



Earth Wars

Joshua 5:13-15



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- 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^{fn} have for his servant?”
- 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.

The Lord of Hosts

- Hannah was the first person recorded in Scripture to have referred to God by this title.
- In her tearful prayer to God, “she vowed a vow and said, ‘**O Lord of hosts**, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head’” ([1 Samuel 1:11](#), ESV).





Jesus Knew About The Lord's Army

- Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword.⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

Matthew 26:52-53



Satan Knows About The Lord's Army

- Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.
- If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “ ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’^{fn}”
- Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Matthew 4:5-7



But Men Must Be Told About the Lord's Army

- When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.
- “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.”
- Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha

God Wants US to See the Commander



- See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.²¹ Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.²² If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you.²³

Hagar Saw the Angel of the Lord

- The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?"
- "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered.
- Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count."
- The angel of the LORD also said to her: "You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery."
- **She gave this name to the LORD (Jehovah) who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me"**

• Genesis 16:7-13



Abraham Saw the Angel of the Lord

- Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”
- “Here I am,” he replied.
- “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”
Genesis 22:9-12
- The angel speaks as if he is God, in the first person and third person



Jacob Saw the Angel of the Lord

- Jacob saw him “In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted. The **angel of God** said to me in the dream, ‘Jacob.’ I answered, ‘Here I am.’ And he said, ‘Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. I am the **God of Bethel**, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land. ”

Gen 31:10-13

- The angel declares himself as “the God of Bethel”

Daniel Saw the Angel of the Lord

- On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

Daniel 10:4-6



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John Saw the Angel of the Lord

- I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.
- When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.

John 1:12 ff



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Revelation 19:16

On his robe
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thigh he has
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King of kings
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The Angel of the Lord is
The Commander of the Lord's Army

- I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.
- Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

"KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS".



Joshua Needed to Decide

- There is a cosmic war going on
- The battle is for the hearts and minds of men
- Jesus is the Commander in Chief
- Whose side are you on?

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We Are Soldiers In A Spiritual War



- But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.
- Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession before many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:11-12

Take Up The Full Armor of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore take up the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and having done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness arrayed, and with your feet fitted with the readiness of the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:10-17

The ARMOR *of* GOD