



Walls of JERICHO

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GLORY DAYS!

“The Commander of the
Army of the Lord”

Joshua 5:13-15
& Joshua 6:1-2

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A person is seen from behind, standing in a field of tall grass. Their arms are raised in the air, reaching towards a bright, hazy sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect. The overall mood is one of triumph or spiritual joy.

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The Commander of the Lord's Army

THESIS:

#1. THE **IDENTIFICATION**

#2: THE **SANTIFICATION**

#3: THE **INCARNATION**

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Joshua 5:13-15

- 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 commander of the army of the Lord I have now come."* 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, *"Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy."* And Joshua did so. NIV

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“The Commander of the Lord’s Army.”



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



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



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



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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).





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- **THE SANTIFICATION 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).

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- THE SANTIFICATION 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).

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- **THE SANTIFICATION AND GLORY OF HIS ARMY.**
- **Forget the common view of angels...**



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- ANGELS ARE MANY (*Heb 12:22, Rev 5:11*).



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



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



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- ANGELS ARE **MINISTERING SPIRITS.**
- “Angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who inherit salvation” (Heb 1:14).

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- **THE SANTIFICATION 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!

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- **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).

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