

## THE FIFTH JESUS

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In the Bible there are seven people that the Lord named before they were born. Ishmael, which means God hears (Gen. 16:11). Isaac, which means laughter (Gen. 17:19). Solomon's name means peace (I Chr. 22:9). Josiah means Jehovah heals (I Kings 13:2). Cyrus the Persian King, the meaning of whose name is unclear, could mean sun or throne. The Lord said that Cyrus would be His "shepherd" (Isa. 44:28). John the Baptist was the sixth person in the Bible God named before his birth (Lk. 1:13). Six in the Bible is the number of man. It is one short of the number seven, which represents perfection. John means Jehovah has been gracious. The seventh person The Lord named before his birth is, of course, the most important. He is the one all of history is about. Jesus, whose name means God is salvation, is the seventh.

It cannot be by accident that Our Lord Jesus Christ is the seventh person our Heavenly Father named. When we understand seven is the number of perfection it becomes clear that that number is the number of Jesus Christ; for, He is Perfect. He is the Lamb of God; for, in Him was no blemish. Pontius Pilate correctly admitted "I find no fault in him".

I Cor. 5: 21 says, "*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*" Once more we have evidence that the sacred Scriptures are divine and infallible. We have this record that Jesus, who is the God man, is listed not accidentally, but by divine decree to be number seven.

There is another number in God's holy book that will prove interesting. The number five is the number of Grace. Now, the name Jesus is the Hebrew equivalent of Joshua. We find that, in all places, chapter seven of the book of Acts. Stephen was a Hebrew, and understood the Old Testament name Joshua was the same as the Greek name Jesus. In Acts 7:45 Stephen transposed the name Jesus for Joshua. The writer of the book of Hebrews also referred to Joshua as Jesus in chapter four verse eight. We dare not read God's Word with a casual eye. Beneath the surface are wonderful truths. As the precious Holy Spirit says to the seven churches of Revelation, *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches...* (Rev. 2:7).

If we study the name Jesus, and understand that Joshua is the Hebrew equivalent of Jesus, and that Jesus is the Greek equivalent of Joshua, we will discover there are five people in the Bible named Jesus. Four of them we find in the Old Testament. Again the numbers are interesting. According to E. W. Bullinger's book, entitled *NUMBER IN SCRIPTURE*, on page 123 the number four in the Bible is the symbol of creation. There were four men named Jesus in the Old Testament. They were created, but the fifth Jesus

is in the New Testament. He is the only one. He is the Unique Son of God. He is everlasting; for He is the Alpha and the Omega of Revelation chapter one verse eight. He was not created. He is the Son of God. The second person of the Godhead or the Trinity. He is God and He is without beginning and without end. By Him came “grace and truth” (Jn. 1:17), because He is Grace and Truth. He is the seventh, for He is perfect, and He is the fifth, because He is the Saviour of the world!

### **THE FIRST JOSHUA WAS THE LEADER OF GOD’S PEOPLE.**

**Acts 7:45, *Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus [Joshua] into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;* (Emphasis Mine).**

Joshua is called Jesus here in Acts. The context makes that clear. This is Stephen’s defense before the council. He tells of Moses, Joshua, and David. He is telling about the history of the Jewish people, and how they crucified Jesus their Messiah. Can you understand why he substituted Jesus for Joshua? He was preaching to the people that screamed “crucify him, crucify him”. He was Preaching to the elders that falsely accused Jesus. He was standing before the high priest that accused the Son of God of blasphemy. These were the very people that spit upon our Saviour. Stephen wanted them to know that the name of Joshua was the name of God’s son. Oh how that must have cut to the quick. Oh, how that angered these men who had conspired to frame their own Messiah. Stephen said, “***Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles....***” Believe me they got the point.

There is another place where the Bible calls Joshua –Jesus. As I said before, Hebrews 4:8 says, ***For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.*** This chapter is comparing Old Testament people with the New Testament people. It is talking about the rest for all of God’s people, which is Heaven. You see, the writer of Hebrews wants the reader to know that Jesus and Joshua are the same name. He wants people to understand that Jesus is the ultimate Joshua.

Joshua led God’s people to victory over their enemies. Joshua led Israel to victory over the Gentiles. Let us return to Acts 7:45. “***Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus [Joshua] into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;***” (Emphasis mine).

The Lord used Joshua to give Israel the Promised Land. Now, listen carefully. That same thing will happen again. You say what? Yes, you heard correctly. When Jesus comes He will lead Israel to victory over the Gentiles. Jesus will defeat the Antichrist at the battle of Armageddon, and restore the Promised Land to Israel

Luke 21:24 says, And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. You see, there is a time coming during the tribulation when the Jews will be driven out of Israel again. They will be defeated, slaughtered, captured, and humiliated, at the hands of the Antichrist. It will be worse than Nazi Germany. Jeremiah 30:4,5 declares it to be “the time of Jacob’s trouble.” Oh yes! Already the drumbeat of anti-Semitism is being beaten in Europe. Already the world is blaming the Jews for the world’s troubles. God, who never lies, says all nations will fight against tiny Israel. Oh what shame! When men turn from God’s Word they become blind

to the truth. Make no mistake, the world will turn against Israel. But, make no mistake God is drawing the Antichrist, and those who follow him and his evil way, into a trap. Do you say God would not do that? Then read II Thessalonians 2:11. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. You see! When people reject the Bible, they have nothing left but a lie! Oh sinner you need to repent, and come to the Lord. You need to stop playing around with the devil, and give your life to God.

Romans 11:25-26, makes it clear that when the Jews accept Christ He will save them.. For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: The great Joshua is going to come and deliver Israel. You can be sure Jesus will defeat the nations of the world and save Israel.

Right now we are not in the tribulation. Jesus is the Saviour, and He wants to save you. Jesus, means Jehovah is salvation. Oh, don't turn from the truth. You need to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. He is the great Joshua. He can give you victory over sin and the devil. He can give you victory over bad habits. Jesus can defeat depression. He can give you victory over disease. If you will let Him, He will save you.

## **THE SECOND JOSHUA WAS THE OWNER OF A FIELD**

I Samuel 6:14 says, *And the cart came into the field of Joshua [Jesus] a Bethshemite and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.* (Emphasis mine)

Now, I looked at this chapter, and asked, what can this have to do with Jesus? This chapter tells of the return of the Ark of the Covenant to God's people. The Israelites had fought the Philistines, because it was God's purpose to bring judgment on Eli the priest. Remember, his boys were wicked, and he would not correct them. Take heed parents! God does hold parents responsible for raising their children right. Anyway, the Israelites fetched the Ark from Shiloh, and took it into the battle. The Philistines won the battle, and captured the Ark. They took it to the temple of their idol Dagon. That didn't turn out too good. Dagon lost his head, and the palms of his hands. They all came down with emerods. I am not going to tell you what emerods are. Go look it up. Just let me say they couldn't sit down very good. Then people started dying. About that time, they decided, maybe they should send the ark of God back to the Hebrews.

They decided to send the Ark back, but they devised a way to know if all their trouble was really a judgment of God. They took two milch kine, and hooked them to a brand new cart. Now, milch kine are milk cows that have calves. Cows that have calves do not leave their calves. They are mothers, and they take care of their babies. Well, the Philistines put the Ark of the Covenant on the cart with jewels, and they waited to see what the milch kine would do. If they left their calves they would know the plagues

were from the Lord. Well, you know what happened. The milch kine left their calves, and made a beeline for Bethshemesh.

Here is where it gets real interesting. The milch kine pulled the Ark to Bethshemesh. Bethshemesh means house of the sun. No not s-o-n but s-u-n. I just want you to remember the sun is where we get light. Jesus said, "***I am the Light of the world.***" Oh, I tell you, this gets good. This is shouting ground! So here we go. The cows pulled the Ark, and came to a field, and they stopped. Oh! Do you know whose field they stopped in? Let me read it again. I Sam. 6:14 says, "***And the cart came into the field of Joshua....***" Did you hear it? It came into the field of Jesus! Now wait. That's not all. The people of Bethshemesh made a sacrifice to the Lord. They used the cart for wood, and put it on a big stone, and made a sacrifice to the Lord. Did you hear that? They put it on a great stone. Jesus is the stone the builders rejected. Jesus is the chief corner stone. And do you know what the name of that particular stone was. It was the great stone Abel!

Do you remember Abel? He is the son of Adam that Cain killed. Abel is a type of Christ. Let me put it all together for you. The Ark of the Covenant represents the presence of God. Remember that Jesus is "Immanuel," which means, "God with us," came to Bethshemesh, the house of the sun. It stopped in the field of Jesus. They made a sacrifice on a great stone called Abel. Can you see Jesus in all that? When I was in Israel I told our guide I wanted to visit Bethshemesh. Our guide took us to Bethshemesh. It was just a little place. Just a stop in the road. I looked all around, and I couldn't see any great stone. I stood there, and looked over the valley of Sorek. Then it hit me. I like to have fainted. Now, I don't have any confirmation of this, but in my mind I am convinced I am right. I cannot be a hundred percent sure, but I am just pretty sure. I couldn't see the big stone, because- I was standing on it. The road ran right over the top of it. It was a kind of cliff. Then I saw it. The people of Bethshemesh made a sacrifice on what you and I would call a cliff. That's what Calvary is. It's a little cliff. You see, the Lord gave those people a kind of picture of the field of Joshua. I mean Calvary. I would call Calvary the field of Jesus. A-Men?

Listen to Matthew 13:44. ***Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field: the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.*** Matthew 13:38, explains that the field is the world. The treasure is Israel. That makes it clear. Christ purchased the world to redeem lost men. Jesus came to redeem the lost- Israel and the Church.

Jesus is the rock. Daniel 2:34: ***Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image...***

First Corinthians 10:4 says: ***And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.***

The Lord wanted people in the Old Testament to know -His son's name is Jesus.

## THE THIRD JOSHUA WAS THE GOVERNOR OF JERUSALEM

II Kings 23:8 reads like this. *And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.*

Now I just want to point out two things about this Scripture. First, Joshua is the governor of Jerusalem. This was during the revival under king Josiah. Judah had fallen into backsliding. This was the time of Jeremiah. All you have to do is read Jeremiah chapter three. Josiah the king, and Jeremiah the prophet, worked hard to bring about revival. The Lord blessed, and they did have a great revival. However, as quick as Josiah was gone the nation went to backsliding again. Nevertheless, it is significant that the governor of Jerusalem was Joshua, and Josiah the king, judged the false priests, and the idols in the gate where Joshua was governor. God the Father, and the Lamb will govern the New Jerusalem in the New Heaven, and the new earth. Just read Revelation 21:22.

Second, this verse has to do with the governor's place of judgment. Jesus, who is the great Joshua, will gather all nations for judgment.

Matthew 25:31-32, *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations and he shall separate them one from the another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.*

I have a great burden for souls who are lost, and people who backslide. Folks, let me tell you, when Jesus comes there is going to be a judgment. I don't want people to be lost, and I know you don't either. That is why we witness, and pray, and work. We want people to be saved! Let me just say though, don't get all upset about people who are determined to be wicked, and evil. Now, we have to put up with all of the devil's trouble while we are in this world. It is not pleasant. There are people that just are set against the Lord. They are determined to live in unbelief, and they don't want anyone to follow the Lord. The devil has his army, and sometimes, they persecute Christians. The only thing we can do is just love people, be wise, and try to win people to Jesus. But listen, pretty soon the great Joshua is going to come, and people are going to find out all this stubbornness, rebellion, and sin is no good. The Bible says, Jesus will gather all nations before him for judgment. I'm glad I'm saved, and I want to do my best to live the way the Lord wants me to. I want to surrender to His will. I want to please Him, and find my joy in Him. I wouldn't want to be a lost sinner, or a backslider when Jesus divides the sheep from the goats. Oh! Listen, sinner you need to come to the altar. You need to get things right with God before the devil takes you too far.

## **THE FOURTH JOSHUA WAS THE HIGH PRIEST, AND A TYPE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Lets look at Zechariah 6:11-13. *Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest; And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.*

Joshua was the high priest after the Jews returned from captivity in Babylon. When Jesus returns the captivity of God's people will be over. No more pain, and no more sorrow when our high priest, The Lord Jesus Christ comes. You see Jesus is the high priest of the New Testament. Listen to Hebrews 4:14: *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.* The New Testament makes it very clear that Jesus is our high priest. The book of Hebrews is about the redemptive work of Jesus our high priest. That's why we don't have to make animal sacrifices. That's why we don't have to go and confess our sins to a priest. There is only one mediator between God and man in the New Testament and that is our Lord Jesus Christ. I don't know how people can miss that. We don't have to go to an earthly priest to confess our sins. We just go directly to our high priest. We go to the great Joshua.

Now I believe people must confess their sins. I believe people have to humble themselves before the Lord, and surrender their life to God. But we don't have priesthood today because Jesus made every Christian a priest. When we sin we go to Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord! Jesus knows all our troubles. Jesus is greater than all the priests of the Old Testament. The Bible tells us our high priest is compassionate, and loving. Hebrews 4:15-16 says, *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

When we are in need we can go to the great Joshua. There is not a temptation He doesn't understand. There is absolutely nothing He can't help us with. He will not push us away. If we will just go to Him we can find "grace to help in the time of need." Friend, if you have a need you can trust Jesus to help you.

## **THE FIFTH JOSHUA IS THE ONE ALL THE OTHERS POINT TO, BECAUSE HE IS JESUS, THE SON OF GOD.**

Matthew 1:21, *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

God wanted people to know the name of His Son. He gave four men in the Old Testament with the same name. They were all types of the Lord Jesus Christ. The true Joshua. The perfect Joshua. Four is the number of the earth. God gave four Joshuas. Five is the number of Grace. The Lord wanted us to know the meaning of His name. Jesus means Jehovah is salvation. More than anything else God wanted everyone to accept His son as their Lord and Saviour. Friend can you see from what I have preached that the Bible is God's divine book? I have tried to scratch just a little below the surface of God's Holy Word so you could see that the Bible is not like any other book. No, let me say it the way it should be said. No other book in the world has ever been, or ever will be, like the Bible. It is the inspired, God-breathed, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God. All you have to do is consider its unity and complexity. Its depth, and its simplicity. Its beauty, and its truth. You will see ... ***holy men of God spake as they were moved by The Holy Ghost*** (II Pet. 1:21b), Oh I hope I have been able to help you to believe the Bible.

I hope you have understood a little better that Jesus is The Son of God. I hope I have glorified His dear name in this sermon. I hope the Precious Holy Spirit has used this message to warm your heart, and that you see that the entire Bible points to one person. It all points to our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no one else like him. There is no other Christ. There is no one else who ever passed through this world that is worthy to ***bear*** his shoes. John the Baptist was one of the very most holy men who ever lived. He was full of the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. No other mere man has ever been able to make that claim, but John was not worthy of the Son of God. Jesus is worthy of our worship, for He is the God-man. Oh let us gather at the feet of Jesus, and worship Him.

Let me conclude with these verses from Revelation chapter 5:11-14. ***And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb (Jesus Christ) that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever, and ever.*** (Emphasis mine)