

Study Notes and Questions for Joshua 2-4

- Why did Joshua send out spies and what changes did he make to that process from 38 years earlier?
- What wisdom do you see in Joshua's method of sending spies?
- Why would the spies enter the house of a prostitute?
- What was the general emotional expectation regarding Israel in Jericho and why?
- What expressions of faith do you see in Rahab's words and actions?
- What can we learn about Rahab from her statement in **verse 9**?
- What did the statement of the spies mean when they said, "Our life for yours even to death!" ?
- What principles can we learn from the spies?
- What principles can we learn from Rahab?
- What does this story tell us of God's character?
- Where did Joshua move the people as recorded in 3:1 and how long did they stay there?
- Why were the Israelites told to keep their distance from the Ark of the Covenant?
- Read 3:10. What was the point God wanted to convey to the Israelites by moving powerfully on their behalf at the Jordan river?
- What is the significance of the Ark going into the water first?
- In chapter 4 Joshua tells the people to gather stones from the river bed. What was the purpose of the stones and how do their actions speak to our life of faith?
- How does this chapter address the responsibility of parents?
- 4:24 tells us that God intended more than just the Jews to be influenced and impacted by these actions. Why do you think that is?