

The Kingdom Code Pt 10

Unlocking Heaven's Blueprint for Earth

Bind It Before You Battle It: Confronting the Strong Man

Scripture Anchor: Matthew 12:25-30

But Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: “**Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.** ²⁶ If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. ²⁸ But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ **Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.** ³⁰ He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

Declare it with fire: **In the name of Jesus, I bind the strong man! I break the stronghold! I reclaim the territory! And I take back the house!**

INTRO: There are some battles you can't win because you're swinging at the branches while ignoring the roots.

You're fighting the fruit of bondage without ever confronting the spiritual architect behind the structure.

You're wrestling with the visible, while the invisible remains untouched. **Welcome to the realm of the strong man.**

The *strong man* is not a random demon—it is a strategic, ruling spirit—a territorial tyrant assigned to supervise demonic operations, enforce bondage, and block Kingdom advancement. These are principalities and powers—spiritual colonizers.

A few special considerations about the passage:

- **Satan's kingdom is not divided, ours is!**
 - Hell is united in havoc, but the Church is divided in doctrine.
 - The demonic realm is synchronized; the divine people are splintered.
 - The enemy is strategic in unity—while we are scattered in unnecessary division.
 - Satan schemes in structure while saints struggle with schisms.
 - Hell doesn't argue over pews and preferences—why do we?
 - Demons don't divide over styles of worship or the color of the carpet—why are we?
 - Hell cooperates to conquer—while many in the Church compete to be seen.
 - Satan doesn't need a divided Church to win—he just needs a distracted one.
 - The only thing stronger than a united enemy is a united ekklesia.

- What Hell fears most is not a loud Church, but a linked Church—joined in unity, purpose, and power.
- **The emphasis is not defensive – this is not about him invading our house, it is about us invading his house.**
 - We are not called to retreat, but to raid.
 - The Church was never meant to be passive, but to penetrate.
 - We were not built for defense—we were born to dominate.
 - It's not about surviving Satan's siege—it's about storming Satan's stronghold.
 - We're not hiding in the house—we're hunting in his.
 - We're not waiting for the devil to knock—we're kicking his door off the hinges!
 - Jesus didn't give us keys so we could lock ourselves in—He gave us keys to break into the enemy's territory and take back what's ours!
 - We are the aggressors, not the afraid. The enforcers, not the evaders. The storm, not the silence.
 - The gates of hell shall not prevail—not because they're attacking us, but because we are attacking them!
 - Your authority isn't for escaping hell's attacks—it's for executing Heaven's invasion!

We must wake up to this sobering truth: **Hell is unified and advancing while much of the Church is divided and defensive.**

- But the Kingdom of God was never meant to cower behind stained glass or retreat into ritual.
- We are not under attack—we are on assignment.
- **The Church is not built to survive the gates of Hell. It's built to shatter them.**

So hear this clearly: **We're not called to be gatekeepers—we're called to be gatecrashers.**

- We are not waiting for darkness to knock—we've been sent to **invade** its territory and **liberate** what it has unlawfully detained.
- This is not about Hell invading your house—**it's about you invading Hell's.**
- Because you don't just encounter a strong man—you **invade his house.**

And Jesus said: *“Before you can plunder, you must first bind.”* But that leads us to the next critical question: **How did the strong man set up his house in the first place?** What gave him the right to build a stronghold in your mind... your family... your city? The answer is unsettling—but revealing:

- **The strong man can't build unless someone gives him a blueprint.**
 - He doesn't barge in—he **builds in.**

He enters through access, stays through agreement, and rules through architecture.

Let's expose his strategy... You don't just *encounter* a strong man—you **invade his house**. And Jesus said before you can plunder, **you must first bind**.

1. IDENTIFY THE STRONG MAN – “The Mastermind Behind the Manifestation”

The spirit realm is not chaotic—it is organized, ranked, and regional.

Ephesians 6:12 reveals a **hierarchy of hell**: principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

A **strong man** is the demon in charge of a particular **territory, family line, or behavioral cycle**—the one who oversees **systems of bondage** and **coordinates subordinate spirits** to keep people in spiritual captivity.

He doesn't just show up—he sets up.

He analyzes generational sin, monitors trauma, and builds a *legal case* to gain access. And once access is granted—through sin, covenant, or agreement—he **establishes a base of operation**.

The enemy is not a reckless invader—he is a strategic prosecutor in a courtroom of spiritual law.

- He doesn't storm in—he **studies**.
- He surveys bloodlines, collects evidence, and examines generational patterns like a spiritual forensic analyst.
- He watches for **cycles of iniquity, unhealed trauma, and unrepented rebellion**—not for curiosity's sake, but to **build a case in the courts of Heaven**.

Hell operates through legality before it operates through calamity.

He builds his case like a skilled litigator:

- He appeals to ancestral sin and spiritual contracts signed in ignorance.
- He presents trauma that never turned into testimony.
- He cites covenants made in the dark—through idolatry, occult practices, bitterness, sexual sin, and soul ties.

And once he finds a valid spiritual breach—a legal loophole in the bloodline or the soul—he steps in, not as a trespasser, but as a legal claimant.

Demons don't need force when they have permission!

Access is granted through:

- **Sin** – which opens the door

- **Covenant** – which seals the door
- **Agreement** – which invites him to stay

From that access, he doesn't simply attack—he **builds**. He establishes a **base of operation**—a fortified stronghold, a high place in the mind, a foothold in the family, a gate in the territory.

He crafts **spiritual architecture** that holds generations captive, all while disguising bondage as personality, normalcy, or heritage.

What you call your struggle, he calls his stronghold.

The enemy knows the laws of the spirit. That's why he traffics in accusation (Revelation 12:10) and hides behind legal grounds.

- He's not omnipotent—but he is **opportunistic**.
- He doesn't need to overpower a believer—he **just needs a reason not to be removed**.

But here's the good news:

The blood of Jesus doesn't just pardon sin—it overrules cases and The Cross isn't just an altar—it's a courtroom where the Judge dismissed your accuser.

Now, what I am going to teach you is very heavy, but necessary. You are going to have to lean in with the ears of the "Spirit" to get an understanding of this...

Demons don't just need access—they need architecture.

They build where they're welcomed.

What Is Spiritual Architecture?

Spiritual architecture refers to the *unseen structures*—mental, emotional, cultural, or territorial—**designed to house demonic activity, control spiritual atmosphere, and perpetuate patterns of bondage.**

- The **infrastructure of iniquity** in the soul or society
- The **framework of thought or culture** that legalizes darkness
- A spiritual **system or construct** that demons can operate within undetected

Just like Heaven builds spiritual houses (Hebrews 3:6, 1 Peter 2:5), **Hell builds spiritual strongholds**—structures that feel natural but are entirely **supernatural in origin**. These can exist in individuals, families, organizations, or even cities. **You may not see it with your eyes, but you live inside its influence.**

Biblical Example 1: Tower of Babel – Genesis 11:4-9

“Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name...”
(Genesis 11:4)

This wasn't just a construction project—it was a **spiritual structure built on pride, rebellion, and humanism. It was architectural idolatry: an attempt to ascend to heaven without God.** The people were unified in speech and ambition, which made the structure spiritually significant.

Spiritual Architecture Here:

- Unified **language** and **intention** gave demonic power access to manifest through human effort.
- The tower became a **portal of rebellion**—a monument to self-exaltation.
- God **confused the structure** by dismantling their unity of language, scattering them, and preventing what would have been a stronghold of global deception.

Biblical Example 2: High Places in Israel – 1 Kings 14:23 & 2 Kings 17:9-11

“For they also built for themselves high places and sacred pillars and Asherim on every high hill and beneath every luxuriant tree.” (1 Kings 14:23)

“They set up for themselves sacred stones and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every spreading tree... and did wicked things that aroused the Lord’s anger.” (2 Kings 17:10-11)

These high places were **literal altars built to false gods**, but they also represent **spiritual structures**—places where demonic power was **enthroned** through ritual, idolatry, and national rebellion.

Spiritual Architecture Here:

- These were not just altars—they were **spiritual seats**.
- The people gave **legal topography (topos)** to territorial spirits through idolatrous worship.
- These structures polluted the land, confused the people, and made **demonic influence feel sacred**.

Every altar is an architecture. Every high place is a headquarters.

Spiritual architecture is how the enemy **builds invisibly, but impacts tangibly**.

- In the mind: through belief systems (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
- In the culture: through normalized sin (Romans 1)
- In the land: through idolatry and generational bloodshed (Leviticus 18, Deuteronomy 12)

The enemy builds strongholds the same way God builds temples—brick by brick, word by word, and generation by generation.

But God is raising up **spiritual architects of righteousness**—apostolic and prophetic voices who **tear down what Hell built and rebuild what Heaven intends**.

2. **HOW STRONGHOLDS ARE ESTABLISHED – “The Invisible Infrastructure of Bondage”**

Strongholds are not the demon—they are the *habitat* that allows demons to function undisturbed. They are **mental and emotional fortresses**—constructed by lies, experiences, wounds, traditions, and patterns.

Here’s how the enemy sets up a stronghold:

1. **Access:** through unrepented sin, trauma, idolatry, or generational iniquity.
2. **Agreement:** the person begins to believe the lie (e.g., “I’ll always be broken.”)
3. **Architecture:** a mindset forms that justifies and protects the bondage.
4. **Assignment:** demons move in and use the stronghold as a headquarters for attack.
5. **Allegiance:** the person begins defending the very thing keeping them in chains.

In people, strongholds become deeply ingrained behaviors, addictions, personality traits, or belief systems.

In territories, strongholds take the form of ideologies, cultural patterns, historic sins, or demonic altars.

The longer a lie lives unchecked, the more legitimate it begins to feel.

And here's the key—**strongholds don't just protect demons from being cast out; they protect people from being set free.**

A **stronghold** is not just a hiding place for demons—it's a **mental, emotional, or spiritual fortress** that convinces a person to *defend* their own bondage. In short: **The stronghold becomes the person's defense mechanism, not just the demon's dwelling place.**

How Do Strongholds Protect People from Being Set Free?

(1) They Redefine the Truth.

A stronghold **twists reality** until the lie feels like safety and truth feels like threat.

Scripture: *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God..."* (2 Corinthians 10:5)

- Instead of seeing the lie as bondage, the person sees it as **part of who they are.**
- Example: "I'll always be this way." / "This is just my personality." / "God understands."

Strongholds disguise captivity as identity.

(2) They Erect Emotional Fortresses.

Strongholds embed themselves in **painful places**—trauma, betrayal, abuse—making the person **afraid to revisit the memory** required for healing.

- **Deliverance requires access to the root.** But strongholds tell the person: “**That’s too painful to go there again.**”
- **Strongholds wrap themselves in emotional pain to avoid spiritual exposure.**

(3) They Justify Disobedience.

Strongholds convince people that obedience is unrealistic, unnecessary, or unfair.

- Example: “I don’t have to forgive—I was the victim.”
- “Tithing doesn’t apply to me.” / “I don’t need accountability.”

Strongholds give sin a theological excuse.

(4) They Build Loyalty to Bondage.

The person starts to **protect the stronghold** out of fear of change.

- “If I get delivered, who will I be?”
- “If I leave this relationship, I’ll be alone.”
- “If I let go of control, everything will fall apart.”

Strongholds don’t just imprison—they persuade. They make freedom feel more dangerous than captivity.

(5) They Distort the Image of God.

Strongholds don’t just lie about you—they lie about God.

- “God is distant.”
- “He’s angry at me.”
- “I have to earn His love.”

These lies **block intimacy**, stifle surrender, and subtly **keep the person from trusting God enough to walk into freedom.**

You won’t follow a God you don’t trust—and strongholds corrupt that trust.

A demon is cast out in a moment. A stronghold must be torn down through process.

That’s why Jesus didn’t just say “be free”—He said, **“you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”** (John 8:32)

Because truth dismantles architecture. It removes the roof over the demon's head. It crumbles the legal walls that once kept deliverance at bay.