

Word – "I Have Come"

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Re: Call to Conquer

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At 6:14 am, on April 25, 2009, I heard: "**I have come.**"

I must confess that on this day I was rather tired and perplexed over a variety of issues. On a personal level, it was obviously a word to encourage me to press on. The Lord was with me.

However, I believe the word has far greater significance, not only for me but for all like me who desire to be more than conquerors through Him who loves us (Romans 8:37). I believe it is a personal word to all His conquerors that, in a spiritual sense, He has truly come. He has come to keep us from the hour that is coming upon the world (Revelation 3:10). I would imagine that this is a word of encouragement that our beloved Lord has given His people down through the centuries as the world faced an hour of testing. In particular, I think of the hour of testing that came on the world starting in the early 1900's that built up to the two world wars. We are in another one of those hours.

As should be expected, upon hearing this word, I thought of Joshua, who is a type of Christ. **Joshua** or **Yeshua** is Jesus' Hebrew name, and **Joshua-Yeshua** leading the sons of Israel into their inheritance in the land of promise is a type of **Jesus-Yeshua** leading the many sons of God into their inheritance of glorified bodies. Jesus is the greater Joshua.

(13) When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" (14) And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD [Yahweh]. **Now I have come.**" And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" (15) And the commander of the LORD's [Yahweh] army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. (Joshua 5:13-15 ESV [REB])

Due to their initial refusal to enter Canaan, the sons of Israel were banished to wander in the wilderness for a total of 40 years. Only Caleb and Joshua had the faith to enter the land of milk and honey, as the Lord had promised, in order to receive their inheritance in the land. They truly were conquerors in that day, but they had to suffer, along with the rest of the Israelites during their long sojourn as the ecclesia in the wilderness (Acts 7:38). Caleb and Joshua also were types of the barley company in the midst of the wheat company. They both wandered together as they waited for God's appointed time.

The same picture can be seen in our day as the conquerors, the barley company, have been in the wilderness with the rest of the church, the wheat company. Barley is the first grain to be harvested, and so it will be with the conquerors, when the appointed time arrives. If you are one who longs for your inheritance of an immortal, glorified, spiritual, and celestial body in the image of Christ, and you have the faith to endure to the end of this age, then, most likely, you are counted among the barley. However, the good news is that the wheat must be harvested eventually, even if it is after the barley harvest.

Now, the commander of the army of Yahweh did not appear to Joshua until the sons of Israel had crossed the Jordan, the second generation had been circumcised, the entire company had celebrated Passover, and all had eaten from the land of Canaan. It was after these things that Joshua was by Jericho and the Lord appeared to him with sword drawn and announced: "**Now I have come.**"

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Of course, the antitype of this typological picture is discovered with Christians who are much like the second generation, only they have applied the blood (Passover) on the door of hearts that have been circumcised (Colossians 2:11). Further, they have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, having received an earnest of the spirit, and having tasted of the heavenly gift, the powers of the age to come, and the kindness of the Lord (2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5; Ephesians 1:14; Hebrews 6:4, 5; 1 Peter 2:3).

But the key to understanding this word is discovered in Jericho. The Lord appeared to Joshua as he was by Jericho, prior to its fall. It was then that the Lord told Joshua that He had given him the city and told him how to go about conquering it.

Today, our Jericho is **Mystery Babylon**. Just as Joshua and company had to circle Jericho once a day for seven days and then seven times on the seventh day, so we read in the Revelation of the judgment of Mystery Babylon administered in several series of sevens.

Mystery Babylon must fall for the conquerors to receive their true inheritance and the **Kingdom of our Lord** to begin to be established among the nations.

Dear brethren, the good news is that Mystery Babylon is under the judgment of God, and the Lord has come to finish the job. I don't know exactly when or how, but you can be assured that it is in the process of falling. The Stone Kingdom is striking the great statue with the golden head.

The crises and disasters are surely to come, but let us be ever mindful that so has the love of our life.

"I have come!" Our Yeshua has come, and soon He will manifest Himself to His conquerors. We are about to enter onto holy ground in a glorious way.

May we be counted worthy in that day!