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Numbers

Thirty and the Redeemed Army

When David became king over Israel, he had an army over which he appointed thirty captains as alluded to in the following verses:

1. 2 Sam. 23:13 "And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim."

2. 2 Sam. 23:23 "He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard."

3. 2 Sam 23:24 "Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,"

4. 1 Chr 11:15 "Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim."

These thirty captains were captains over the entire army of Israel and therefore were representative of the entire army. As we have shown previously, the number thirty is associated with the subject of redemption. This association points us to the fact that the Lord has an army made up entirely of redeemed people. We read of this army in Revelations chapter 19: 11 "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." Those in the Lord's militant army have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus.

As a part of the Lord's redeemed family and militant army, may the Lord help us fight the battles he as our captain assigns for us to fight.

