

Jesus Christ in the Old Testament

(Part 14 – Jesus - The Captain of the LORD's Host)

(Joshua 5:13-15 and Selected Scriptures)

Introduction: **See: Joshua 5:13 - 6:2**

Joshua 5:13 – Here Jesus makes one of His many mysterious appearances in the O.T.

Why is Joshua confronted by a Christophany?

--To show Joshua that he was an "underling" and that Christ was the Holy Commander-in-Chief (cp. I Pet. 5:4).

v.15 – "**Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy.**" Why is Joshua told to remove his shoe? Because he was standing on holy ground. Why was it holy ground? It is because the LORD was there.

6:2 - The Captain of the Lord's Armies is now identified as "the LORD (Yahweh)."

Note: Joshua was justified in conquering the nations of Canaan for three reasons: See Deut. 9:4-5

1. Because it was God's battle; Joshua and Israel were simply God's instrument to do His will (Deut. 9:4, 5 - "The LORD doth drive them out")
2. Because of the wickedness of the nations (Deut. 9:4-5)
--Sexual perversion of every type (Lev. 18:1-30; *v. 24-25, 27)
3. Because the land actually belonged to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Deut. 9:5b) Gen. 12:1; Gen. 13:15;

The Captain of the Lord's Host is the Messenger (Angel) of the LORD (Exod. 23:20-23) (Is. 63:9 - The Messenger "of His presence") ***He fought for Joshua**

1) **The Lord would accompany Joshua and promote him**

Joshua 6:27

2) **Victory at Ai**

Joshua 8:1

3) **Victory over Adoni-zedek and the kings of the Amorite coalition of Southern Canaan** *Joshua 10:8; Joshua 10:12-14*

4) **Victory over the kings of Northern Canaan** (Josh. 11:6, 8)

5) **Joshua took the whole land** *Joshua 11:23*

6) **The LORD gave them rest** *Joshua 21:44-45*

7) **Joshua's final words of admonition** (Josh. 23:8-11)

***He fought for the Judges** (Samson, Gideon, Jephthah)

***He fought for David & Jonathan** (1 Sam. 14:6)

***He fought for Jehosaphat** - "The battle is the Lord's" (2 Chron. 20:15)

***He fought for Paul** - "The Lord stood with me."

***The last battle will be fought and won by Jesus Christ!** Rev. 19:11-21; cp. Is. 63:5-6

*Let Jesus fight your battles!