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THE
COMMANDER OF
HEAVEN

JOSHUA 5:13-15

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The Commander of Heaven: The Vision of JOSHUA

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Like his predecessor Moses before him, **Joshua** also had **an encounter with the Angel of the LORD** as he prepared to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land given to them by God. And just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so also Joshua was told to remove his sandals in this exchange, **"for the place where you are standing is holy"** *(Joshua 5:15)*.

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JOSHUA 5:13-15

This meeting of Joshua with the "**Commander of the Army of the Lord**" (*Josh 5:14*) may very well have represented yet another Old Testament Christophany of Jesus prior to the timeline of His Incarnated earthly life, in which the Messiah makes known the message of the Lord: **God Himself is ever guiding & guarding over His people for the fulfillment of His own divine, prophetic purposes.**

The Commander of Heaven: The Vision of JOSHUA

JOSHUA 5:13-15

1. **A Man With a Sword** (v.13)
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SETTING THE SCENE

JOSHUA 5:1-12

1 Now when all the [foreign] kings west of the Jordan and...along the coast heard how the LORD had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they had crossed over, their hearts melted in fear & they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites. ² At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives & circumcise the Israelites again." ³ So Joshua [did that]. ⁴ Now this is why he did so: All those who came out of Egypt—all the men of military age—died in the wilderness.... ⁵ All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not. ⁶ The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the LORD. For the LORD had sworn to them that they would not see the land He had solemnly promised their ancestors

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to give us, a land flowing with milk & honey. ⁷ So He raised up their sons in their place, & these were the ones Joshua circumcised.... ⁸

And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. ¹¹ The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. ¹² The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

1. A Man With a Sword

JOSHUA 5:13

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?"

1. A Man With a Sword

JOSHUA 5:13

REVELATION 1:13, 16-17

¹³ "...among the lampstands was **someone like a Son of Man....** ¹⁶ ...and **coming out of His mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword.** His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at His feet as though dead...."

ISAIAH 49:2 (A SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT)

"He made **My mouth like a sharpened sword;** in the shadow of His hand, He hid me; He made me into a polished arrow & concealed Me in his quiver."

"Neither," He replied, "but as
Commander of the Army of the
LORD [*YHWH*] I have now come."

Then Joshua fell facedown to the
ground in reverence, & asked Him,

"What message does my Lord
have for His servant?"

2. A Man on His Knees

JOSHUA 5:14

HEBREWS 4:12-13

¹² For the Word of God is alive & active. **Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. **Everything is uncovered & laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**

3. A Man Without Shoes

JOSHUA 5:15

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.

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JOSHUA 5:15

REVELATION 19:11-16

¹¹ "I saw Heaven standing open & there before me was a white horse, whose Rider is called Faithful & True. With justice He judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, & on His head are many crowns. He has a Name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, & His Name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The Armies of Heaven were following Him, riding on white horses & dressed in fine linen, white & clean. ¹⁵ **Coming out of His mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.** 'He will rule them with an iron scepter' [*Ps 2:9*]. He treads the wine-press of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On His robe & on His thigh He has this Name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

3. A Man Without Shoes

JOSHUA 5:15

REVELATION 2:12-17

¹² "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of Him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. ¹³ I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to My Name. You did not renounce your faith in Me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols & committed sexual immorality. ¹⁵ Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Repent therefore! Otherwise, **I will soon come to you & will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.** ¹⁷ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the

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JOSHUA 5:15

REVELATION 2:12-17

Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. **I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it."**