1)	03-Jun	Joshua 1:1-18
2)	10-Jun	Joshua 2:1 – 6:27
3)	17-Jun	Joshua 7:2 – 12:24
		Joshua 13:1 – 22:34
5)	01-Jul	Joshua 23:1 – 24:33

## INTRODUCTION

 The first spy agency (FSA) is created and Jericho is annihilated – men, women, kids, and animals – except for Rahab and her family

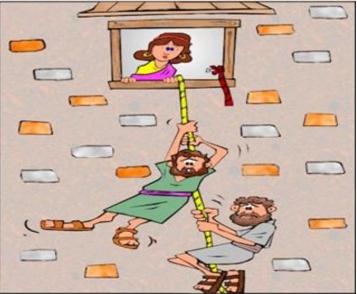
Passage	Comments
	Rahab – Harlot, Liar, Idolatress, GreatG'ma of Jesus
	<ul> <li>v1. Joshua "secretly" sends 2 spies to Jericho</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>vv2-4. Rahab harbors 2 spies and lies to her king</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>vv9-12. In 4 verses Rahab acknowledged "the Lord"</li> </ul>
laabua	as the one true God – she's a believer
Joshua 2:1-24	<ul> <li>Rahab is addressed in 2 OT chaps (Josh 2 &amp; 6), but</li> </ul>
2.1-24	in 3 NT chapters (Mat 1:5; Heb 11:31; James 2:25)
	<ul> <li>Mat 1:5 "Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab" is</li> </ul>
	where we learn Rahab was in the lineage of Jesus
	<ul> <li>Rahab's family included Mom, Dad, brothers, sisters,</li> </ul>
	nieces and nephews – but she apparently had no kids
	Crossing the Jordan – Myth or Miracle?
	<ul> <li>v4. The people were to keep about ½ mile away from</li> </ul>
	the Ark of the Covenant – this distance became known
0 4 47	as a Sabbath journey
3:1-17	This 2 <sup>nd</sup> water crossing Miracle confirmed 4 things:
	1. God still does wonders after Moses' death
	2. Joshua was God's chosen manv7
	3. The Living God was still with Israel10 4. Israel will defeat 7 greater nations
	Memorial Stones to Remind Israel of God's Greatness
	<ul> <li>One day God's wonders will cease for a time</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The stones would be a reminder to future generations</li> </ul>
4:1-24	that they could still rely on God for all their needs
	• ? Do we need signs and wonders to believe ?
	<ul> <li>More blessed are those who believe but have not seen</li> </ul>
	Rededication – Manna Stops – Lord's Commander
<b>F.4.4F</b>	• vv1-9. Circumcision performed to renew the covenant
5:1-15	• vv10-12. Manna ceases – Food is plenteous in the land
	• vv13-15. Possible Christophany (OT appearance of JC)
	The Fall of Jericho – Myth or Miracle?
	<ul> <li>What did walking around the city in silence for 7 days</li> </ul>
	accomplish? Obedience? Unconventional Warfare to
	intimidate the enemy? Mentally prepare the warriors?
	<ul> <li>v17. "But the city and everything in it are set apart to</li> </ul>
	the Lord for Destruction"
6:1-27	• v21. They completely destroyed everything – people
	and animals – but silver and gold went to the Lord
	<ul> <li>Recall the 7 Nations practiced immorality, bestiality, homosexuality, child sacrifice, &amp; were unrepentant</li> </ul>
	(cf Lev 18; Deut 7:16; 9:4; 12:31; 18:14 20:16,17;
	Josh 6:21; 11:20)
	<ul> <li>v23. Rahab and family lived "outside the camp" – being</li> </ul>
	foreigners, they were kept at a distance till "cleaned"
	Are there biblical principles to justify spying and
	using "unconventional" or deceptive means?
Spying	<ul> <li>God doesn't divulge the wicked schemes of nations as</li> </ul>
& Lying: Bight or	He once did with Elisha (2 Kings 6:8-12) – so nations
Right or Wrong?	often have to conduct various forms of espionage to
inong:	safeguard their people and interests from rogue nations
	bent on doing evil

Passage	Comments
	<ul> <li>Employing Deceptive Means. There are principles in Scripture where lying or withholding the truth seems justified to preserve the lives of innocent victims</li> <li>Hebrew midwives lied to Pharaoh and reaped blessings from GodExodus 1: 15-21</li> <li>Rahab lied about the 2 spies, and she saved her family and became an ancestor of JesusJoshua 2</li> <li>King David feigned insanity to protect his life – and was successful</li></ul>
<ul> <li>CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS</li> <li>God doesn't always reveal all the information needed for success</li> <li>Joshua needed to spy out the land</li> <li>Joshua had to fight some tough battles and even suffer losses</li> <li>In other words – Joshua and Israel had to work and to fight to</li> </ul>	

- In other words Joshua and Israel had to work and to fight to eventually receive God's intended promise for them
- Same with us There is work for us to do while it is still Day

NEXT WEEK: **Joshua 7-12.** The Jews get their butts kicked for sin in the camp; they take the path of least resistance by failing to prove all things and have to live with the consequences; and they witness the Sun & Moon standing still for a whole day – Mythical or Miracle?

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Joshua 2. So the spies escaped with the help of Rahab the prostitute – but being saved by a prostitute was not an easy story to share with their wives.