

A knight in chainmail armor is shown from the chest up, holding a sword aloft in his right hand. He is wearing a helmet with a visor and a shield with a red and gold design. The background is a vast, hazy desert landscape under a warm, golden light.

THE MESSIAH: VICTORIOUS WARRIOR

ISAIAH 42:13
ZEPHANIAH 3:15-18
COLOSSIANS 2:9-15
1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-57

JUSTICE TO...

- The Gentiles through inclusion.
- The oppressed.
- The entire earth.
- God's justice would be satisfied through the Coming Messiah.



THE BRINGER OF NEWNESS

- The Messiah would fulfill the Old Covenant.
- Jesus was the blood sacrifice satisfying the Old Covenant.
- The New Covenant was based on the blood of Jesus.
- The New Covenant offers forgiveness to all mankind.



Rock Springs church of Christ
grow in respect to salvation.

The LORD will go forth like a warrior,
He will arouse His zeal like a man of war.
He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry.
He will prevail against His enemies.

-YaHWeH in Isaiah 42:13

THE ARMY GENERAL RIDES

- YaHWeH would go to battle for His people.
- He would fight for them with zeal and eagerness.
- YaHWeH will always be victorious.
- YaHWeH would be their salvation like when He defeated Pharaoh at the Red Sea (Ex. 15:1-4).



SUCCESSFUL STIPULATION

- In order for YaHWeH to go before the Israelites in battle, they had to be keeping their part of the covenant (Dt. 11:13-17; 28:25-26).
- Defeat at Ai (Josh. 7)
- Capture of the Ark by the Philistines (1 Sam. 4)



WHAT ABOUT US?

- God still wants to fight our battles for us.
- When we allow God to lead us, we win!
- There is no victory without God's help.
- We must be faithful.



The LORD has taken away His
judgments against you,

He has cleared away your
enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is
in your midst;

You will fear disaster no more.

In that day it will be said to
Jerusalem:

Do not be afraid, O Zion;

Do not let your hands fall limp.

-Zephaniah 3:15-18

The LORD your God is in your
midst,

A victorious warrior.

He will exult over you with joy,

He will be quiet in His love,

He will rejoice over you with
shouts of joy.

I will gather those who grieve
about the appointed feasts—

They came from you, O Zion;

The reproach of exile is a burden
on them."

A WARRIOR AMONG THEM

- Zephaniah prophesied during King Josiah's reign from 640 - 609 BC (Zeph. 1:1). His main message was Judah's punishment and the Coming of the Day of the Lord on the nations.
- YaHWeH's judgment on Judah would come to an end.
- YaHWeH would once again be among His people.
- YaHWeH would defend His people like a warrior.

PUNISHMENT THEN RESTORATION

- If we disobey, God will punish us.
- God's punishments are meant to lead us to repentance.
- He wants to restore us.

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

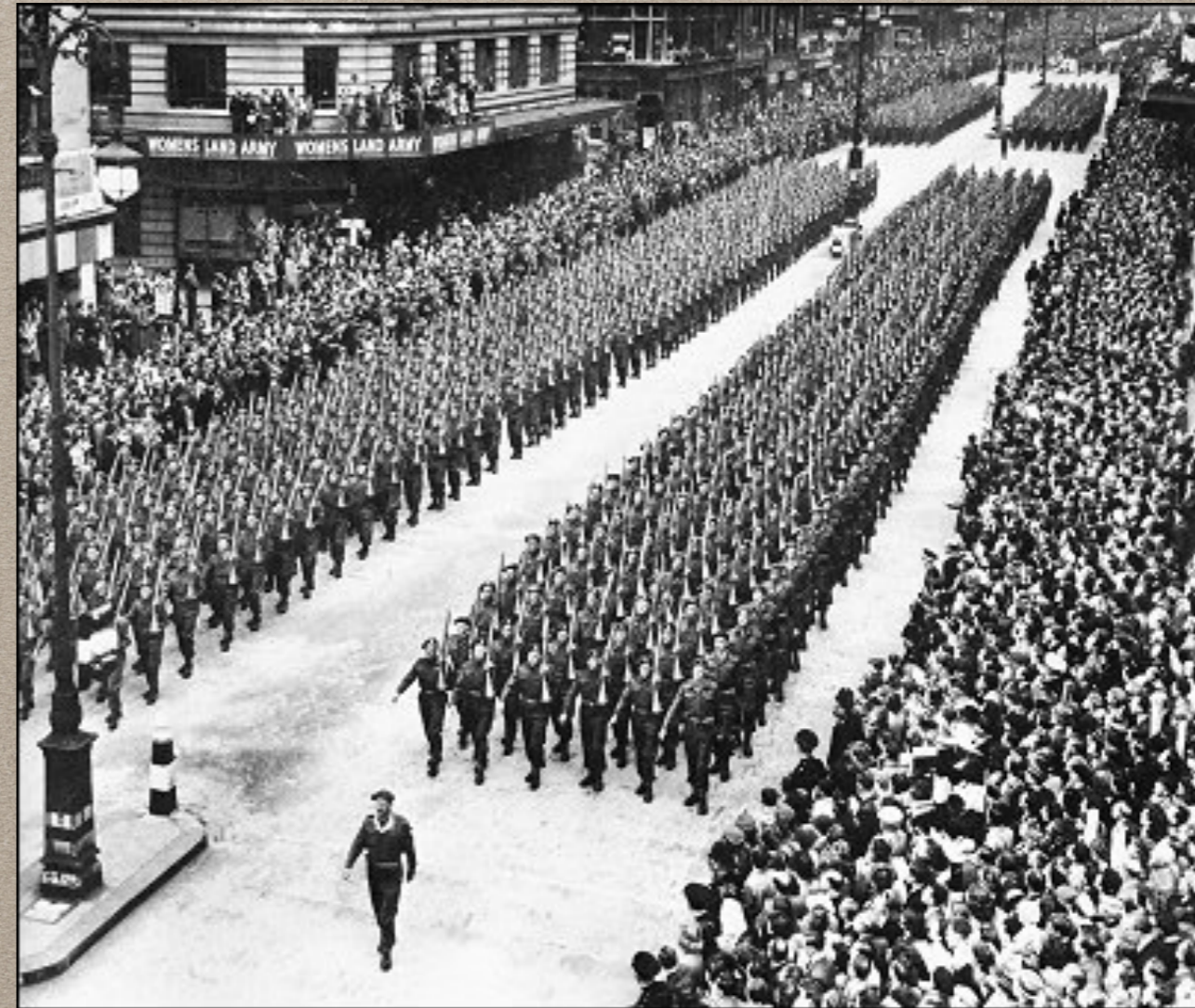
Colossians 2:9-12

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Colossians 2:13-15

VICTORY PARADE

- God has made His people complete in Christ.
- Christ is the Head over all.
- Baptism is the entry point into the New Covenant and God's army.
- The certificate of debt against God's people has been cancelled.
- Jesus paraded His enemies around like a victorious general returning from war.



But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

THE FINAL VICTORY

- This final victory for God's people is because of Jesus' resurrection.
- His people will be given imperishable bodies.
- Death will be dealt the final blow.
- This final victory will be through Jesus.



WHAT ABOUT US?

- God keeps His promises.
- God still fights our battles for us.
- If we want Him to fight for us, we must be faithful.
- Restoration is possible.
- Baptism puts us in the covenant and declares our allegiance to God.
- Jesus has won the war through His perfect sacrifice and resurrection.
- We can win only through Jesus.