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*Rehoboth New Life*  
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*Bible study*  
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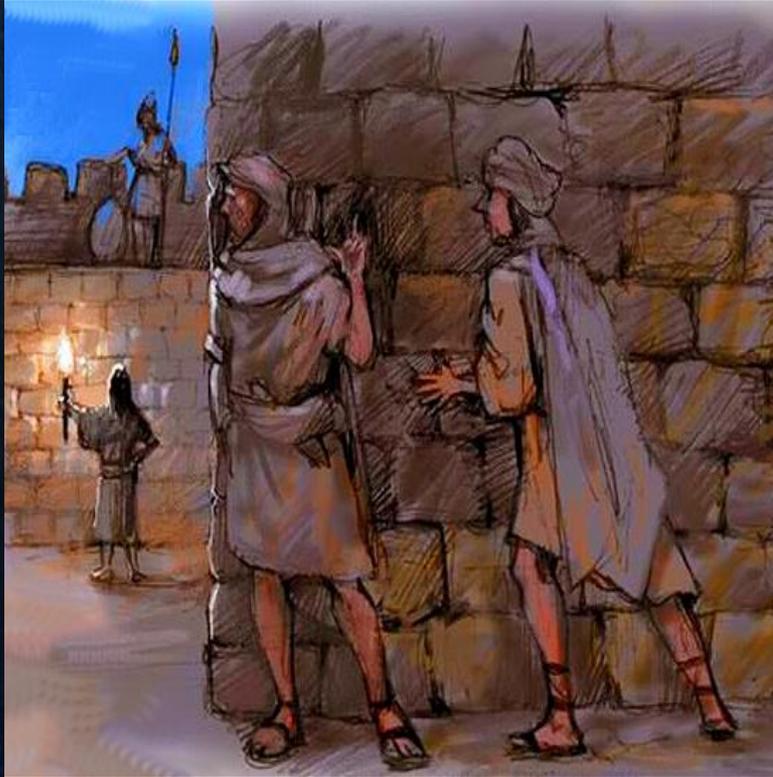
# The Rapture I



1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first:** 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

# An Old Testament Model



- Joshua 2:1 ¶And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

- I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and **used similitudes**, by the ministry of the prophets.
- Hosea 12:10
- **Similitudes**: “a likeness or model”

# Jericho “city of the moon God”

“Yerach” → Moon

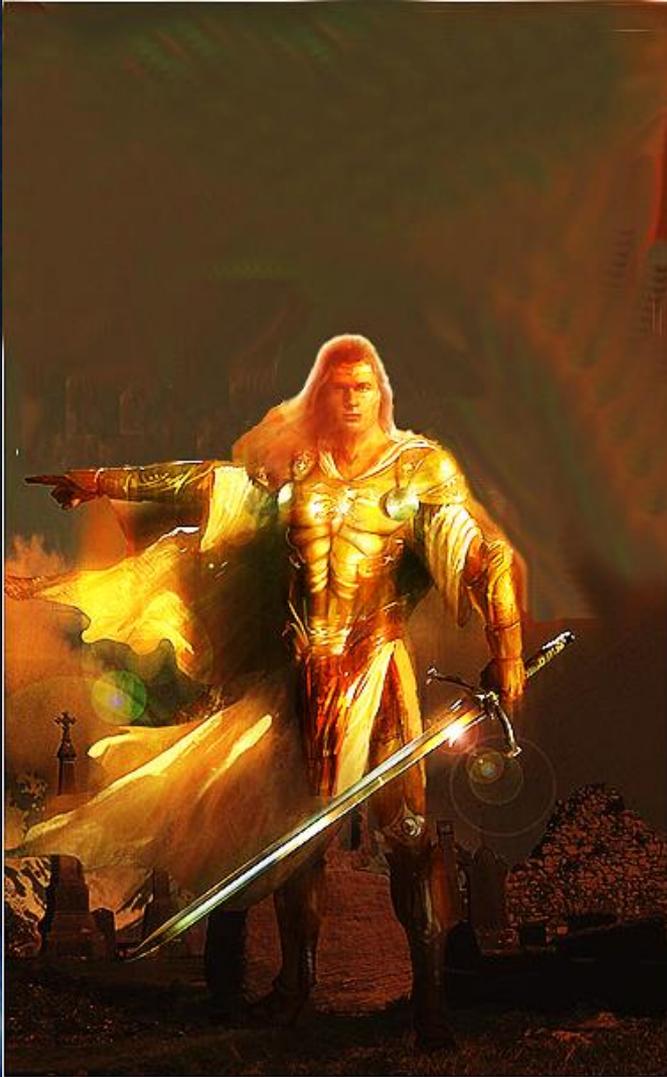
- As a male deity, the moon was worshipped by the Sumerians and by the Semites in general. The moon-god was known as Sin among the eastern Semites and as Erah or Yerach in the "west." Throughout the Middle East the moon was regarded as a deity particularly in the Mesopotamian centers of Ur and Haran where Abraham the Patriarch spent its early years.



"Stairway for the Gods," ziggurat of Ur dedicated to Sin, the moon-god,

“...As when he fought in the day of battle” ?

Zechariah 14:3



Joshua 5:13 ¶And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

13 While Joshua was near Jericho, he suddenly saw a man standing in front of him, holding a sword. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you one of our soldiers, or an enemy?" (*Good news translation*)



# The day of Battle !

- 14 "Neither," he replied, "but as *commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.*" Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" 15 *The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy."* And Joshua did

# Rachab: “wide, room”

- A gentile believer:
  - Joshua 2:9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.
  - 10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

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# Rahab: “wide, room”

- A gentile believer:

- Joshua 2:11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.
- 12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:
- 13 And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.
- truly with thee.



# The Two Spies/Witnesses

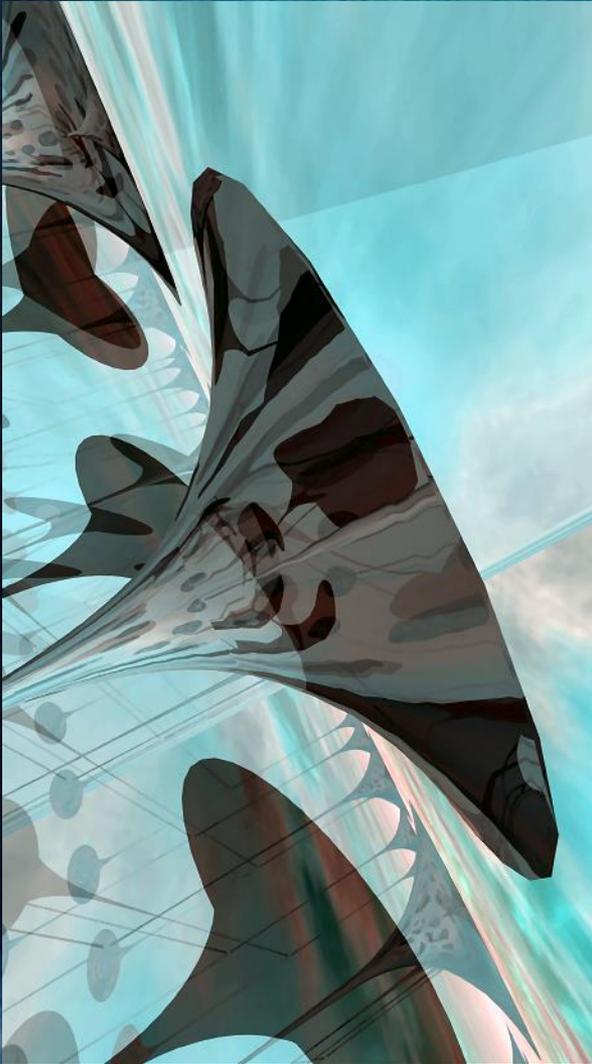
- Joshua 2:15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.
- 16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves **there three days**, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.
- Revelation 11:3 ¶ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall **prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth.
- 4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

# An Old Testament Model

- Deuteronomy 7:1 ¶When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, *seven nations greater and mightier than thou;*
- Revelation 13:1 ¶And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, *having seven heads* and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

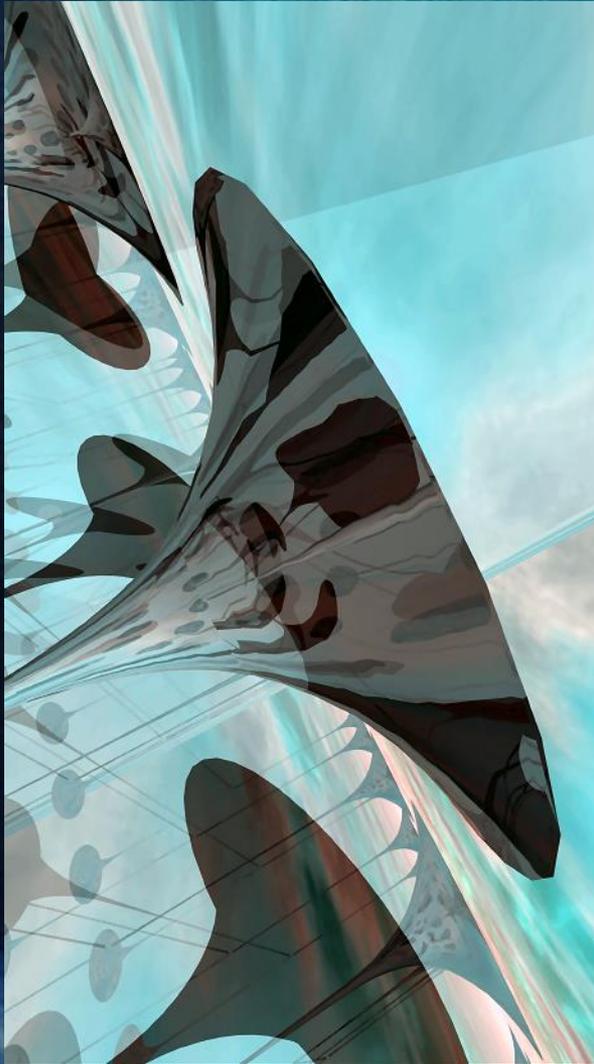


# Silence in heaven



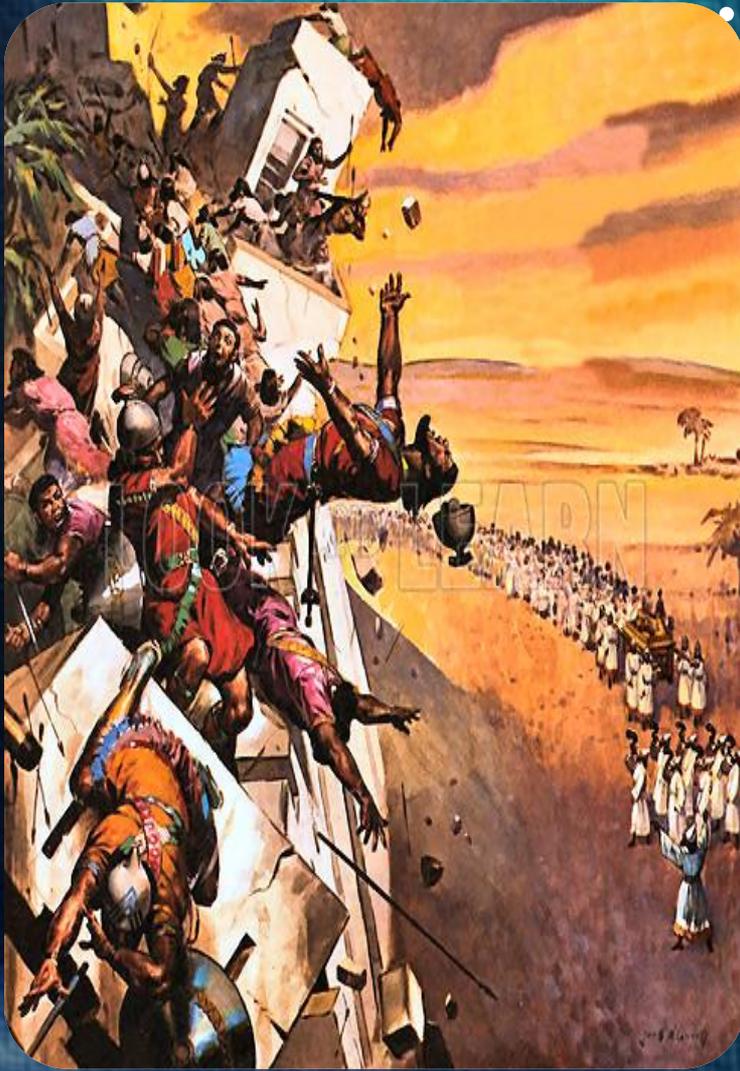
- Revelation 8:1 ¶ And when he had opened the seventh seal, *there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.*
- 2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were *given seven trumpets.*
- Joshua 6:10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, *Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice*, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

# Seven trumpet blasts



- Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and *there were great voices in heaven*, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

# The Seven trumpet blasts



Joshua 6:2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

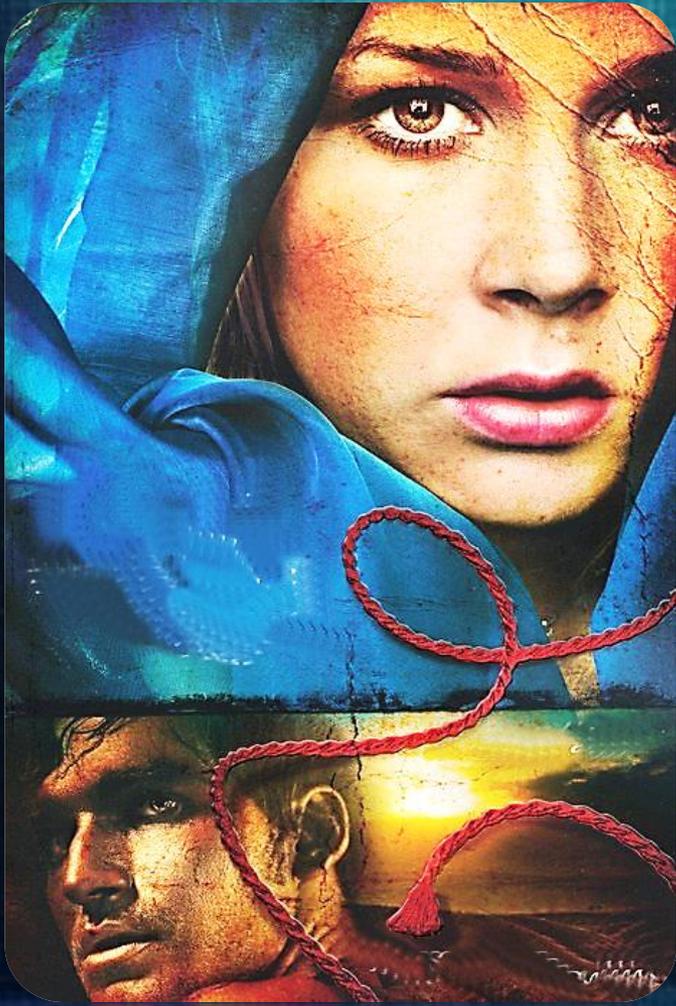
4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

5 *And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout;* and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

# A gentile bride is rescued from destruction

- Joshua 6:22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, **and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye swear unto her.**
- Joshua 6:23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

# She marries a prince of Israel



“BOAZ” means  
Strength

- Matthew 1:5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;
- Joshua 2:18 Behold, when we come into the land, ***thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window*** which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.

# The Second Model



- Genesis 22:2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

# The Offering instead !



- And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.
- Genesis 22:13

# Genesis 24

- 24:2 And Abraham said unto his **eldest servant** of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:
- 3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:
- 4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

# Who Left The Mount

- Genesis 22:19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

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Genesis 22:19

# The meeting place Genesis 24



Abraham commissions Eleazar  
to gather a bride for Isaac  
Eleazar qualifies her by a well  
She agrees to marry the  
bridegroom  
He gives her gifts  
She joins her bridegroom at  
the well of Living water Lahai  
Roi

**ELIEZER : MEANS HELPER OR COMFORTER !**

# The Unnamed servant

- Ruth 2:5 Then said Boaz unto his **servant** that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?
- Ruth 2:6 And **the servant** that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

## The Comforter: the unnamed servant



- Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for **he shall not speak of himself**; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
- John 16:13

# The Model Fulfilled



- Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.** And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.