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(1) Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim, saying, “Go, reconnoiter the region of Jericho.” So they set out, and they came to the house of a harlot named Rahab and lodged there. (2) The king of Jericho was told, “Some men have come here tonight, Israelites, to spy out the country.” (3) The king of Jericho thereupon sent orders to Rahab: “Produce the men who came to you and entered your house, for they have come to spy out the whole country.” (4) The woman, however, had taken the two men and hidden them. “It is true,” she said, “the men did come to me, but I didn’t know where they were from. (5) And at dark, when the gate was about to be closed, the men left; and I don’t know where the men went. Quick, go after them, for you can overtake them.”— (6) Now she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under some stalks of flax which she had lying on the roof.— (7) So the men pursued them in the direction of the Jordan down to the fords; and no sooner had the pursuers gone out than the gate was shut behind them. (8) The spies had not yet gone to sleep when she came up to them on the roof. (9) She said to the men, “I know that the LORD has given the country to you, because dread of you has fallen upon us, and all the inhabitants of the land are quaking before you. (10) For we have heard how the LORD dried up the waters of the Sea of Reeds for you when you left Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings across the Jordan, whom

## יהושע ב':א'-כ"ד

(א) וַיִּשְׁלַח יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בְּנֵי-נֹון מִן-הַשְּׂטִיִּים שְׁנַיִם-אֲנָשִׁים מֵרְגָלִים חָרָשׁ לֵאמֹר לְכוּ רְאוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ וְאֶת-יְרִיחוֹ וְיָלְכוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ בֵּית-אִשָּׁה זֹנָה וּשְׁמָהּ רַחַב וַיִּשְׁכְּבוּ-שָׁמָּה: (ב) בַּיּוֹמָאָה לְמַלְכוֹ יְרִיחוֹ לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה אֲנָשִׁים בָּאוּ הַנֶּה הַלַּיְלָה מִבְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְחַפֵּר אֶת-הָאָרֶץ: (ג) וַיִּשְׁלַח מַלְכוֹ יְרִיחוֹ אֶל-רַחַב לֵאמֹר הֲוָצִיאי הָאֲנָשִׁים הַבָּאִים אֵלַיךְ אֲשֶׁר-בָּאוּ לְבִיתְךָ כִּי לְחַפֵּר אֶת-כָּל-הָאָרֶץ בָּאוּ: (ד) וַתִּקַּח הָאִשָּׁה אֶת-שְׁנֵי הָאֲנָשִׁים וַתַּצְפְּנֵן וַתֹּאמֶר אֲנִי כֹן בָּאוּ אֵלַי הָאֲנָשִׁים וְלֹא יָדַעְתִּי מֵאִן הֵמָּה: (ה) וַיְהִי הַשָּׁעַר לִסְגֹּר בַּחֲשֵׁךְ וְהָאֲנָשִׁים יָצְאוּ לֹא יָדַעְתִּי אַנְה הֵלְכוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים רִדְפוּ מֵהָר אַחֲרֵיהֶם כִּי תִשְׁיָגוּם: (ו) וְהִיא הִעֲלִתָם הִגַּגָה וַתִּטְמַנֵּם בְּפִשְׁתֵּי הַעֵץ הָעֹרְכוֹת לָהּ עַל-הַגָּג: (ז) וְהָאֲנָשִׁים רִדְפוּ אַחֲרֵיהֶם בְּיַרְדֵּן עַל הַמַּעְבְּרוֹת וְהַשָּׁעַר סָגְרוּ אַחֲרָיִ כַּאֲשֶׁר יָצְאוּ הָרֹדְפִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם: (ח) וְהֵמָּה טָרְם יִשְׁכְּבוּן וְהִיא עָלְתָה עֲלֵיהֶם עַל-הַגָּג: (ט) וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל-הָאֲנָשִׁים יָדַעְתִּי כִּי-נִתְּנוּ יְהוָה לְכֶם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ וְכִי-נִפְלְאָה אִימַתְכֶם עָלֵינוּ וְכִי נִמְגַו כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל הָאָרֶץ מִפְּנֵיכֶם: (י) כִּי שָׁמַעְנוּ אֵת אֲשֶׁר-הוֹבִישׁ יְהוָה אֶת-אֲמִי יַם-סוּף מִפְּנֵיכֶם בְּצִאתְכֶם מִמִּצְרָיִם וְאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתֶם לְשֵׁנֵי מַלְכֵי הָאֲמֹרִי אֲשֶׁר בְּעֶבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן לְסִיתָן וּלְעוֹג אֲשֶׁר הִתְרַמְתֶּם אוֹתָם: (יא) וַנִּשְׁמַע וַיִּמָּס לְבַבְנוּ וְלֹא-קָמָה עוֹד רֹחַם בְּאִישׁ מִפְּנֵיכֶם כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הוּא

you doomed. (11) When we heard about it, we lost heart, and no man had any more spirit left because of you; for the LORD your God is the only God in heaven above and on earth below. (12) Now, since I have shown loyalty to you, swear to me by the LORD that you in turn will show loyalty to my family. Provide me with a reliable sign (13) that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and save us from death.” (14) The men answered her, “Our persons are pledged for yours, even to death! If you do not disclose this mission of ours, we will show you true loyalty when the LORD gives us the land.” (15) She let them down by a rope through the window—for her dwelling was at the outer side of the city wall and she lived in the actual wall. (16) She said to them, “Make for the hills, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Stay there in hiding three days, until the pursuers return; then go your way.” (17) But the men warned her, “We will be released from this oath which you have made us take (18) [unless,] when we invade the country, you tie this length of crimson cord to the window through which you let us down. Bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your family together in your house; (19) and if anyone ventures outside the doors of your house, his blood will be on his head, and we shall be clear. But if a hand is laid on anyone who remains in the house with you, his blood shall be on our heads. (20) And if you disclose this mission of ours, we shall likewise be released from the oath which you made us take.” (21) She replied, “Let it be as you say.” She sent them on their way, and they left; and she tied the crimson cord to the window. (22) They went straight to the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers turned back. And so the pursuers, searching all along the road, did not find them. (23) Then the two men came down again from the hills

אֱלֹהִים בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמֶּעַל וְעַל־הָאָרֶץ מִתַּחַת:  
 (יב) וְעַתָּה הִשָּׁבְעוּ־נָא לִי בַיהוָה כִּי־עֲשִׂיתִי  
 עִמָּכֶם תְּחִסֵּד וְעֲשִׂיתֶם גַּם־אִתָּם עִם־בַּיִת אָבִי  
 תְּחִסֵּד וְנִתַּתֶּם לִי אֹת אֲמַתְּ: (יג) וְהִחַיְתֶם  
 אֶת־אָבִי וְאֶת־אִמִּי וְאֶת־אֲחֵי וְאֶת־אֲחֹתַי  
 [אֲחֵיוֹתַי] וְאֶת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר לָהֶם וְהִצַּלְתֶּם  
 אֶת־נַפְשֵׁינוּ מִמָּוֶת: (יד) וַיֹּאמְרוּ לָהּ  
 הָאֲנָשִׁים נַפְשֵׁנוּ תַחְתִּיכֶם לְמוֹת אִם לֹא  
 תִגְדִּי אֶת־דְּבָרֵנוּ זֶה וְהָיָה בְּמַת־יְהוָה לָנוּ  
 אֶת־הָאָרֶץ וְעֲשִׂינוּ עִמָּךְ תְּחִסֵּד וְאֲמַתְּ: (טו)  
 וְתוֹרַתְךָם בְּחָבֵל בְּעֵד הַסְּלֹוֹן כִּי בַיִתְּךָ בְּקִיר  
 הַחוּמָה וּבְחוּמָה הִיא יוֹשֶׁבֶת: (טז) וַתֹּאמֶר  
 לָהֶם הִהָרָה לָכוּ פֹּו־יִפְגְּעוּ בְכֶם הַרְדָּפִים  
 וְנִחַבְתֶּם שְׂמָה שְׁלִשַׁת יָמִים עַד שׁוּב  
 הַרְדָּפִים וְאַתֶּר תִּלְכוּ לְדַרְכְּכֶם: (יז) וַיֹּאמְרוּ  
 אֵלֶיהָ הָאֲנָשִׁים נָקִים אֲנִינֵנו מִשְׁבַּעְתְּךָ הַזֶּה  
 אֲשֶׁר הִשָּׁבַעְתֵּנוּ: (יח) הִנֵּה אֲנִינֵנו בָּאִים  
 בְּאָרֶץ אֶת־תַּקְוַת חַיִּט הַשָּׁנִי הַזֶּה תִּקְשְׂרִי  
 בְּסֻלּוֹן אֲשֶׁר הוֹרְדַתְנוּ בּוֹ וְאֶת־אָבִיךָ  
 וְאֶת־אִמֶּךָ וְאֶת־אֲחֵיךָ וְאֶת כָּל־בַּיִת אָבִיךָ  
 תִּסָּפִי אֵלֶיךָ הַבַּיִתְּהָ: (יט) וְהָיָה כָּל  
 אֲשֶׁר־יֵצֵא מִדַּלְתֵי בַיִתְּךָ הַהוּא הַהוּצָה דָּמוֹ  
 בְּרֹאשׁוֹ וְאֲנִינֵנו נָקִים וְכָל אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה אִתְּךָ  
 בְּבַיִת דָּמוֹ בְּרֹאשׁוֹ אִם־יָד תִּהְיֶה־בּוֹ: (כ) וְאִם־  
 תִּמְגְּדִי אֶת־דְּבָרֵנוּ זֶה וְהִינֵנו נָקִים  
 מִשְׁבַּעְתְּךָ אֲשֶׁר הִשָּׁבַעְתֵּנוּ: (כא) וַתֹּאמֶר  
 כְּדַבְּרֵיכֶם כֹּו־הוּא וְתִשְׁלַחְתֶּם וַיִּלְכוּ וְתִקְשְׂרִי  
 אֶת־תַּקְוַת הַשָּׁנִי בְּסֻלּוֹן: (כב) וַיִּלְכוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ  
 הַהָרָה וַיִּשְׁבוּ שָׁם שְׁלִשַׁת יָמִים עַד־שׁוּבוֹ  
 הַרְדָּפִים וַיִּבְקְשׂוּ הַרְדָּפִים בְּכָל־הַדֶּרֶךְ וְלֹא  
 מָצְאוּ: (כג) וַיָּשְׁבוּ שָׁנִי הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיַּרְדּוּ  
 מִהָהָר וַיַּעֲבְרוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן־נֹון  
 וַיְסַפְּרוּ־לוֹ אֵת כָּל־הַמְּצָאוֹת אוֹתָם: (כד)  
 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ כִּי־נָתַן יְהוָה בְּיַדְנוּ  
 אֶת־כָּל־הָאָרֶץ וְגַם־נִמְגְּו כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל הָאָרֶץ  
 מִפְּנֵינוּ: (ס)

and crossed over. They came to Joshua son of Nun and reported to him all that had happened to them. (24) They said to Joshua, “The LORD has delivered the whole land into our power; in fact, all the inhabitants of the land are quaking before us.”

