

THE DIVINE TAPESTRY

Part 16

“The Angel of the Lord”

Joshua 5 & 6

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As we read the Scriptures we will come across many passages that will amaze us, confound us, and cause us to shake our head. Sadly, many believers move on in their reading without considering why God wanted them to have this information, leaving the questions to skeptics and the answer to someone else.

God's intention was for us to meditate on His Word, consider each scene, and chew on each thought knowing that it would reveal a consistent picture of who He is. The Angel of the Lord in Joshua is one example.

A NOTE ON GOD'S CALL FOR DESTRUCTION, REMEMBER...

1. God's stand against **wickedness** is **consistent** and requires action.
2. God alone is truly **compassionate**, not wanting the ritual abuse of the innocent to continue unchecked.
3. Only God knows the **future fully** and can judge the means **necessary** for a remedy.
4. God never delights in the **punishment** of the **wicked** and doesn't use it as a tool of conversion.
5. This task is only given to His people a **handful** of **times**; only then by **divine decree**, and is used as a wretched reminder!

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

Who is He?

- An interaction with the **pre-incarnate Christ!**
- This is not the only time: (a short list)
 1. **Abraham** Genesis 18
 2. Abraham and **Isaac** Genesis 22
 3. **Hagar** Genesis 16
 4. **Jacob** Genesis 32
 5. **Moses** Exodus 3
 6. **Shadrach, Meshach** and **Abednego** Daniel 3
 7. **Joshua** Joshua 5 & 6
- He receives **worship**.
- He is called the **face** of the Lord. (Translation: Angel of His **presence**)(Ex. Isaiah 63:7-9)
- He comes meeting them in a way **unique** to their situation.
- He reveals that they are **part** of something much bigger than themselves.

WHO'S SIDE IS HE ON?

- Not **Israel**...but those who **believe!**
- Proof:
 1. **Rahab**
 - ✓ Not an **Israelite**
 - ✓ Not a life worth **duplicating**
 - ✓ Lifted up for **faith**...Is in lineage of **Christ**
 2. **Caleb**
 - ✓ Not an **Israelite** (Kenizzite) (Joshua 14:6)
 - ✓ Grand life of great **accomplishment** but part of riff-raff (Exodus 12:38)
 - ✓ Lifted up for **faith**...Hebron would **launch** David's reign

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- A right understanding of who **He** is should cause us to **worship**.