

Joshua 2:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The king's demand that Rahab bring out the spies demonstrates government investigation of suspected espionage. Her refusal to comply shows civil disobedience when earthly authority conflicts with divine kingdom loyalty.

Historical Context

This verse appears in the Jordan crossing narrative, one of Joshua's most significant events demonstrating God's power and faithfulness in bringing Israel into the Promised Land.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this passage demonstrate God's faithfulness to His covenant promises?
2. What application does this truth have for your walk with Christ today?

Interlinear Text

ה וְצִיאִי לֵאמֹר בְּחַב רַחֵב אֶל יְרִיחוֹ וְלֵךְ וְיִשְׁלַח
sent And the king of Jericho unto Rahab saying Bring forth
H7971 H4428 H3405 H413 H7343 H559 H3318

לְבֵיתִי וְהָאֲנָשִׁים בָּאוּ אֲשֶׁר אֵלַי וְהָאֲנָשִׁים בָּאוּ
H376 for they be come H413 H834 for they be come into thine house
H935 H1004

בָּאוּ הָאָרֶץ כָּל אֶת לַחֲפֹר כִּי
H3588 to search out H853 H3605 all the country for they be come
H2658 H776 H935

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 10:3 (Parallel theme): And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?