

Sunday October 7th 2012
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Sixty
Study Questions

1). Heb 11:29 *By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.*

- a). What is pictured for us in these 2 verses?
- b). When will the event pictured here take place?
- c). How does the scripture divide up the 7 years of the Tribulation?
- d). How many days will there be in each half and how many months?

2). When does the Tribulation begin and what characterizes the first 3 ½ years?

- a). How is this portrayed from the scriptures?
- b). What is Antichrist's purpose during this period of time?
- c). What is going on in Jerusalem during this same time?
- d). What is Antichrist's real intent and where have we seen this pictured elsewhere in the scriptures?
- e). How do we see this same intention played out in modern times?

3). At the mid-point in the Tribulation everything changes.

- a). Read Revelation 12:1-9 – What takes place in the heavens at this time and what is the consequence?
- b). From the same scripture, what also takes place on the earth?
- c). What event on the earth immediately precedes this?
- d). With respect to Antichrist, what happens in Jerusalem at this time?
- e). What do the scriptures record that Jesus has to say about this?
- f). Read Psalm 2:4-8 – What had God already said about this?
- g). What would you conclude from this and how can we tie this in with the verses we started with?

4). *31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.*

- a). According to the scripture, why did Rahab not perish?
- b). What did her faith cause her to do?
- c). Who were the spies and what were they doing in Jericho?
- d). When previously have we seen spies sent into the land?
- e). Where in the scriptures do we find the report given by the 2 spies from Jericho?
- f). How is their report different from the 10 spies at Kadesh Barnea?

g). What is absolutely certain with regards to the city of Jericho?

h). What is Rahab?

5). Read Joshua 2:8-11 – What does the scripture tell us Rahab had believed from the past?

a). As a consequence of this what does she believe about the future?

b). What declaration does she make about God in v11?

c). How does the presence of the spies confirm that which Rahab believes? Did she know why they were there? What would this mean about what they had said to her?

d). What commentary does James give on Rahab? What is the context in which James refers to her?

6). Read Joshua 2:2-5 – what was the king of Jericho intent on doing?

a). How does Rahab respond to this?

b). What would this mean for her and her family?

7). Read Joshua 2:12 -15 – what is the basis on which Rahab and her family will be spared?

a). Whose great grandmother was she?

8). With regards to the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation, who does Rahab picture for us?

- a). What 2 other groups of eternally saved Gentiles, saved during the Tribulation, does scripture draw attention to?
- b). Who do the 2 spies picture for us?
- c). How is this group referred to in Revelation Chapter 12?
- d). What is said about them in Revelation Chapter 7?
- e). Where do we see them in Revelation Chapter 14?
- f). What is committed to them and what are they to do with it?
- g). Apart from the 144000, what other 2 groups do we see Israel divided into?
- h). What does the picture given through Rahab show us with regards to the 144000 returning to the earth?
- i). What is Antichrist's attitude to the 144000 and those who receive their message? How would we know? What are conditions like on the earth?

9). Read Matthew 24:3-13 – what do we see in these verses?

- a). Read Matthew 25:31-34 – What is at stake at this judgment?
- b). So who are the sheep and the goats and how would we know?

10). The 144000 will preach the 'gospel of the Kingdom' to the Gentile nations, what gospel is preached to the Church and how are the 2 different?

11). Any final thoughts on today?