

Series: Christ in the Old Testament

# CHRIST IN JOSHUA & JUDGES

*Joshua 5:13-6:5 & Judges 6:11-40*



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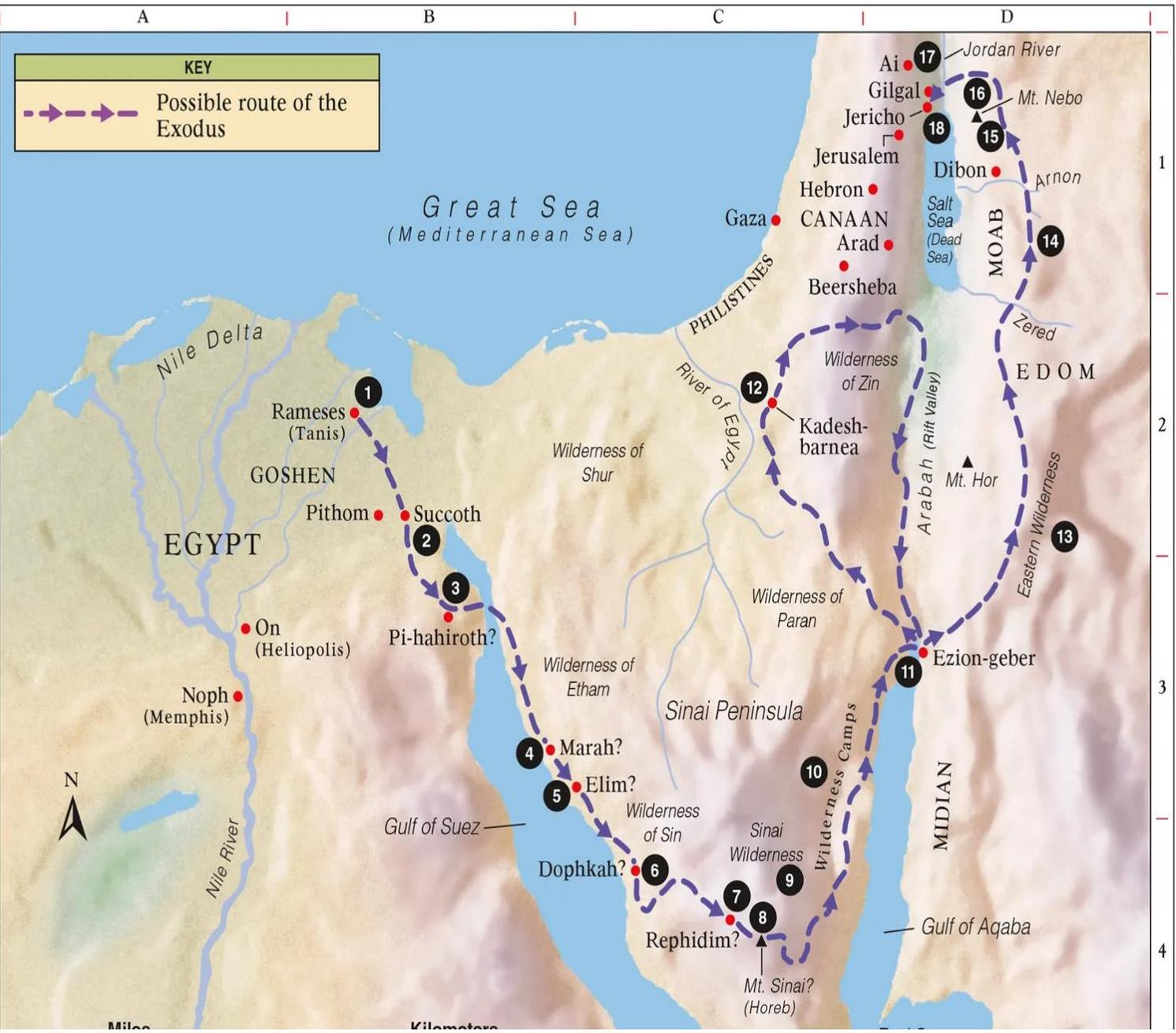
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# Passage 1

*Joshua 5:13-6:5*





## Context

- Leadership change from *Moses* for exodus to *Joshua* for conquest.
- In chaps 1-5, God, under Joshua parts Jordan river, spiritually renews Israel, and readies them for conquest of Canaan



# JOSH 5:13-6:5—THE SON APPEARS TO REORIENT

- I. Joshua Encounters the Captain of YHWH's Army (5:13-15)
  - A. The appearance of a man with a drawn sword (v. 13)
  - B. The man's self identification and response to Gideon (v. 14)
  - C. The commander's order to respect holy ground (v. 15)



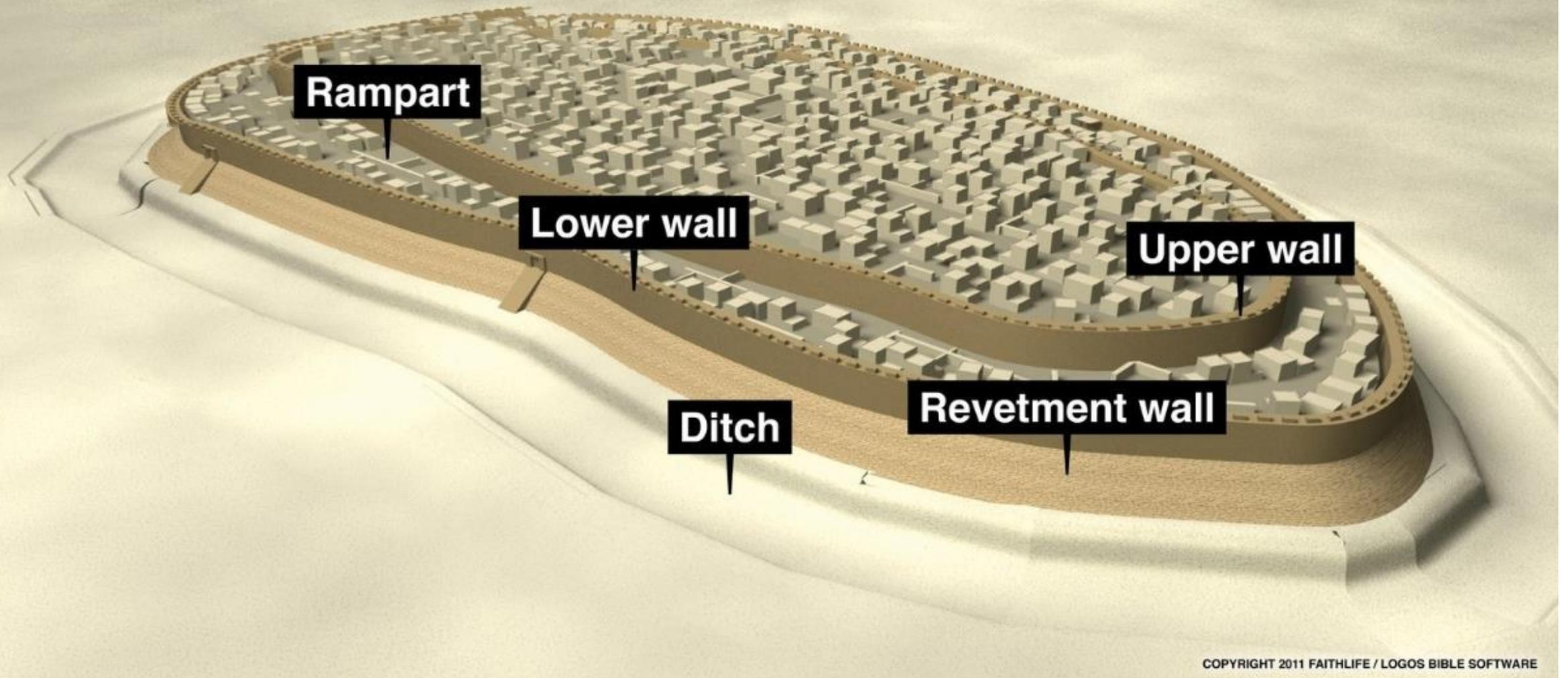
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# Ancient Jericho

Toward the end of the Bronze Age



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- III. Joshua Receives a Worship-Style Battle Plan (6:3-5)**



# WHO IS THIS MAN / CAPTAIN OF YHWH'S ARMY?

It is the pre-incarnate Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the second person of Trinity, appearing in human form, even before he took up a permanent human nature.

## **Four** Textual Reasons:

1. He Accepts Worship (5v.14; c.f. Rev. 19:10).
2. Joshua calls him Lord and submits to Him as a slave (5v. 14).
3. The ground is declared holy by His presence (5v. 15; c.f. Exo 3:5).
4. The seamless transition from the Commander to YHWH (6:2).



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## New Testament allusions/connections:

1. Christ the Captain of A Heavenly Army (Rev. 19:11-16)
2. Christ the True and better Joshua (Heb 4:8)



# WHY SAY THIS DIVINE FIGURE IS THE SON?

1. The Father dwells in unapproachable light (1 Tim 6:16; Exod 33:20)
2. The Son is the Eternal Mediator and Revealer of the Father (John 1:18)
3. YHWH is a title shared by all three persons of the One True God





# Passage 2

*Judges 6:11-40*



# JUDG 6:11-40—THE SON APPEARS TO REASSURE

## Context

- Israel has done evil in YHWH's sight and YHWH has chastised them by giving them over to their enemies—the Midianites (6:1-2)
- When they cry out for deliverance, God sends a prophet to remind them of their sins (6:8-10).



# JUDG 6:11-40—THE SON APPEARS TO REASSURE

- I. The Angel of YHWH Reassures and Commissions Gideon (vv. 11-18)
  - A. The angel of YHWH visits Gideon in the winepress (v. 11)
  - B. Gideon complains, but God reassures and commissions (vv. 12-14)
  - C. Gideon objects and God reassures (vv. 15-16)
  - D. Gideon asks for a sign of favour (vv. 17-18)



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- II. The AoY Confirms God's Favour by Consuming the Offering (vv. 19-24)
  - A. Mere hospitality to an offering sacrifice (vv. 19-20)
  - B. Fire from the rock: a sign of divine acceptance (v. 21)
  - C. Gideon fears death (v. 22)
  - D. YHWH is Shalom (Peace) (vv. 23-24)



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- V. YHWH Patiently Strengthens Gideon's Faith (vv. 36-40)**



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1. The narrator calls Him YHWH (v. 11—>v. 14)
2. He shifts from speaking *for* YHWH to speaking *as* YHWH (v. 12; v. 16)
3. He accepts a sacrifice amounting to worship (vv. 19-21; c.f. Exo 20:3-5; Rev 19:10)
4. Gideon fears death upon seeing Him (vv. 22-23; Exo 33:20)



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## NT Allusions/Connections:

1. “YHWH is Shalom” (v. 24; c.f. Eph 2:14)
2. “YHWH is with you” (v. 12)/”I will be with you” (v. 16; c.f. Matt 28:20)



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# APPLICATIONS:

1. Remember the important and right question: Are you on God's side?
2. Rely not on your own strength but on God.
3. Behold Christ in all of Scripture—even in Joshua and Judges—so that beholding Him you become like Him, and trust Him and follow Him in your own battles (2 Cor 3:18).

