

BY FAITH MOSES, ISRAEL, RAHAB

*Hebrews 11:27-31*

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Moses is given more space than others in his enumeration of those who live by faith.
  - 1) His parents are cited
  - 2) He refused a title and chose to be identified as a Hebrew
  
- B. His entire life had events in it that were achieved by faith.
  - 1) He would not have attempted them if he did not have faith.
  - 2) By faith he, "pleased God"
  
- I. By Faith He Forsook Egypt *vs 27*
  - A. *"By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the King:..."*
    - 1) *"forsook"* = καταλειπω = "to leave behind", especially of dying persons", "to abandon"
    - 2) *"wrath"* = θυμος = "anger"
  
  - B. This was the second time that he left Egypt
    - 1) The first time he left in fear
    - 2) *Genesis 2:14 - "And Moses feared..."*
    - 3) Forty years later he has the faith of his parents who did not fear. *vs 23*
  
  - C. *"...for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible."*
    - 1) *"endured"* = καρτερω = "to be strong", "firm"
    - 2) *"seeing"* = ορω = "to perceive with the eyes", "to see something"
    - 3) *"invisible"* = ο αορατος = "the one not able to be seen", "the invisible one"

## II. By Faith He Kept The Passover vs 28

A. *"Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood..."*

- 1) "Through faith he instituted the passover"
- 2) "kept" = ποιῶ = "to make" This was the inauguration of a divine ordinance.
- 3) "And the smearing of the blood"

B. *"...lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them."*

- 1) "destroyed" = ολοθρευω = "to slay"
- 2) "touch" = θιγγανω = "to touch"

C. The history Exodus 12:1-14

- 1) They were to slay a lamb
- 2) The blood was smeared on all three posts of the door, each side and the upper door post.
- 3) *"when I see the blood I will pass over you..."*
- 4) *"and this shall be unto you for a memorial"*

## III. By Faith They Passed Through The Red Sea

A. *"By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land:"*  
vs 29

- 1) "passed" = διαβαίνω = "to go through"
- 2) "Faith enabled the people to cross the Red Sea, as if it had been dry land" TENT
- 3) "dry" = ξηρος = "dry", "withered"

B. *"...which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned."*

- 1) "assaying" = πειράω = "to make an attempt"
- 2) "While the Egyptians, in attempting it, were drowned" WMS

IV. By Faith The Walls Of Jericho Fell Down

A. *"By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days." vs 30*

- 1) It was faith that served as a foundation for their decision to do as God instructed.
- 2) It was not the power of faith that brought the walls down but the power of God.

B. The history *Joshua 6:1-21*

- 1) God told Joshua what to do
- 2) Joshua told the people
- 3) The people did all God said
- 4) God did all He said He would

V. By Faith The Harlot Rahab... vs 31

A. *"By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not..."*

- 1) "harlot" = πορνη = "prostitute", "whore"
- 2) "perished" = συναπολλυμι = "to destroy together", "to be destroyed together"
- 3) "believed not" = απειθεω = "to be disobedient"
- 4) "By faith the prostitute Rahab did not perish with her disobedient people"

B. *"...when she had received the spies with peace."*

- 1) "received" = δεχομαι = "to welcome"
- 2) "As she had given a friendly welcome to the scouts" MOF

C. The history *Joshua 6:22-25*

- 1) She was moved by faith in what she heard the Lord had done.
- 2) *Joshua 2:9-13*

D. The interpretation

- 1) *James 2:25*
- 2) She demonstrated her faith by doing what God said

