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Militaries in Context and the Ecstasy of Ecstasies

by — Jeff Bohlender

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Sabaōth¹ (not Sabbath) is a Hebrew word that means “armies,” rendered “hosts” in most New Testament versions. The Greek word *stratia*² means “army,” related to *strateuo*,³ a Greek verb meaning, “I war.”

In my very literal *Derived New Testament*⁴ I’ve rendered these words “militaries” and “military” as follows:

And down as Isaiah has declared before, “If Master of militaries abandoned no seed to us, we were become as Sodom, and ever likened as Gomorrah” (Romans 9:29).

This followed,

Isaiah, yet, is crying over the Israel, “If ever the number of the sons of Israel may be as the sand of the sea, the residue shall be saved. For Master shall be doing a concluding and concise word on the land” (9:27-28).

From the context here, it looks like “Master of militaries” will be doing a major military cleanup before leaving a residue of seed to Israel, the seed being flesh descendants of Israel, the grandson of Abraham.



“And suddenly a multitude of **heavenly military** became together with the messenger, praising the Placer and saying ...” (Luke 2:13). This was when the messenger announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds near Bethlehem.

*The Placer, yet, turns and gives them over to be doing divine service to the **military of the Heaven**, down as it has been written in a scroll of the prophets, “House of Israel, offer you to Me, slain ones and sacrifices forty years in the desolate area?” (Acts 7:42).*

This comes from Stephen’s testimony shortly before being stoned, quoting a Hebrew prophet who spoke of Israel’s law-breaking worship habits in the desert.

About the word Placer, usually translated God: plac-er: PLACer,⁵ god, G2316, *theos*. It’s similar to the verb place: PLACE,⁵ G5087, *tithēmi*. The Placer of placers is the one placing all in the right place at the right time.

5. PLACer and PLACE were taken from the concordance of the *Concordant Literal New Testament* with Keyword Concordance.

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1. [Editor:] Σαβαώθ (G4519).
2. [Editor:] Στρατία (G4756).
3. [Editor:] ΚΚ; στρατεύομαι (G4754); “to make a military expedition” (TGL).
4. [Editor:] *Derived New Testament (DNT)* is a version derived from the literal sublinear of the *Concordant Greek Text*, with Italicized words in the text added for clarity. Bible Student’s Press (2024), available at www.StudyShelf.com

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- union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seated position among the celestials (Ephesians 2:6);
- adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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For even as, through the disobedience of the one human, the many were constituted sinners, thus also, through the obedience of the One, the many shall be constituted just. Law, yet, entered beside, that the offense should be increasing. Yet where the sin increases, the grace abounds out over it ... (Romans 5:19-20).

The many who were constituted sinners are the same many who will be constituted just – all children of Adam, in other words. Nobody can stop it. It will happen. We all have a good future ahead. All of the bad things are being used for a good purpose. All of the militaries, celestial, terrestrial, good, evil, are part of the Placer's beneficial operation of all, toward His good goal of being enjoyed by all, as "*All in all*." In perhaps 20,000 to 30,000 more Earth years, 1000 human generations, there will be a conclusion, a consummation to the durations (eons) of bad things happening, for the permanent benefit of all, all in the Heavens and on land, all reconciled, all made new, only two durations after the present wicked duration. The next two durations will see righteousness openly established and growing universally. The Placer's

plan of the durations (ages, eons) is not yet widely known.

There seems to be intense interest among Celestials as to the condition of humanity on Earth. Yet Paul did say that the Placer's wisdom would be made known to them through the called-out company which is the Anointed's spiritual Body.

Very interesting times indeed. The good message in Ephesians and Colossians is about the entire Omniverse, or the *all*. But it takes a spirit of wisdom and revealing from Placer to perceive its infinite dimensions. As all will find out, Placer is not sitting back hoping and waiting for anyone to make right decisions and do right things. Rather, He's giving experiences of vanity and corruption, giving sentient beings the illusion of being independent from the Source, as if all depended on them, with Source waiting and hoping in the background. No! He's not actually waiting or hoping for any of His creatures to do anything. Every breath and action come from Him, every moment.

One thing higher dimensions do perceive: all is and are connected, which is why some are look-

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... It delighted God, Who severed me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to unveil His Son in me that I may be evangelizing Him among the nations ... (Galatians 1:15-16, CV).

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We would not know anything about God, let alone know Him, unless He decided to make Himself known. As we have seen, down through time He has used various ways and means to reveal Himself. God has spoken to some in the past either directly, or through creation, angels (messengers), the prophets of old, signs and miracles, and through the written Word.



God, through His Son, *arrested* Saul on the road to Damascus in a most profound and startling way, appearing to Saul by a brilliant display of light, as if looking at an explosion of sunlight at midday. Yet, it wasn't the sun that he saw, but something far brighter: the Son in His glory.

At midday, on the road, I perceived ... a light from Heaven, above the brightness of the sun (Acts 26:13, CV).

In the case of the Apostle Paul, He spoke to him through His resurrected, ascended and glorified Son, Christ Jesus the Lord (II Corinthians 12:1).

If a person were to look upon such glory, with earthly eyes or soulish eyes, they would be struck blind. Such was the experience of Paul.

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E.H. Clayton (1887-1972), A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), Adlai Loudy (1893-1984), and Frank Neil Pohorlak (1907-1988).

His eyes being open, he observed nothing. Now, leading him by the hand, they led him into Damascus (Acts 9:8).

Unlike modern evangelistic efforts which try to cajole, manipulate or otherwise convince listeners to “take Jesus as their savior,” or “ask Him into their heart,” or any number of responses, according to the denomination, this work was swift and undeniable. Saul didn’t try to question *what* was happening, all he wanted to know was “*Who art Thou Lord?*” To say that his conversion was immediate and unopposed would be an understatement of the highest order. He didn’t know the name of the person, but he knew that, whoever He was, He was his “*Lord*.”

Saul was not looking for this revelation. He was, in his mind, already doing God’s will, and that included arresting followers of Jesus and in extreme cases putting some of them to death. We do know however, from prior revelation (John 6:44), that Father God was in some way drawing Saul to the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, his conversion at Christ’s sudden appearance was unexpected from Saul’s perspective (but NOT from God’s).

Paul was more than a convert that day. I Timothy 1:16 tells us that Paul’s conversion was to be a pattern for those who would be believing on Christ Jesus in

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ing at Earth. To appreciate and consciously enjoy the true good, which is the Placer Himself, living in you and being everything in you, *a little beforehand taste of bad goes a long way*. What is a trillion years compared to infinite years? Almost nothing. The wisdom prevails. The Omniverse gets a few lessons before things get truly rolling for good. Even the Placer’s Firstborn learned obedience through the things He suffered. No one escapes. Everyone gets the benefit.

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the future. What pattern was this? Well, Paul did not seek after Christ, did not believe anything was wrong with him, and didn’t respond to the moving of God in the light of some message proclaimed to him. So, how is this a pattern for us today? It isn’t. **It is a pattern for those people who never were, nor ever will be conciliated to God in this lifetime but will be in the future.** After their resurrection (at the Consummation, I Corinthians 15:24), they will wake up in astonishment when coming face to face with this same resurrected, ascended and glorified Son, Christ Jesus the Lord. At that time their “conversion” too will be complete. **BSN**

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Minor: Consummation

Select Readings from Jeff Bohlender

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The Solution to every problem also happens to be the Source of every problem. In other words, He creates the problems in order to eventually reveal Himself as the ultimate Solution to them all. In this way, He becomes appreciated, loved and enjoyed more than if He'd created a situation without problems.

Most people are unable to believe that all are headed toward a wonderful and good Destination. My experience is, when the true Source of every problem reveals Himself as the true and excellent Solution, every difficulty is seen in a wonderful Light.

Believe it or not, you're in good hands, everything is going as planned, and you have a wonderful future ahead.

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ALL THAT HAPPENS IS GOD'S DOING

God makes us what we are, places us where we are, and operates our operating, even if it still seems to us that we're "doing" things. Growth in our experience happens when God brings us into conscious enjoyment of Him as the Source and Operator of all existence, of which we all are a part. Growth in faith comes through hearing and

believing God, Who gives ears to hear and belief in the heart.

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THE PLACER OF ALL

The Placer of all, the Creator of all, the Operator of all, the Fulfiller of all, is using all to fulfill His plan to be "*All in all*." No one is frustrating Him. All is and are serving Him and His plan. Evil is here to serve the good. Justice will be administered. All will learn. All will grow up to be model citizens of a new and permanent creation. No one is getting away with anything. No one will be left out. Death is sleep. Everyone will wake up and be brought to maturity. Daddy has a big stick. He also has a kind heart. Anyone trying to help Him will discover He doesn't need any help. He doesn't need anything. He is the supply of everything. All is going as planned, right on schedule. It always has and always will. What can we do, then? Exactly what He has us doing, nothing more, nothing less. If you're really looking for something to do, here's something you might try. Always thank God for everything. After you have failed enough, He will become the thanks and everything else you need, springing from within you, pouring into you from above, making you very content, happy, pleased with all He does. And

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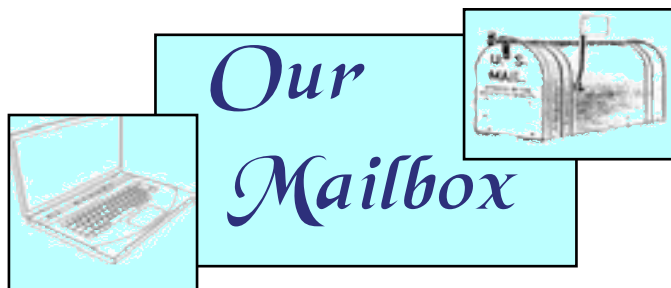
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then it may be time for another storm to solidify that constitution. Eventually the heat, pressure and wisdom will make you into a bright transparent crystalline expression and enjoyer of your Source, Means and infinite Destiny.

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BENEFITS FROM SUFFERING

It's normal to avoid suffering, but our Father takes us through it to build more of His good spirit into us. The results speak for themselves: genuine love, true happiness, inner serenity, enduring patience, things like these. If you're not yet enjoying benefits like these, you haven't yet reached the bottom of things. Not to worry, there is a bottom, and you'll be there before you know it. About the time the self-guided tour turns into a nightmare, it's time to relax, take a deep breath, and be ready for a little foretaste of the good Destiny your infinite Source has in store for you. All is going as planned. Death is nothing but a stop along the way. Some of us get to enjoy a taste of the good things to come even while in these dying bodies. Others don't. But the message I'm here to say is that no one will be left out. Jesus died for everyone, not just a few. His death is reckoned as our death, His resurrection, our resurrection, including not only us, but all creation. The good news is better than we thought, WAY better, but that doesn't mean we don't have

some humanly impossible things to go through. The good thing is, we're no longer mere humans on the other side, and perhaps, we never were.

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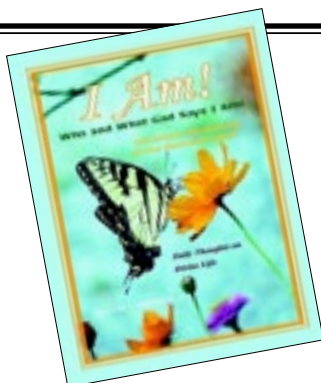
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“THERE IS ONE
BODY, AND ONE SPIRIT,
EVEN AS YOU ARE CALLED
IN ONE EXPECTATION OF
YOUR CALLING; ONE LORD, ONE
FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD
AND FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS
ABOVE ALL, AND THROUGH ALL,
AND IN ALL.”

Paul (Ephesians 4:4-6)



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