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In our last podcast we saw that Jesus is cloaked with a robe that has been dipped in blood, and He is called, the “Word of God.” This robe dipped in blood is emblematic, for it is a stain of irony and a stain of hope. Let’s pick back up with the Armies of Heaven that come with Jesus on His campaign of victory over all who oppose Him.

## EP163 Revelation 19 verse 14

### *The Armies of Heaven*

#### **Revelation 19:14**

And the armies that which in heaven, had followed Him on white horses, had been, by choice, being clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Our attention is drawn to these armies of heaven. What this tells us is that when Jesus returns, He does not come alone, the armies of heaven are with Him. We will spend some time on who might possibly comprise this army, but first we must dive into the **Code** because it is not just odd, it draws our attention with a very specific use of the *imperfect* tense.

In the same way that the Spirit told us in **Revelation 18:23** that the Merchants of the Earth “**were** (using the *imperfect* tense) *the great ones of the earth*” and it drove us to a specific time in the past to explore the events that occurred in **Genesis 6:1-4** and all that transpired with the “*gibbor*” the “*mighty ones*,” so too the *imperfect* tense is used in this passage to speak of these armies on white horses that followed the one who is it is caused to **now** being called Faithful and True.

In this passage, the Spirit uses two different forms of the *past* tense. When describing the army “*in fine white*,” He utilizes the familiar *perfect middle participle* indicating that this event occurred in the past, it was completed, but it was also a process and not a sudden event, and it was a matter of choice, nothing was forced upon this army. Hence the rendering, “... *had been* (the *perfect* tense), *by choice* (the *middle* voice), *being clothed* (the *participle*) *in fine linen, white and clean.*”

In contrast, the Spirit utilized the *imperfect* tense and declared that they “**had followed Him on white horses.**” Sometime in the past, this army had followed Him, and they were on white horses.

Looking through the **Codex**, the book of **Zechariah** contains references to chariots with white horses that are sent to patrol the earth, and in that instance the white horses followed the black horses to the north, which appeased **Yahweh’s** anger in the land of the north. But they are not referred to as an army,

but those who patrol the earth.<sup>1</sup>

Whereas in *Joel 2*, we find the only specific reference to God's **army**, and it is in a very layered prophetic passage that spoke to events of the day (so we know that any human army that it might have been referring to was empowered by the angelic) as well as to the future events associated with the **Day of the Lord** and His judgment of the nations.

In *Joel 2*, the Spirit refers to a past event, "*My great army which I sent among you,*" and yet **Yahweh** promises that in the future He "*will never again make His people be a reproach among the nations*" and that His "*people will never be put to shame,*" which historically has yet to happen. It also speaks of the **Day of the Lord**, a day which He says: "*There has never been anything like it, nor will there be again after it to the years of many generations.*" So, we know that this is speaking of a future event that has yet to take place. The Spirit also refers to those of a certain northern army, which is likely a reference to the armies of the man we call the Antichrist, who in the book of *Daniel* is identified as the King of the North.<sup>2</sup> Again, there are references to past events, near term events, and future events.

We will read this passage, not for a definitive answer or a slam-dunk connection, but to familiarize ourselves with the only other place in the entire **Codex** where God speaks of His great army.

### ***Joel 2:1-11, 18-32***

Blow a trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of **Yahweh** is coming; surely it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn spread over the mountains, a people great and caused to being mighty; there has never been anything like it, nor will there be again after it to the years of generation to generations.

A fire consumes before them and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them but a desolate wilderness behind them, and nothing at all escapes them.

Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like war horses, so they run. With a noise as of chariots they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire consuming the stubble, like a mighty people arranged for battle.

Before them the people are in anguish; all faces turn pale.

They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like soldiers; and they each march in line, nor do they deviate from their paths. They do not crowd each other, they march everyone in his path; when they burst through the defenses, they do not break ranks. They rush on the city, they run on the wall; they climb into the houses, they enter through the windows like a thief. Before them, the earth quakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and the moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness.

**Yahweh utters His voice before His army**; surely His camp is very great, for strong is he who carries out His word. The day of **Yahweh** is indeed great and very awesome, and who can endure it?

<sup>1</sup> *Zechariah 1:8-11, 6:1-8*

<sup>2</sup> *Daniel 11:221-45, specifically 40, 44*

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Then **Yahweh** will be zealous for His land and will have pity on His people. **Yahweh** will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine and oil, and you will be satisfied in full with them; and I will never again make you a reproach among the nations. But I will remove the northern {*army*} far from you, and I will drive it into a parched and desolate land, and its vanguard into the eastern sea, and its rear guard into the western sea. And its stench will arise, and its foul smell will come up, for it has done great things."

Do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad, for **Yahweh** has done great things. Do not fear, beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, for the tree has borne its fruit, the fig tree and the vine have yielded in full.

So, rejoice, O sons of Zion, and be glad in **Yahweh** your God; for He has given you the early rain for your vindication. And He has poured down for you the rain, the early and latter rain as before. The threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil.

Then I will make up to you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the creeping locust, the stripping locust and the gnawing locust, **my great army which I sent among you**.

You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied and praise the name of **Yahweh** your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; then My people will never be put to shame. Thus, you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am **Yahweh** your God, and there is no other; and My people will never be put to shame.

It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of **Yahweh** comes.

And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of **Yahweh** will be delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as **Yahweh** has said, even among the survivors whom **Yahweh** calls.

Is this a reference to the army of heavens on white horses that was sent in the past and who will follow Jesus at His Second Coming? We have no idea, but we do know that this is the only other passage in the **Codex** and in extra-Biblical text, that mentions God's army. So, we should pay attention.

In layered fashion, perhaps this is a reference to the angelic who **had followed** Jesus on white horses during whatever event was being described in Joel. But it might also be a future reference to the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** who will return with Jesus. After all, the description of those who "*had been, by choice, being clothed in fine linen, white and clean*" fits a description of the Bride of Christ given by promise, to those who are now overcoming and to those who have chosen to now be coming out of the

great tribulation.<sup>3</sup>

The Spirit says in **Joel 2:2**, “As the dawn spread over the mountains, a people great and caused to being mighty; there has never been anything like it, nor will there be again after it to the years of generation to generations.” In **Revelation 2:28** and **22:16** Jesus is mentioned as the one who is the bright morning star, literally, the dawn that spreads over the mountains. So perhaps, this does provide us a picture of Jesus at His Second Coming, the Day of **Yahweh**” and the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** who come with Him.

## What We Do Know with Absolute Certainty

As confusing as all this layered prophecy may be, what we do know from other parts of the **Codex** is that when Jesus returns, He will come with His angels and His bride will come with Him.

### *The Angels*

First, in terms of the angels, we are told, “For the Son of Man **now** will choose to **now** come in the glory of His Father with His angels and will then in the **future** repay every man according to His deeds.”<sup>4</sup> And in terms of that “repayment,” the Spirit says, “For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who are **now** afflicting you, and to give relief to you caused to **now** being afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, **now** taking vengeance on them that have not been knowing God and they are not **now** listening to the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”<sup>5</sup>

### *The Bride Comes with Him*

In terms of the inclusion of the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** (the Wife of Christ) in this army, we are told that **Yahweh** will come with all His holy ones with Him.<sup>6</sup>

“Yes, **Yahweh Adonai** (the Sovereign **Yahweh**) is coming in power. He will rule with a powerful arm. See, **he brings his reward with him** as he comes.”<sup>7</sup>

And who is this reward? “**Yahweh** has sent this message to every land: Tell the people of Israel, ‘Look, your Savior is coming. See, he brings his reward with him as he comes.’ They will be called “The Holy People” and “The People Redeemed by **Yahweh**.”<sup>8</sup> This speaks of all those “holy ones,” the “saints,” His bride—those who are now overcoming and now holding to the testimony of Jesus—the **Called and Chosen and Faithful**.<sup>9</sup>

### *Jude 14-15*

It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, **now** saying, “Behold, the Lord came **with ten thousands of his holy ones**, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh

<sup>3</sup> **Revelation 3:18; 7:13-17**

<sup>4</sup> **Matthew 16:27**. See also **Mark 8:38; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Jude 14**

<sup>5</sup> See **2 Thessalonians 1:6-11**

<sup>6</sup> **Zechariah 14:5**

<sup>7</sup> **Isaiah 40:10**

<sup>8</sup> **Isaiah 6:11-12**

<sup>9</sup> See **1 Thessalonians 3:13**

things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jesus explained that those who are His will always be with Him, thus, they will be with Him when He comes. Let's first look at the promise and then the fulfillment of the promise.

### **John 12:26**

If anyone may **now** serve Me, he is commanded to **now** follow Me; and where I **now** am, there My servant will also in the **future** choose to be; if anyone may **now** serve Me, the Father will in the **future** honor him.

### **John 14:1-3**

Do not let your heart **now** caused to be troubled; **now** believe, you are commanded to **now** believe in God, **now** believe, you are commanded to **now** believe also in Me. In My Father's house **now** are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I choose to **now** go to prepare a place for you. If I may be caused to go and may prepare a place for you, I will choose to **now** come again and, in the **future**, choose to receive you to Myself, that where I **now** am, there you **now** may be also.

### **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**

For the Lord Himself will in the **future** choose to descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will in the **future** choose to rise first. Then we who are **now** living and are **now** caused to be remaining will in the **future** be caused to be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always in the **future** choose to be with the Lord. Therefore, you are commanded to **now** comfort one another with these words.

The bondservants of Jesus Christ have the distinction of choosing to follow Him with their lives. This was imaged for us when we were told that the 144,000 are **now** following the Lamb wherever He goes.<sup>10</sup> It is a choice they made and a choice in which they are always found; thus, even in the future, they will always choose to be with the Lord.

## **Imagers**

*"... And the armies that which in heaven, had followed Him on white horses..."* Going back to the imagery of a white horse, and white being **Code** for righteousness and purity, we can understand that those who are worthy to ride on these white horses (the wife of Christ) are themselves righteous, or better said, they have been made righteous.

The riders have received their ultimate promise, and that is that they have become like Him, just like

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<sup>10</sup> See **Revelation 14:1-5**

Jesus that is. They have been transformed into His image and now completely share in His righteousness and purity.

### **1 John 3:2**

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, **we will be like Him**, because we will see Him just as He is.

On that day, the wife of Christ will be revealed with Him in glory, and all will see that these riders have been transformed into His image.<sup>11</sup>

### **Psalms 17:15**

As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake.

David affirms that he too will bear the likeness of Jesus when he awakes, when he receives His new body that will be righteous in the nature and construct of the divine.

### **1 Corinthians 15:35-49**

But someone will in the **future** say, "How the dead are **now** caused to being raised? And with what kind of body do they choose **now** to come?" You fool, **fool!** That which you **now** sow is not **now** caused to come to life unless it may die; and that which you **now** sow, you do not **now** sow the body which in the **future** chooses to being, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

But God **now** gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish. There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star **now** differs from star in glory.

So also the resurrection of the dead. It is **now** caused to be sown a perishable body, it is **now** caused to be raised an imperishable body; it is **now** caused to be sown in dishonor, it is **now** caused to be raised in glory; it is **now** caused to be sown in weakness, it is **now** caused to be raised in power; it is **now** caused to be sown a natural body, it is **now** caused to be raised a spiritual body.

If there **now** is a natural body, there **now** is also a spiritual body. And so, it was caused to be written, "The first man, Adam, became, by choice, a soul **now** living." The last Adam is **now** becoming a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. **Just as we have borne the image of the**

<sup>11</sup> See Colossians 3:4; Romans 8:29

earthy, we will also in the future bear the image of the heavenly.

What a glorious reality. Like Jesus who rides a white horse, so shall the bondservants of Jesus be, for they shall be like Him and share His very nature.

## The Victory Parade

We must also not miss this remarkable imagery of the white horses. In the context of the Roman Empire, this indicates that, for the wife of Christ, the ensuing battle is not her battle; rather, this is her victory ride.<sup>12</sup> This is her parade through the earth revealing to all that she wins. Yes, these “*holy ones*” may have died, but now they win forever just like Jesus promised.

This busts some **End Times fiction**, but according to the **Codex** when the wife of Christ returns with Jesus, she does not fight, she merely follows. He is the only one who fights, or better said, speaks forth His victory. Just like everything else in our relationship, He does the work, and we get to enjoy the victory and the spoils of war. After all, that is the essence of **GRACE!**

### *Isaiah 59:15-18*

And he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey. Now **Yahweh** saw, and it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice. And He saw that there was no man and was astonished that there was no one to intercede; **then His own arm brought salvation to Him, and His righteousness upheld Him.** He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; and He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle. According to their deeds, so He will repay, wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; to the coastlands He will make recompense.

### *Isaiah 63:1-6*

Who is this who comes from Edom, with garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, this One who is majestic in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength? "It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press? **"I have trodden the wine trough alone, and from the peoples there was no man with Me.** I also trod them in My anger and trampled them in My wrath; and their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, and I stained all My raiment. For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and My year of redemption has come. I looked, **and there was no one to help, and I was astonished and there was no one to uphold; so My own arm brought salvation to Me, and My wrath upheld Me.** I trod down the peoples in My anger and made them drunk in My wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."

This final battle will not be pretty, but Jesus is the one who fights for his bride and on her behalf. The bondservants of Jesus get to follow in His wake of victory ready for their new assignment, as emissaries

<sup>12</sup> See A White Horse (Control + click on “A White Horse” to follow the Link)

of Jesus, to rule and reign over the nations for all time. The **Codex** adds a grisly description that is meant to encourage the faithful where it explains that instead of fighting on that day, they will be skipping about with glee.

#### **Malachi 4:1-3**

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of hosts), “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. You will **tread down** the wicked *{literally in Hebrews, to squeeze out juice as in stomping on grapes}*, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of hosts).

### **The Horse**

The imagery of the **horse** conveys speed, strength, and the providential movements of God as He shapes the nations.<sup>13</sup> Being on white horses, this image is very emissary like, as God sends His agents, His ambassadors, to the nations to implement or effect His purposes amongst the realm of man as He positions His people to rule and reign over the nations with a rod of iron (just like He promised in His letter to the church at Thyatira).<sup>14</sup>

This idea of God sending emissaries from His kingdom was imaged for us in **Zechariah** when the black horse who patrols the earth goes to the nations in the north and vents **Yahweh’s** anger against those nations. The black horse is followed by a white horse, which, given the color, we can understand this white horse to bring or restore righteousness and purity to the region.

In that same vein, Jesus fights and vents His anger against the nations of the world and the hosts of heaven, and His bride comes in after the destruction to restore righteousness and purity to the earth.

Let’s stop here and in our next podcast we see Jesus with the sword that strikes down nations. He is prepared for war.

I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”

<sup>13</sup> See **Zechariah 1:7-11, 6:1-8**

<sup>14</sup> **Revelation 2:26-27**