

The Lord of Armies: Realigning with Heaven | Angels, Jericho & the Remnant's Joshua Moment | KIB 504

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I. The Reality of Higher Realities

Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Hebrews 11:1–3 (ESV)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Heavens: Strong's 08064 שָׁמַיִם shamayim {shaw-mah'-yim} dual of an unused singular שָׁמַיִם shameh {shaw-meh'}

Meaning: 1) heaven, heavens, sky 1a) visible heavens, sky 1a1) as abode of the stars 1a2) as the visible universe, the sky, atmosphere, etc 1b) Heaven (as the abode of God).¹

Eternity is separate from the three heavens, and it is the secret place of the Most High God. In the beginning, God created the three heavens. It should be noted

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that the singular version of the Hebrew word is never used in Scripture. All three heavens are real and have their own unique dimensional reality, although they occupy different spatial dimensions. The second and third heavens are no less real than our own – they are hyper-real.

II. The LORD of Armies

Jesus is the captain of the heavenly armies. He is not a captain of ghosts, but a real soldier who can function powerfully in all three heavens.

LORD OF ARMIES: The security, power, and strength of God in the face of His enemies

The Hebrew root word *tsaba*, or “a gathering of people,” is frequently used in the Bible to describe armies preparing for war. When paired with the name of God in *Yahweh Tsebaoth*, it reveres Him as being over hosts of angelic armies who gather in His name and serve at His command, with all creation subject to. “LORD of Armies,” “LORD of Hosts,” “God of Armies,” and “LORD God of Armies” are versions of this name.

LORD of Armies most frequently appears in the Minor Prophets, especially in Malachi, where almost half of the verses in the book contain this name in some form. During the time of the prophets, the people of God were living in exile in Babylon and then under foreign rule after their return from exile. They faced daily reminders of the presence and power of the enemy armies that kept them in captivity. They called out to God as the LORD of Armies, whose vast angelic hosts could deliver them from trouble. LORD of Armies is a name that assures us of the power of our mighty God. ²

² LORD of Armies: <https://shereadstruth.com/lord-of-armies-2/>

III. Things About Angels (Faithful and Fallen) and Demons Over the Years

Historically, when angels or demons appear, they can easily see who we really are. This is true both in the biblical accounts and in those who have testified to seeing them. Humans are entirely transparent to these supernatural beings.

We have heard from many so-called prophets who have had angels show up to them and give them words to share with the Body. However, things began to come to light about these prophets, who had committed grave sins. Faithful angels of God would have called out the sin (if they were true prophets in error) or would have never been sent (because they were false prophets). Another clue was that the angel appearing to many of them was female. There are no female angels in the Word of God. (But there can be female Nephilim!)

When humans meet with angels, they are at first terrified or alarmed and very aware of their own sinfulness. The only exception is when the angels are disguised as humans.

IV. A Joshua Moment of Aligning Properly with God

Joshua Chapter Five is a realignment of a new generation of Israelites to work in concert with the heavenly army to take down the Nephilim stronghold of Jericho.

1. Circumcision as a sign of the covenant (they had not practiced circumcision while in the wilderness).
2. Time to heal.
3. God supernaturally rolled off the reproach of Egypt from them.
4. Israel celebrated Passover in Canaan.
5. Joshua met with Jesus – the Commander of the LORD’s Army. There was a paradigm adjustment in the heart of Joshua. This war is the LORD’s, not ours. Yes, we are involved in the war, but its scope is broader than just humanity. This

war is about everything! We must align with God to function as a part of His team in the last days.