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# BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1455 ~ Two Spies in Jericho.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Let's look at a quick history of the Children of Israel - up until today's Bible Adventure.

After God saved Noah and his family from the great flood of judgment, people soon turned away again from the One True God. Most people were worshipping false idol gods. They had forgotten their Great Creator.

Father Abraham, who loved the Almighty God, came from Ur, in present-day Iraq. God had called him to leave his own people. He promised He would give Abraham a land of his own, and Abraham's children would become a great nation. Through them, God said He would bless all other nations of the world.

Abraham's promised son, Isaac, had twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Jacob learned to love and obey God. He had twelve sons, and all of them lived in tents. They still did not have a settled place to live in Canaan but God was watching over them. Jacob's son, Joseph had become powerful in Egypt. When a severe famine came, Jacob and all his family were able to move to Egypt and settle down there. Over the next 400 years, their children multiplied greatly. But the Egyptians also enslaved them and mistreated them. At last, God hear their distress cries. He sent Moses to set them free and lead them back to the Promised Land.

There had been major problems: many of the people did not really trust their forefathers' God. They grumbled a lot over the hard times in the wilderness. They did not value being His chosen people. So everyone over 20 years of age when they left Egypt, died in the wilderness. Now their children were about to enter the Promised Land. Moses and Aaron had taught them about their Almighty God and His laws. They knew God had kept them safe and healthy in spite of all the hardship.

They could see the good land ahead and they were eager and willing to obey their God.

### DRAMA - The Bible In Living Sound.

We may wonder why the Almighty God wanted His chosen people to attack and conquer the cities of the land. How could it be right for God's people to kill others? Those city dwellers worshipped idol gods and carried out evil rituals in their ceremonies. Their minds and their lives were full of darkness.

If they remained in the land, God's people would join in with their evil customs. The Israelites would not remain faithful to the One True God. They were still not strong in their faith.

God's great purpose was to use the nation of Father Abraham's children to bring blessing to all mankind. His plan was to send the Saviour, His One and Only Son Jesus into our world through the children of Israel. But it took many hundreds of years, and God's people still had a large number of important lessons to learn before that.

The Bible book Galatians, chapter 4, says this, "When the right time finally came, God sent His own Son. He (Jesus) came as the son of a human mother and lived under the Jewish law, to redeem (us) so that we might become God's sons.

When the Lord Jesus Christ came, the Jewish nation was longing for their promised Messiah. Their prophets had told of One Who would be totally obedient to God. This Messiah would heal the lame, give sight to the blind, and comfort the broken-hearted. He would be meek and gentle and would suffer and die, to save us all from **eternal** death.

But the religious leaders did not recognise Him. They wanted a strong political leader who would break the power of their Roman overlords. They were not looking for someone to set them free from their own wrong ways. They carefully followed their many man-made rules, but ignored the most important things of justice, truth, love and mercy. They were religious but they were not right with God.

Nevertheless, there were some in Israel at that time who <u>were</u> ready for God's Messiah. They learned from Jesus and they became God's children through faith in Him. They knew the other prophecies about Jesus are true – God's Messiah **will** come again with great power and He **will** conquer all evil. Even though life was often very hard they spread the wonderful news about God's love all over their world.

Have you heard that the mighty Son of God is coming again to judge the world? Next time He will not come as God's suffering, obedient servant to save us. The time to turn from our sin and receive God's forgiveness will then be ended. There will be no more mercy.

The Lord Jesus Christ will come as the mighty Conqueror and King of Kings.

The prophet Enoch said this, The Lord will come with many thousands of His holy ones, to bring judgment on all, to condemn them for all the godless deeds they have done, and for all the terrible words that godless sinners have spoken against Him! (This in the Bible book of Jude.)

The long years of God's mercy will be over, and everyone who has turned away from the Saviour will be lost and shut out of heaven for ever.

This is not what God <u>wants</u>. The Bible book John, chapter 3, tells us God did not send His Son to condemn the world but to save the world through Him. It also tells us..."whoever <u>refuses</u> to trust in the Son will never have life...he (or she) will remain under God's punishment."

<u>Today</u> is the time to turn from your own wrong ways, and come to God through the Lord Jesus Christ. We plead with you. Don't turn away. Receive God's forgiveness through Jesus now.

## MUSIC - Integrity Music.

That was Monique Donnelly singing "Now Is The Day of Salvation."

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