

## Chapter 2

*Two discouerers sent into Hiericho are hid, and concealed by Rahab: 8. and vpon promise of like safetie to her whole familie, 21. she helpeth them secretly away.*

**T**herfore Iofue the sonne of Nun sent from Setim two men, to spie in secreete: and said to them: Goe, and view the Land, and the citie of Iericho. Who going entred into the house of a woman a harlot, named Rahab, and rested with her. <sup>2</sup> And it was told the king of Iericho, and said: Behold there are men come in hither by night of the children of Ifrael, to spie the Land. <sup>3</sup> And the king of Iericho sent to Rahab, saying: Bring forth the men, that came to thee, and are entred into thy house: for they be spies, and are come to view al the Land. <sup>4</sup> And the woman taking the men, hid them, and said: I confesse they came to me, but <sup>a</sup>I knew not whence they were: <sup>5</sup> and when the gate was a shutting in the darke, and they withal went out, I know not whither they be gone: purfew quickly, and you shal ouertake them. <sup>6</sup> But she made the men to goe vp into the rooffe of her house, and couered them with the ftalke of flaxe, which was there. <sup>7</sup> And they that were sent, folowed them, the way that leadeth to the ford of Iordan: and they being gone out the gate forwith was shutte. <sup>8</sup> Neither were they yet a sleepe that lay hidde, and behold the woman went vp to them, and said: <sup>9</sup> I know that the Lord hath geuen this Land to you: for your terrour is fallen vpon vs, and al the inhabitantes of the Land are become fainte. <sup>10</sup> We haue heard that the Lord dried vp the water of the Redfea at your entring, when you came out of Ægypt: and what thinges you did to the two kinges of the Amorrheites, that were beyond Iordan: Sehon and Og, whom you flew. <sup>11</sup> And

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<sup>a</sup> Notwithstanding this officious lie, (which is a venial finne) S. Paul, *Heb. 11.* and S. Iames (*c. 2.*) testifie, that she was iustified by her faith in God, and by good workes towards these men. *S. Aug. cont. Mendac. c. 17.* See *Annot. Iac. 2. v. 25.*

hearing these thinges we greatly feared, and our hart fainted, neither did there remaine fpirite in vs at your entring in: for the Lord your God he is God in heauen aboue, & in the earth beneth. <sup>12</sup> Now therfore fweare to me by the Lord, that as I haue done mercie with you, fo you alfo doe with my fathers houle: and you geue me a true figne, <sup>13</sup> that you faue my father and mother, my brethren and lifters, and al thinges that be theirs, and deliuer our foules from death. <sup>14</sup> Who answered her: Be our liues for you vnto death, only if thou betray vs not. And when our Lord shal haue deliuered vs the land, we wil doe in thee mercie and truth. <sup>15</sup> She therfore did let them downe by a corde out of a window: for her houle ioyned fast to the wall. <sup>16</sup> And she faid to them: Goe vp to the mountaines, left perhaps they meete you returning: and there lie hid three daies, til they returne, and fo you shal goe on your way. <sup>17</sup> Who faid to her: We shal be quitte from this oath, wherwith thou haft sworne vs: <sup>18</sup> if we entring the Land, there be this purple corde a figne, and thou tie it in the window, by the which thou haft let vs downe: and gather thy father and mother, and brethren and al thy kindred into thy houle. <sup>19</sup> He that shal goe forth of the doore of thy houle, his blood shal be vpon his head, and we shal be quitte. But the blood of al, that shal be with thee in the houle, shal redound vpon our head, if any man touch them. <sup>20</sup> But if thou wilt betray vs, and vtter this talke abroad, we shal be quitte from this oath, wherwith thou haft adured vs. <sup>21</sup> And she answered: As you haue spoken, fo be it done, and difmiffing them to goe, she hong the purple corde in the window. <sup>22</sup> But they walking came to the mountaines, and taried there three dayes, til they returned that purfewed them: for seeking euerie way, they found them not. <sup>23</sup> Who being entred into the citie, the difcouerers returned, and came downe from the mountaine: and paffing ouer Iordan, they came to Iofue the sonne of Nun, and told him al thinges that had chanced to them, <sup>24</sup> and faid: Our Lord hath deliuered al this land into our handes, and al the inhabitantes therof are ouerthrowen with feare.