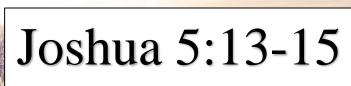


GLORY DAYS!

"The Commander of the Army of the Lord"



& Joshua 6:1-2



The Commander of the Lord's Army

THESIS:

#1. THE IDENTIFICATION

#2: THE SANTIFICATION

#3: THE INCARNATION



- 13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a Man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"
- 14 "Neither," he replied, "but as <u>commander of the</u> <u>army of the Lord I have now come</u>." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"
- 15 The commander of the Lord's army replied, <u>"Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.</u>" And Joshua did so. NIV



"The Commander of the Lord's Army."





- THE SET UP FOR BATTLE:
 - 1. Humble Worship...
 - 2. Dedication to Service.
 - 3. Heavenly Warfare.





- THE IDENTIFICATION.
 - He was not an apparition.
 - He was not an angel.
 - He was not a human being.
 - THIS WAS GOD INCARNATE.





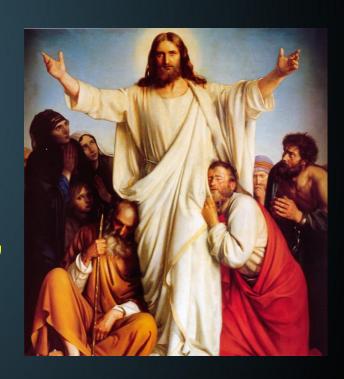
- THIS WAS GOD INCARNATE.
 - "And the Lord said to Joshua, I have given Jericho into your hand" (6:2).





THIS WAS GOD INCARNATE

- "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am" (John 8:58).
- "He was chosen before the creation of the world" (I Peter 1:20).





- THE <u>SANTIFICATION</u> AND GLORY OF HIS MISSION.
 - My mission is beyond yours (5:14).
 - My authority is above yours!
 - My work has already been done
 (6:2).



- THE <u>SANTIFICATION</u> AND GLORY OF HIS ARMY.
 - THE "HEAVENLY HOST."
 - "Bless the Lord you hosts (armies of his angels) who serve Him constantly doing His will" (Ps 103: 21).



- THE <u>SANTIFICATION</u> AND GLORY OF HIS ARMY.
 - Forget the common view of angels...



- ANGELS ARE MANY (Heb 12:22, Rev

5:11).



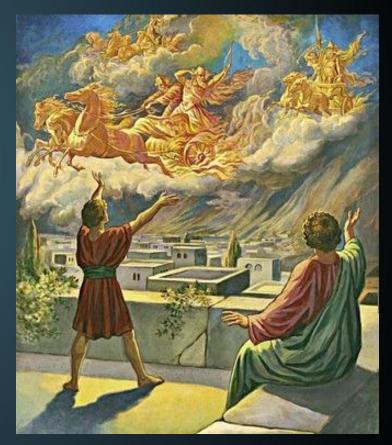


- THE <u>SANTIFICATION</u> AND GLORY OF HIS ARMY.
 - ANGELS ARE *MIGHTY* (*Rev 20:1-3*)!





- ANGELS ARE MIGHTY.
- "The mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha" (2 Kings 6:17).





- ANGELS ARE <u>MINISTERING</u>
 SPIRITS.
- "Angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who inherit salvation" (Heb 1:14).



THE <u>SANTIFICATION</u> AND GLORY OF HIS *MESSAGE*.

- Joshua: You are not alone. God's presence and His army will be with you!
- To Us: We are not alone. Jesus is still the commander of hosts!



- THE INCARNATION OF JESUS.
 - "The coming Messiah was to be born of a young virgin" (Isa 7:14).
 - "The word became flesh and dealt among us" (John 1:14).



THE INCARNATION OF JESUS.

