



“The Divine Warrior”

Joshua 5:13-15 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*During the Advent season we are looking at Jesus’ appearances in the Old Testament before He was born. Today we see Him appear as a military commander.*

I. The Context of Joshua’s Encounter.

- A. The children of Israel have come to the edge of the Promised Land, under Joshua’s leadership.
- B. God has given them the land of Canaan, but they must take it.
- C. The first city they must conquer after crossing the Jordan river is the heavily fortified Jericho.

II. The Captain of Heaven’s Armies.

- A. While Joshua is overlooking the city of Jericho a strange man appears dressed for battle, with his sword drawn.

- B. Joshua is not expecting the answer he received from the question he asked the strange man.
- C. The Messianic prophecies at times depict Messiah as a divine warrior.
- D. Jesus’ disciples are ready to take up arms when the authorities come to arrest Jesus.
- E. One day Jesus will return as a Divine Warrior.

III. The Christ of Old Testament History.

- A. Joshua recognizes that he is in the presence of God when the warrior appears.
- B. The warrior is none other than God Himself- the pre-incarnate Christ.

Conclusion – Lessons:

1. The LORD is a Warrior defending us against evil.–
2. Are we ready to worship and obey the commander of angel armies?