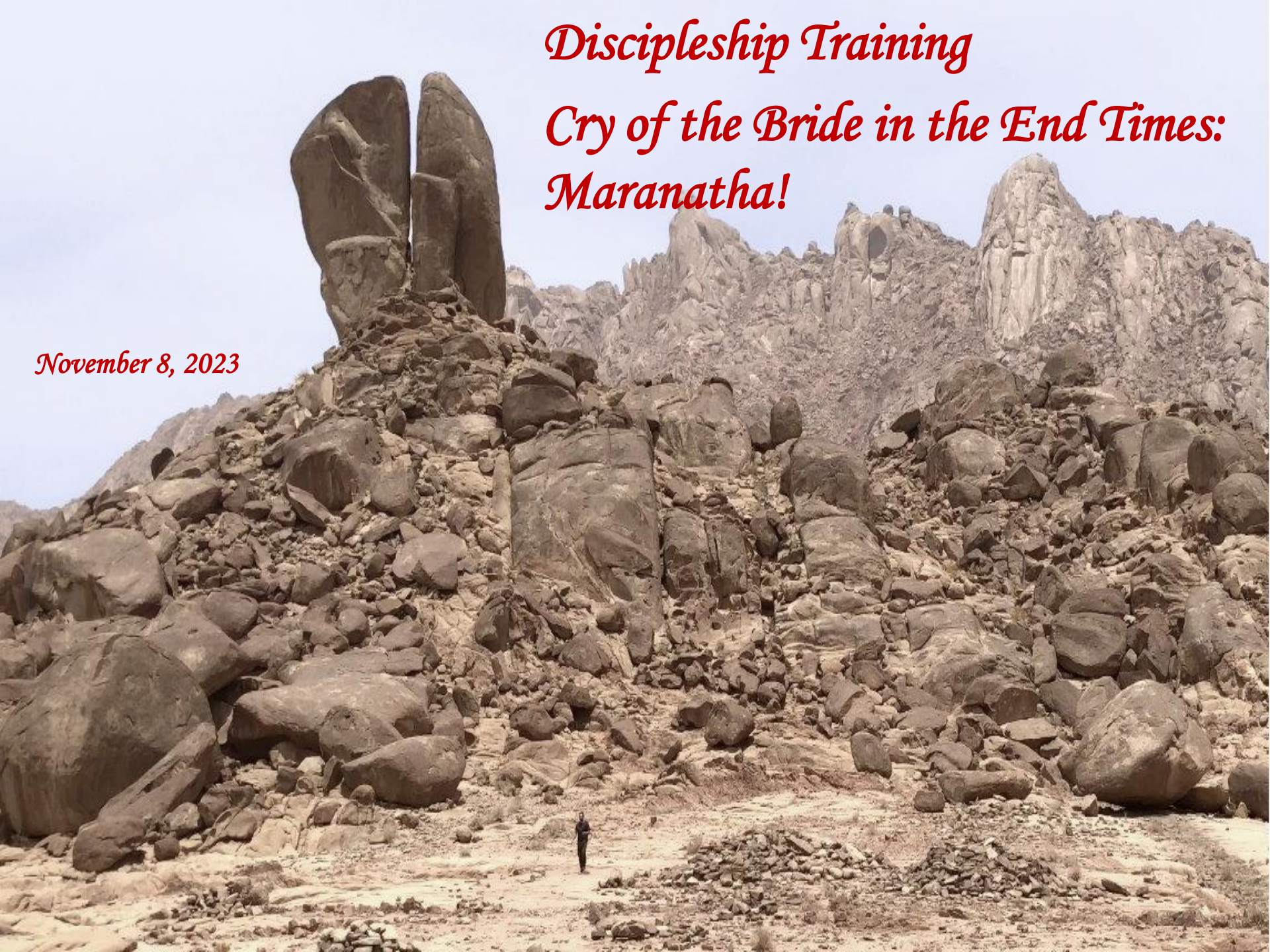


Discipleship Training

Cry of the Bride in the End Times: Maranatha!

November 8, 2023



A grayscale photograph of a rocky, mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a person stands on a dirt path, providing a sense of scale. The middle ground is filled with large, dark boulders and smaller rocks. In the background, several jagged, rocky peaks rise against a light sky. The overall scene is desolate and rugged.

Sinai to Zion
by Joel Richardson

Assigned reading: Part 3 of the Book

- **Chapter 25 The Return of Jesus in the New Testament**

Video:

- **Episode 37 Jesus the Divine Cloud Rider**
- **Episode 28 The Coming of the Messiah in the NT**

Assignment:

- **Give your insights on any topic in any episode**

November 8, 2023 (PST) Discipleship Class

Facilitator: Lilita

To discuss insights and takes:

- **Myra**
- **Abegail**
- **Francis**
- **Grace**
- **Imelda**
- **Eileen**
- **Prayer Leaders: Ruffy, Nora, Jeremy, Percy**

Episode 37 Jesus the Divine Cloud Rider

THE MESSIAH COMING TWICE AND THE REALITY OF GOD THE SON ARE NOT SOLELY NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN IDEAS, AS JEWISH POLEMICISTS CLAIM. THEY ARE CLEARLY FOUND IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. IN DANIEL 7, SO MANY PREVIOUS THEMES AND IDEAS THAT WERE DEVELOPING SUDDENLY BECOME INTERTWINED AND INSEPARABLE.

I. DANIEL 7:9-14

A. vs 9-10

- 1) God the Father sits enthroned in heaven as the Ancient of Days
- 2) coming out from before the Father is a river of fire, and that fire will purify everything in our lives that is not pure. The things that we don't lay before Him, He will, in His loving mercy, purify us from

B. vs 13-14

- 1) "coming on the clouds of heaven" (Deuteronomy 33:27)
- 2) this is when it becomes clear that the classic Messianic prophecies (the seed of Eve, Abraham, David) and the "YHWH comes from heaven" prophecies are one and the same
 - a) Jesus is the One who will come back to save us
- 2) the Son of man comes before the Ancient of Days and is given things that belong to God alone
- 3) some Jewish polemicists claim that the "son of man" is Israel personified, but one cannot look at this prophecy in light of the other prophecies we have looked at and not recognize that it is intertwining so many ideas and concepts that articulate what has been dubbed as merely New Testament Christian doctrine
 - a) more than any other term throughout the New Testament, Jesus refers to Himself as the "son of man"

Episode 38 The Coming of the Messiah in the NT

IN THIS SESSION WE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE THEMES, TERMS, AND SYMBOLS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT THAT ARE DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT DESERT PROPHECIES - AND DISCOVER THAT THE NEW TESTAMENT DOES NOT MAKE UP ANYTHING NEW BUT DRAWS FROM WHAT WAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

I. JESUS

A. [Matthew 16:27](#) (cf [Luke 9:26](#))

- 1) this verse is the very first reference in the New Testament - from Jesus' own lips - to His own return as "the son of man" ([Daniel 7:13](#))
- 2) by referring to Himself as the son of man, Jesus means He is the One described in [Daniel 7](#)
- 3) how do we know that Jesus didn't mean He was just a human but is, in fact, referring to that passage?
 - a) most of the Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew, but there are portions (such as in Daniel and Nehemiah) that were originally written in Aramaic. If we look at other "son of man" references in the Old Testament (such as in [Ezekiel](#)), we see they were written in Hebrew but [Daniel 7](#) was written in Aramaic
 - i. Hebrew "ben-adam" (son of adam/man)
Aramaic "bar-anasha"
 - ii. in [Mark 14:61-64](#), Jesus used the Aramaic term, referencing back to [Daniel 7](#) and thereby claiming He was God Almighty - and was subsequently accused of blasphemy. Jesus self-referenced with this term roughly 70 times in the New Testament
 - iii. by pointing to [Daniel 7](#), Jesus included all the previous prophecies which that chapter intertwines

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- B. Matthew 24:30–31 (cf Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27)
 - 1) Zechariah 9:14
- C. Matthew 25:31
 - 1) the glory of the Father and the glory of the Son is one and the same (Hebrews 1:3)
- D. In all these self-references to His own return, we see this:
 - 1) Jesus calls Himself “the Son of Man”
 - 2) He will “come”
 - a) in great glory
 - b) in the clouds
 - c) with His angels
 - d) to the blasting of a trumpet
 - 3) all of this will be accompanied by the gathering together of His elect

II. PAUL

- A. 1 Thessalonians 3:13
 - 1) “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints” Paul is basically quoting Deuteronomy 33:2
- B. 1 Thessalonians 4:15
 - 1) “for this we say to you by the word of the Lord” Paul is not saying God told him something new but rather that he is about to quote Old Testament Scriptures
- C. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
 - 1) “the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout” Paul is referencing Isaiah 42:13
- D. 2 Thessalonians 1:7–8
 - 1) “the Lord Jesus will be revealed” the word for revealed is “apokalupsis”. Paul is referring to Isaiah 40:5 and Isaiah 66:15–16
- E. Titus 2:13

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III. OTHERS

- A. Peter also refers to “the promise of His coming” (2 Peter 3:4).
- B. “He who is coming” (Hebrews 10:37) is a direct quote of Habakkuk’s Desert Prophecy (Habakkuk 2:3–4).
- C. James speaks of the Lord’s coming (James 5:7,8).
- D. The motif of the “coming” of God originates in the Blessings of Moses (Deuteronomy 33).
- E. Jude, the brother of Jesus, refers to Jesus coming from heaven “with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all” (Jude 14–15), a clear reference to Deuteronomy 33.
- F. Revelation 1:7 is a quote from Daniel 7 mixed with Zechariah 12.
 - 1) the reference to the cloud rider is always connected to the coming of God
 - 2) repeatedly it refers to eyes physically seeing Him return
- G. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (Revelation 1:8)

IV. CONCLUSION

- A. When Jesus comes,
 - 1) He will celebrate His marriage supper
 - 2) He will come back as a warrior
 - 3) heaven will be opened
 - 4) He will come riding a horse
 - 5) His robes will be soaked in blood
 - 6) His armies will also be riding horses
 - 7) He will come to crush His enemies like grapes
 - 8) He will kill the Antichrist and his hordes
 - 9) the animals will eat the flesh of His enemies
 - 10) He will come to rule the nations

PRAYER POINTS

Isaiah 62: Raise up people intercessors for Israel

God will not hold His peace until Israel becomes praise to the Nations; He set watchman on the wall to not keep silent

- **Pray for Israel and the church's endurance during the Jacob's trouble / great tribulation**
- **Israel's national repentance; to turn to God wholeheartedly and obey His commands/laws**
 - **Pray Psalm 91 over Israel**
- **Pray for any of the topics discussed as the Holy Spirit leads.**