

School Meeting Minutes – 31 August 2025

*We met on the 15th day of the 6th month in the priest course of Jehoiarib.

*We continued our series on the Camps and the Breastplate, building on the discussion from last week about the “Armies in Heaven” we saw in Judges 5. We focused on how the angels in heaven, around the Throne form a military structure which is then shown on the earth with the Camps of Israel.

*The 12 Legions of Angels.

- Mat 26:51 KJV And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. 52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. 53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than **twelve legions of angels?**
- Christ, just like the great prophets, was backed by the angelic host without the need to exert any physical might. He identifies an order of “12 Legions of Angels” in a manner that is similar to the camps of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- The word “legion” in Greek is γ3003 λεγεών legeōn; of Latin origin; a “legion”, i.e. Roman regiment. The word is defined as a legion, a body of soldiers whose number differed at different times, and in the time of Augustus seems to have consisted of 6826 men (i.e. 6100 foot soldiers, and 726 horsemen).
- Psalm 68 verse 17 talks about the heavenly body of soldiers, or a legion, giving us a number of the chariots of God.
- Ps 68:17 KJV The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.
- Ps 68:17 ESV The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.
- Ps 68:16 ABP ...For even the Lord encamps (κατασκηνώω kataskēnoō) unto the end. 17 The chariot of God -- ten thousand-fold; thousands of prospering ones. The Lord among them in Sinai, in the holy place.
- The angelic chariots are described as “encamping” around the Lord, and we also have some of the 12 tribes listed in verse 27.
- Ps 68:27 ESV There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead, the princes of Judah in their throng, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

*The Chariot of Israel.

- Elisha saw the “chariot of Israel” take Elijah in a whirlwind into heaven.
- 2 Kings 2:11 KJV And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, **the chariot of Israel**, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.
- 2 Kings 2:12 ABP And Elisha was beholding, and he yelled, O father, O father, **the chariot of Israel**, and his horseman (ἵππεύς hippeús).
- The same expression is used in 2 Kings 13:14.
- 2 Kings 13:14 KJV Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, **the chariot of Israel**, and the horsemen thereof.

*”More With Us Than With Them.”

- 2 Kings 6:14 ESV So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 15 When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” 16 He said, “Do not be afraid, for **those who are with us are more than those who are with them.**”
- 2 Kings 6:17 ESV So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.
- The expression “more with us than with them” is also used by Hezekiah in 2 Chronicles 32:7 when Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, threatened to fight against Jerusalem. Yet, it only required one Angel to strike down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians!
- 2 Chron 32:7 KJV Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be **more with us than with him:** 8

With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

- 2 Chron 32:21 KJV And the Lord sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria.
- 2 Kings 19:35 ESV And that night **the angel of the LORD** went out and struck down **185,000** in the camp of the Assyrians.

*The White, Red, Black, and Pale Horses.

- We see the horses in Zechariah 1.
- Zec 1:8 ABP I saw the night, and behold, a man having mounted a reddish horse, and this one stood in the midst of the shady mountains; and behind him **reddish horses**, and **white**, and **spotted**.
- Zec 1:11 ABP And they answered to the angel of the Lord standing in the midst the mountains, and they said, We have **traveled about the earth**, and behold, all the earth is inhabited and tranquil.
- The four chariots are described in Zechariah 6.
- Zec 6:1 ABP ...and behold, four chariots going forth from out of the midst of two mountains. 2 With the first chariot **reddish** horses; and with the second chariot **black** horses; 3 and with the third chariot **white** horses; and with the fourth chariot the spotted horses **spotted and dapple-gray**.
- Zec 6:4 ABP ...What are these, O lord? 5. And the angel answered, the one speaking with me. And he said, These are **the four winds/spirits of the heaven**, and they go forth to stand beside the Lord of all the earth.
- John describes them in Revelation 6, verses 2-8.
- Rev 6:2 ABP And I saw, and behold, a white horse. And the one sitting upon it having a bow.
- Rev 6:4 ABP And went forth another horse, fiery; and to the one sitting upon it was given to him great sword.
- Rev 6:5 ABP And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and the one sitting upon it having a yoke balance scale in his hand.
- Rev 6:8 ABP And I saw, and behold, a pale horse, and the one sitting upon it, his name was Thānatos, and Hades followed after him.
- Thus, the horse riders of Revelation are not evil or from the antichrist, but they are the real heavenly host!

*Solomon's Army Foreshadows the White Horse Army.

- Christ's Second Coming comes as a type and shadow of Solomon when he establishes the Temple. Solomon also gathered together chariots and horsemen.
- 2 Chron 1:14 ESV Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen. He had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.
- 2 Chron 1:16 KJV And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.
- 2 Chron 1:17 ESV They imported a chariot from Egypt for 600 shekels of silver, and a horse for 150.
- 2 Chron 9:25 ABP And there were to Solomon four thousand female horses for chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. And he stationed them in the cities of the chariots, and with the king in Jerusalem.

*Horses and Chariots in other Passages.

- Isa 43:16 KJV Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; 17 Which bringeth forth **the chariot and horse**, the army and the power; they shall lie down together.
- Hab 3:8 KJV Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? ...was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine **horses and thy chariots of salvation**? 9 Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah.
- 1 Sam 17:45 KJV ...but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel.
- Ps 34:7 ESV The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

*The Heavenly s Council.

- The Most High is surrounded by a host often described in a military style of στρατία stratiā, as part of the heavenly council.

- Dan 4:35 KJV And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and **he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven**, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand.
- 1 Kings 22:19 KJV And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all **the host of heaven** standing by him on his right hand and on his left.
- 1 Kings 22:19 ABP And Micaiah said, On account of this hear the word of the Lord! I saw the Lord God of Israel sitting upon his throne, and all the **military (στρατία stratiā) of the heaven** standing about him at his right, and at his left.
- We've defined the word "stratiā" last week as an army, as encamped; camp-likeness, i.e. an army, i.e. the angels, the celestial luminaries:--host.
- We saw the word used in Numbers 10:28 ABP "These are the militaries (stratiā) of the sons of Israel."
- We also saw it in 1 Chronicles 12:14, 21, and 23 with David, describing the order of the rulers of the military.

*What have we learned?

- The angelic army camps form the same order as the 12 tribes of Israel. When Elijah is caught up into heaven, Elisha sees the "chariots of Israel." Christ Himself used the phrase "the 12 legions of angels." The 4 spirits of heaven that John sees in Revelation 6 and that Zechariah describes in Zechariah 6, are the four leaders/captains of the military host. The heavenly host engages in the activities that go forth from before the Throne, thus allowing us to rest on the fact that "there is more with us than with them," and that the Most High and His angelic host is there to help us, and to fight our battles.

***We will meet again during our regular 4 time zone assemblies on September 7th. Have a blessed week as we continue to watch and pray, and obey the voice that came out of the Throne, saying Praise our God, all you His servants, both small and great!**