still being revealed!

Is truth still being revealed or do we have all the truth?





Joshua 2:1, “And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot’s house, named **Rahab**, and lodged there.”

To have the name Rahab says that this woman is fully immersed in the world's system, the ways of Egypt, which are an abomination to Yahuah. And yet the word says these two spies came to her and lodged in her inn and ate at her café. She was a sinner, yet Elohim came to her. Doubtless she was an innkeeper and her establishment obviously was a café as well as an inn, but **she was a whore,** nonetheless.



That's an interesting account. Those two spies swam across the flooded Jordan River and they entered the house of this prostitute. Jericho was a fortified city enclosed with towering double walls about 15 feet apart. It was one of the strongest fortresses in the whole land. Deuteronomy 9:1 says, **“those wicked cities were fenced UP TO HEAVEN.”**

Notice that Yahuah directed the two innocent young men (*the two spies*) right to the house of a Prostitute! They entered Jericho and YHVH led them to Rahab's bed and breakfast.

Can we understand that? Elohim's ways are very strange at times but they are the only ones that lead to our safety. HE sees things that we don't see, He looks at the heart.

That's why Yahuah said to the Scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 21:31-32, "That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of Elohim before you. 32. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen [it], repented not afterward, that ye might believe him."

The publicans and harlots when they heard the message, they did what?

They believed & repented!

The publicans and harlots were ignorant, but the Scribes and Pharisees knew the way of truth. **Yet they refused to walk in the path which leads to Paradise.**



Their own stubborn hearts were the obstacles to their receiving the truth. They resisted the conviction of the Spirit of YHVH refusing obedience to HIS Torah.

Had those two young spies gone to any other house in Jericho than to that of the prostitute they would have been reported and killed. That shows us that Yahuah can direct us to the one who will not betray or harm us. (*Jeremiah 36:19*)

If you are seeking a husband or a wife, HE can direct you to a husband or wife that won't hurt or betray you.

If you're seeking a job, YHVH can direct you to a job that will be best for you where you can keep the weekly and even the yearly Sabbaths, and you can raise your family, and not have to be around swear words.

If Yahuah is our leader, if we are 100% committed to HIM, we are safe as He can arrange and change things to our advantage!



John 10:28-29 “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand. 29. My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand.””

In Joshua 2:2 we are being the following information given:



“And it was told the king of Jericho saying. Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.”

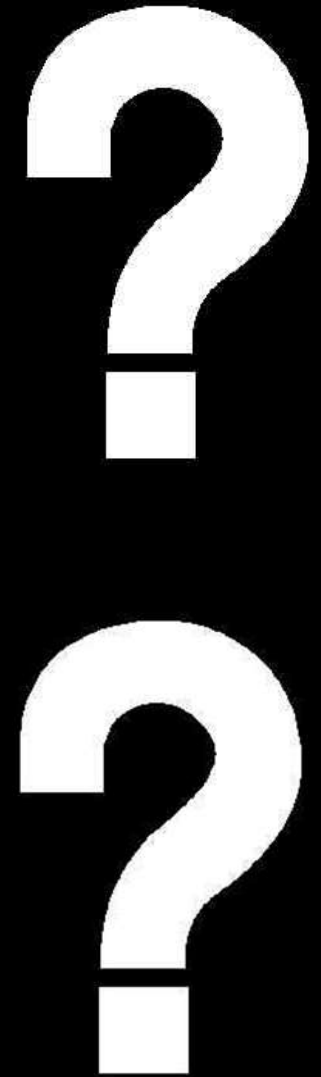
You can't keep things secret very long. News spreads very fast. The disguise of the spies never is adequate. These two spies were on a vital reconnaissance mission. They had been sent by Joshua to determine if they could take Jericho. It was secret, because if their report was bad they did not want another Kedish Barnea. Joshua didn't want to spend another 40 years wandering in the wilderness. No sooner than they got inside the walls these two spies were discovered. Now their lives were in jeopardy.
Joshua's whole plan might be foiled.

Jericho was in an uproar before the two spies arrived. The city was just 5 miles from where 3 or 4 million people were camped. At night the inhabitants of Jericho could see that glow from the fiery pillar of Elohim that camped over the Israelites. They felt doomed. Any spies that came into the city would be executed immediately.

Now look at verse 3, “And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.”

How did they know?

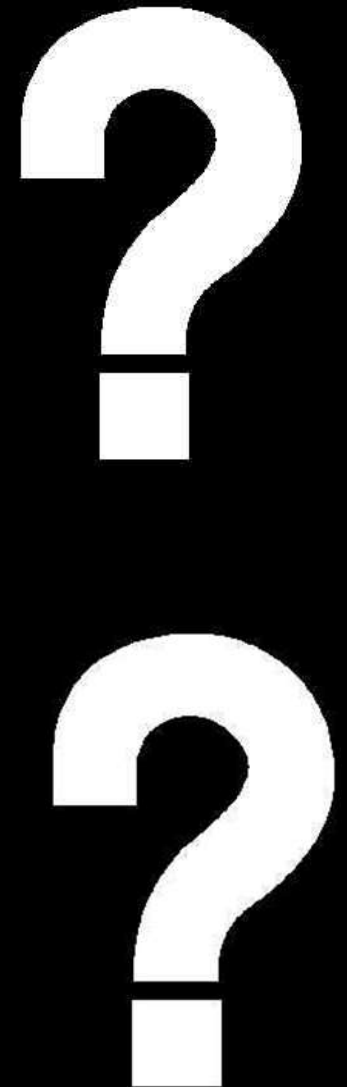
Now, if Joshua represents Yahuah who does the king of Jericho represents? He probably represents Satan! The devil's spies are spying on Yahuah spies. It is so today in the great controversy. Intelligence is critical to both defense and attack.





**Observe
Rahab's
wisdom here.
She did not
want to turn
over these two
godly men
because she
herself was a
believer in the
true Elohim.**

How had she become a believer?
The spies didn't even have a chance
to talk with her.
They came in and they had to go in
hiding.
You know how she became a
believer?



Every day, travelers staying at her bed and breakfast carried the news of area events. She had heard of the daily manna coming down from heaven.

She knew of the crossing of the Red Sea. She knew of the great deliverance from Egypt. She knew all about that.

She must have pondered those things in her heart and she believed in the Elohim of Israel.



**Yahuah said, “Blessed are those
that have not seen and yet
believe!”**

Rahab was a woman of great faith.

In fact, she showed a lot more
faith in the Elohim of Abraham,
Jacob and Isaac than eight of the
ten spies who had come there 40
years before.



You remember Caleb and Joshua were the only one that had faith. We all have heard people say that we are saved just by believing. That is true if you have the correct understanding of the word Believe. Rahab's faith produced the fruit of action.

It wasn't just some superficial or dead belief. She risked her life for what she believed in. We must admire somebody like that.

Until you risk something, your faith is not active.



**Still returning the Tithe, even though the figures don't
add up.**

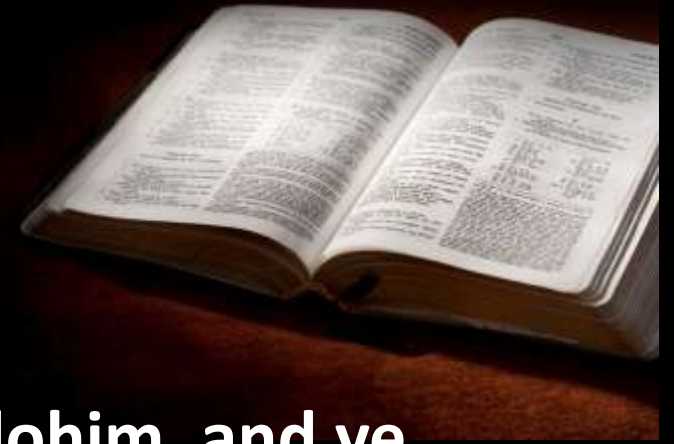
**Putting your children in a school were Yahusha is first in
everything even though it takes sacrifices to do so.**

Stand up for Yahusha at your work.

Risk your job, if necessary, to put Yahusha first.

**If you place YHVH first, venture for HIM, keep the 7th day
Sabbath as well as the yearly appointed times, he will
not let you down.**

Exodus 19:5 “if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people...”



Jeremiah 7:23 “Obey my voice, and I will be your Elohim, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.”

Exodus 15:26 “If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of YHVH thy Elohim, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians....”

A landscape photograph featuring a vibrant rainbow arching across a hazy sky. Below the rainbow is a rocky, reddish-brown hillside with sparse, dark green vegetation. The overall scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunrise or sunset.

**CAN WE
TRUST HIS
PROMISES?**

**Job did as we read
in chapter 13:15,**

**“Though he slay
me, yet will I
trust in him.”**



ELIPHAZ THE TEMANITE.—Job 13: 1.

Rahab's knowledge of the truth was meager, but she had the courage to act on what little she knew. YHVH rewarded her. Rahab had repented of the sins of her youth. She was a changed woman. I believe she stopped being a prostitute before the spies ever got there. I believe, she stopped dressing like a prostitute. She turned from her idolatry. She started worshipping the true Elohim. Even though she didn't know much about it. Many great workers for YHVH have come from the depths of sin.



JAMES 2:25 (NIV) states that Rahab was considered righteous by YHVH Himself.



"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?" *Here we see Faith in action!*

Hebrews 11:31 states how Rahab was saved or considered righteous,: **"BY FAITH the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace."**



Rahab's faith produced fruit. Her fruit proved her faith. A so-called faith without works is not faith, it's a deception, it's a counterfeit. It's presumption.


Rahab was under the same death decree as the other citizens of Jericho.

They were all going to die, they were all going to be killed when the walls came tumbling down.

They were all condemned to die. Rahab did not deserve to be saved.

Neither do we. YHVH saves those who truly believe in Him and act accordingly. He showed her His great mercy (*Ephesians 2:1-10*).

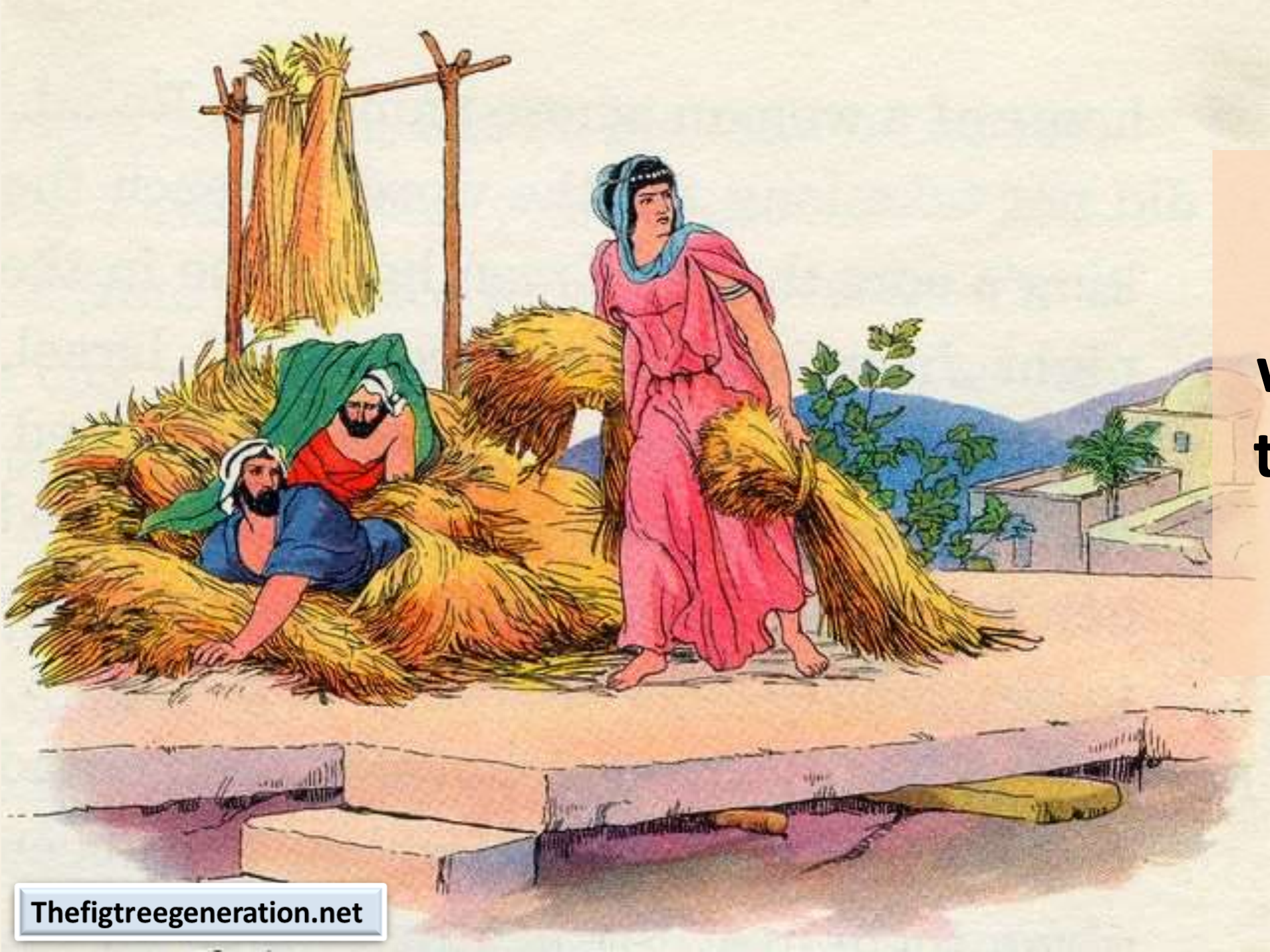
He will do the same for each one of us because He is no respecter of person!



Yahuah has no favoritism or partiality, and Scripture teaches us that we should not either.

“If ye fulfill the royal law (*Greek - Nomos = Hebrew - Torah*) according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well. But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law (*Greek Nomos = Hebrew Torah*) as transgressors.” (*James 2:8-9*)

“But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin.” (*New Living Translation*)



**Joshua 2:4,
"And the
woman took
the two men
and hid
them."**



Think about that for a minute: These two spies now trusted a former prostitute for their life's.

Continuing in verse 4-7 She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, the men left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them."

She lied! Was her lie, okay? No. It was not. Scripture states further in Verse 6 of Joshua 2:



“But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.” Joshua 2:6

Then we read in verse 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.”

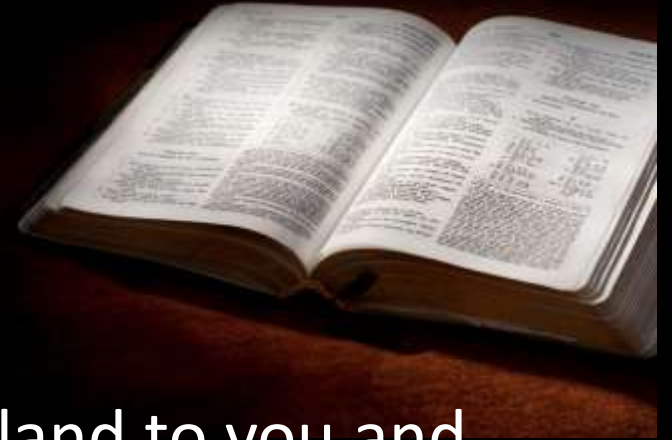
Rahab LIED! Is it okay to lie if your motive is good? She did! Maybe she figured that the people of Jericho were to be utterly destroyed in a short time anyway and if mercy was not owed to them, neither was truth. Was her lie okay? No. We may be expecting too much from a new believer.

If seasoned Abraham lied about his wife,
and said, **"This is my sister."**

If Isaac resorted to deceit, we had better go
slow with zealous Rahab.

Our loving Heavenly Father accepted her
faith and pardoned her imperfection. Let's
remember that spiritual maturity is not
instantaneous.

Verses 8-11 of Joshua chapter 2,
“Before the spies lay down for the night,
she went upon the roof 9.



And said to them, "I know that YHVH has given this land to you 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 YHVH dried up the water of the Red Sea 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. 11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for YHVH Elohim is Elohim in heaven above and on the earth below.”

Verses 12 and 13:

“Now then, please swear to me by YHVH that you will show kindness to my family,



because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers & sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death.”

Rahab never mentions her husband or children. She may have been a successful single woman. She was concerned with the salvation of her parents, siblings, nieces and nephews.

So, in verse 14, they say, **“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 YHV gives us the land.”**



They knew that YHVH would give them the victory. Our part is to yield our life to HIM, and He will fight our battles for us. No human hand even touched those walls, and they came tumbling down. Yahuah gave the children of Israel the victory at Jericho.

Rahab honestly believed that imminent destruction was at hand. The last days had come upon the whole land. Like Noah, Rahab prepared for the coming catastrophe. And today if we truly believe that the end is here we will lay hold on Yahusha our Savior and make plans to be rescued when the walls of this Old World come tumbling down. We need to be making plans for our rescue for that time. Can we all agree?

How do we do that?



22 But I know, that even now, whatever thou wilt ask of God, God will give thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, she fell at his feet, and saying unto him, My Lord, my Lord, when I saw thee weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with thee, I cried in the spirit, and I was trodden.

33 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto her, Lord, come and see.

34 Jesus wept.

35 Then said the Jews, He hold how he loved him!

36 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have also made this man alive, that he should not have died?

37 Jesus therefore wept again, saying, I know he shall live again.

38 And when he had so said, he cried with a loud voice, Take ye away the stone.

39 And the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, when I saw thee, I thought that thou hadst been dead four days.

40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

41 Then they took away the stone

from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee for this: for I know that thou hast heard me. And he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, arise. And he that was dead came forth, and he that was dead came forth, and he that was dead came forth.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, arise.

44 And he that was dead came forth, and he that was dead came forth, and he that was dead came forth.

45 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, arise.

46 But some of them that were there said unto the Pharisees, and told them what Jesus had done.

47 And the chief priests and the Pharisees said, We will kill him, because he doeth such signs.

48 And one of them, named Caiaphas, the high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation.

49 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

50 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

51 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.

52 And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.

53 And the Jews sought they for Jesus, and said, He will not come to the passover, lest he should come to the feast.

54 And the chief priests and



**If we want to claim
The promises,
We need to know
What they are!**

the Pharisees had given a commandment, that no man should show forth his sign, lest he should be blasphemed.

12 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

13 There took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

14 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, which was his betrayer, why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

15 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

16 Then said Jesus, Let him alone; against the day of my burying hath he kept this: for he cared for the poor; and because he was a thief, he kept it, lest he should lose it.

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20 And the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death:

21 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

22 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

23 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

24 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon: as it is written,

25 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

26 These things understood not his

disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written in the law, and that they had done these things unto him.

27 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.

28 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

29 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

30 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast.

31 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

32 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew; and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

33 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

34 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

35 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

36 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

37 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

38 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

39 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

40 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

41 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

42 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

43 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

44 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou that the Son of man should be glorified? whom thou sayest should die? what dost thou say that he should be glorified?

Verse 15, Then she let them down by a cord through the window, for her house was on the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.” So, these spies escaped down on that rope, the rope of Rahab.



Rahab may have made that rope. The large pile of flax up on top of her motel indicates that she was also running an industry. Flax was dried in the hot sun on the rooftop and then made into very strong rope or cord. Maybe all her rope were red as her trademark, we don't know.

Verse 16, “And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.”

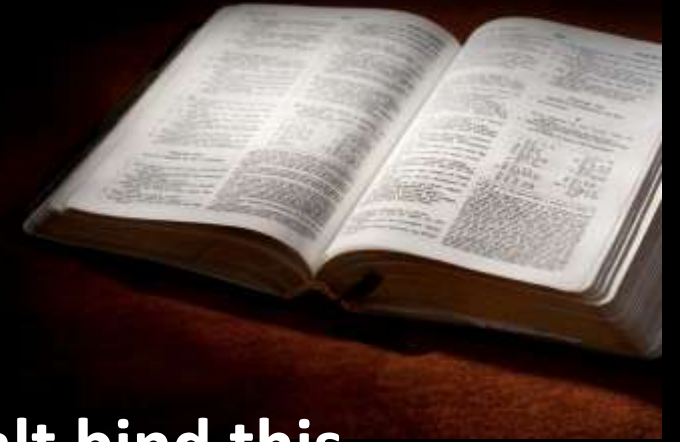
How many days did they hide? Three days.

How many days was Yahusha in the tomb?

Three days.

Verses 17-19 of Joshua Chapter 2,

“And the men said unto her, we will be blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.



18. Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by; and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father’s household, home unto thee. 19. And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.”



Observe that both Rahab and her family must remain inside the house to be saved. Outside the house they could not be distinguished from any other individual. They'd all look the same. In the last days Yahuah's people must stay inside the arch of safety.

Rahab's family must stay separated from the world. We're not to be joined in with the world, in our words, in our actions, in our appearance. To be saved we must keep close to the society of the faithful, not to the society of the lovers of self, not the society of the lovers of pleasures and the world around them.



Something amazing about this story is that Rahab's family was saved purely because of Rahab. Did you notice that? She's the one that had the faith, and her whole family was saved. That's just the opposite of Achan. Remember Achan? Just a few days later Jericho fell, and then after that they said, "Okay, that's the first city down. One down and several more to go. City number two is Ai. We will go to Ai, we will conquer Ai." And so they took a few men and went down to Ai and tried to conquer it, and they got soundly defeated. And they said, "This is not good. Something's wrong here."

What happened? And Elohim said, **“There is sin in the camp.”** So, they cast lots and drew straws and they found out that it was Achan. Achan was in the camp. And what had Achan done? (Joshua 7)

But his sin found him out. And notice what happened to Achan’s whole family. Notice in Joshua 7:24-26 they took Achan and his whole family and destroyed them and burned up their belongings.



Achan's whole family was lost because of Achan. Rahab's whole family was saved because of Rahab. It was judgment day for Achan.

Notice the contrast of Rahab's family compared to Achan's family. Each family received the consequences based on the actions of the leader of that family.

Salvation by genes?

Salvation by heredity?

Is that Biblical?

Psalm 37:25, 26, “I have been young and now I am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. 26. He is ever merciful and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.”

The children of righteous people will be blessed.

Proverbs 12:7, “The wicked are overthrown and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.”
The children of the wicked are cursed.



In Acts 16:27-31 it says, that the jailer's whole house was saved. **Why?** Because of the faith of the jailer, because of the faith of one man.

All 8 of Noah's family were saved because of one man, Noah. "aise up a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it." **Much depends on the influence of the leader of the family and of the nation.**



As an example, the national sin of the Jewish people was accomplished through the action of the “religious leaders” which bound the nation to corporate ruin. When Yahusha came, presenting to the nation the claims of Elohim, the priests and elders denied His right to interpose between them and the people. They would not accept His rebukes and warnings, and they set themselves to turn the people against Him and to compass His destruction.

So, the nation's sin and ruin were due to the religious leaders at that time.

Rahab's Red Rope reached down and saved her whole family because of her influence, not because of genes, not because of heredity. This is a heavy thought. Would I be a believer if my parents were not believers? May be. The influence of our godly relatives means a lot. And your influence, you are the patriarch of your family. Rahab was brave to even tell her relatives.

Paul says (in 1. Peter 3:1-4) that a man will be saved by the words or life of his wife.



There is awesome power in a pure Environment and a noble Heredity combined. So, you who are family leaders be sure you are leading your family to Yahusha.

Why is that so important? My brothers and sisters in the Messiah, if we loose Heaven, our life was a complete failure.

It should be our highest aim in life to get ready for heaven, because everything else will pass!

I like to put it the way King Salomon says it in Ecclesiastes 2:11, “When I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind.”



Let's go back to Joshua 2: 21, **“And she (Rahab) said, according unto your words, so be it. And she send them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.”**



That RED ROPE represents the protection of the blood of the Messiah. Just like the Passover Angel, when they put the blood on the doorposts and lintel of the door. That angel passed over that house. There was not destruction at that house.

That red rope represents the blood of Yahusha!

- **It was probably made of that rooftop flax.**
- **It was the way to safety - out the window**
- **It was the mark or signal identifying the place of safety**
- **The spies had to trust that rope as they went down it**
- **Rahab trusted in that scarlet rope, because that was the signal for her safety.**
- **YHVH took note of the red rope in sparing that house. Like the rainbow after the flood this rope was a visible sign of the saving covenant Rahab had made with Yahuah's representatives.**

RED ROPE is Faith in the saving blood of Yahusha Ha Mashiach. Rahab was saved by faith in YHVH and not by faith in that rope dangling from her high window. By keeping it there day after day she demonstrated her faith in YHVH.



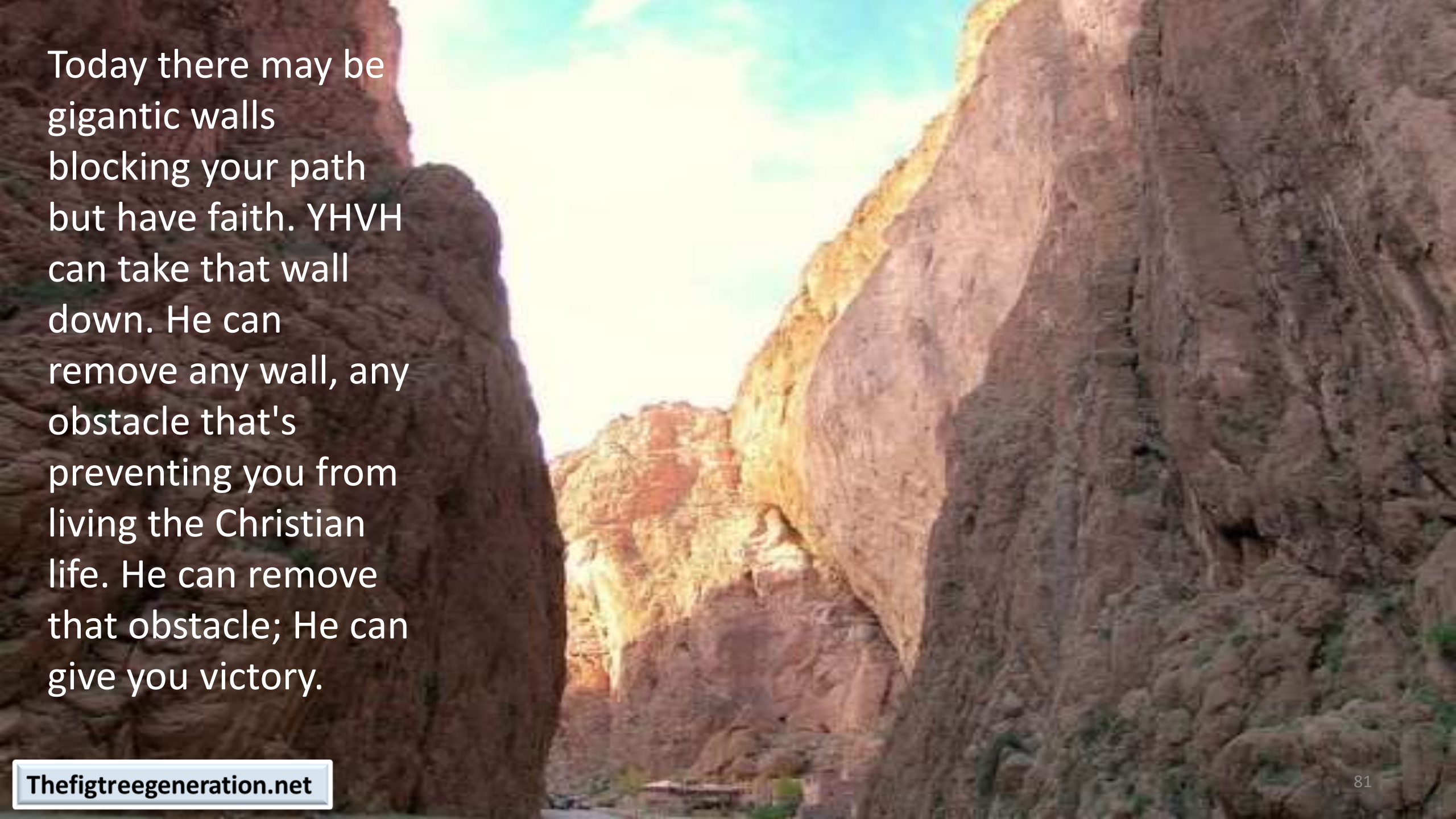


Finally the Israelites troops came. This was like the close of probation for the people of Jericho. They marched around Jericho 13 times! Each time around they saw that red rope hanging out the window. Thirteen reminders.

They knew where Rahab lived. Thirteen times they passed by her place. Thirteen reminders: that's the place we're supposed to go and save that family



**Yahuah's soldiers
blew their trumpets
and watched the
walls. The earth
shook, and those
walls of solid stone
were heaved from
their foundations.
An unseen hand
pushed those
massive walls in. By
faith those massive
walls came down.**



Today there may be
gigantic walls
blocking your path
but have faith. YHVH
can take that wall
down. He can
remove any wall, any
obstacle that's
preventing you from
living the Christian
life. He can remove
that obstacle; He can
give you victory.

After the dust settled, it wasn't necessary for the two spies to search for the house with a red rope. Rahab's house stood fast. There was one portion of the wall that the judgment could not touch. Only one house stood firm. It is vital to be in the right house at the right time protected by YHVH



What ever happened to Rahab? Matthew 1:5, “Salomon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.” So, Rahab was the great great great grandmother of David, and she became an ancestor of Yahusha!

She was promoted to be a Princess! Notice that Yahuah did more for Rahab than she even asked for or dreamed! All she wanted was to be saved from Jericho. HE did more for her than she even asked for. Not only does Elohim protect His own but also He prefers His own and generously rewards them.



Remember that Rahab was a harlot. Humanly speaking she was a very hopeless case. She hid the two Israelite spies sent to check out the defenses of that city and because of her kindness to them, and her declaration of belief in the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the spies promised that her life and the lives of her family would be spared when the attack came on Jericho.

The Bible says that **“Rahab perished not with them that believed not.”** Hebrews 11:31.

“Elohim recognizes no distinction on account of nationality, race, or caste. He is the Maker of all mankind. All men are of one family by creation, and all are one through redemption. Yahusha came to demolish every wall of partition, to throw open every compartment of the temple courts, that every soul may have free access to Elohim. His love is so broad, so deep, so full, that it penetrates everywhere ... In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free. |

Prophets and Kings 369 – This goes along with the the words of Peter in Acts 10:34-35 when he says, **“Of a truth I perceive that Yahuah is no respecter of persons: 35. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him”**



It doesn't matter, who we are, what our background was and how deep we have fallen, if we ask Yahuah to help us to overcome some habit, He is going to do more than that. He's going to take us all the way as far as we will allow Him to take us. HIS rich grace can reach down and redeem the lowest sinner and raise him up to eternal dignity just as he did with Rahab.

I want that red rope of faith that Rahab had hanging from every window of my heart, a faith that is active and alive, a faith that works by love that purifies the soul from all selfishness. And I urge you all to do the same. Remember, if we loose Heaven our life was a failure.

Let's remember
the RED ROPE of
RAHAB, the RED
ROPE of HOPE!



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