

04/24/2022 - The Breaker Breaks Through
Ephesians Overview

Dale Hudson, 4/24/2022 1:00 PM: Good afternoon everyone!

We need to take a sidestep today and do a quick overview of the book of Ephesians to get a clear picture of what Paul is conveying concerning the "New Man."

Ephesians Chapters 1-3:

- The Calling
- The Construction
- The Constitution of the church

Ephesians Chapters 4-6:

- The Conduct of the Church
- The Confession of the Church
- The Conflict of the Church

Ephesians is considered by many scholars as the pinnacle and apex of the believers conquest of the purpose and promise of the Christian believer's walk.

Jesus walked on water, healed the sick, raised the dead, set free the captive, etc., as the Son of Man.

Why? To model to / for us what we could do empowered by and in subjection to the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is the pioneer, first-fruits, archetype

Similar to the drama of Matthew 17

Start on the mount of transfiguration where we see revelation of the Son of God in His glory, full of grace and truth...only to come down from the mountain to cast the devil out of a seemingly impossible situation...Finding out that the power and promise only work thru faith and is hindered by our own unbelief: not receiving a full revelation of what Jesus said and who we truly are - in Him!

We ascend to the mountain top only to descend to the demonized valley to prove, "With every revelation there is a situation that will help you determine whether or not we got it. (Did we get the revelation, or were we just excited and happy.

In the discussion Paul has concerning the walk of the believer, he shares with us how we should walk in authority and power and, at the same time walk, in lowliness and meekness based on what Jesus has done for us (past tense).

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Ephesians is the Joshua of the New Testament.

The key words in the first half of Ephesians are the words:

- Position - God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 1:3)
- Possession – which is the key word in the book of Joshua

Joshua had to appropriate by faith what God had given by grace - to enjoy the blessings of the promise land or the land of "promises" that had already been provided (2 Cor. 1:20, 2 Pet. 1:4)

Joshua's job and calling was to take possession of the land. Even though he faced obstacles and enemies (i.e. giants) in His way. He had to overcome and occupy.

In Christ we don't survive, we adapt and overcome (Rev. 12:

All this parallels our position in Christ.

God has provided, and we TAKE possession!

Matthew 11:12

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

Hebrew Heritage Bible: "From the days of Yocannon (or Yohanan) the Immerser till now, the kingdom of heaven (God) is powerfully breaking its way forward and people who are breaking out with its power are seizing a hold of it."

"**Suffers violence**" - Gr. "*Biazo*" (suffers violence is a bad translation) - a better translation is "forcefully advancing." This active meaning correctly conveys both the force associated with the verb and also mentions the progressive movement of kingdom reign.

"The violent" in KJV and "Forceful men" in the NIV is the Gr. word - *Biastoi* - which is derived from the same word (*Biazo*)

The word (*Biastoi*) -> forceful men, is closely related to Micah 2:13, it should be rendered as "**the Breakers.**"

The ones making the breach or hole wider as they break out from within the wall of confinement.

The Breaker (the Messiah, who opens the way) shall go up before them (liberating them)

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They will break out, pass through the gate and go out. So their King goes on before them, the Lord at their head. Micah 2:13

Context - the prophets repeatedly revealed the full extent of God's coming judgment and salvation. God would punish His rebellious people but would afterward redeem them. Israel would be sent into exile, but a remnant of the people would return. The Messiah, the one who breaks open the way, shall lead them back and shall restore the kingdom of David.

John the Baptist prepared the way - (REPENT - renew your mind, for the kingdom of Heaven (God) is at hand!)

Jesus broke through...and triumphed! Making and show of the enemy "triumphing over them in the resurrection." 1 Cor 15:12-22

Now we come, in the power of the Holy Ghost, in His name, breaking a hole in the illusion of a stronghold, widening the hole for others to go through.

Somebody needs to kill a few giants so that the army of the Lord won't be afraid!

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies..."

David called the name of the place where he defeated the Philistines by the word of the Lord - Baal Perizim! The Lord of the Breakthrough!

Someone else's freedom is directly connected to your boldness to possess your possessions and harvest your harvest.

Read: Isaiah 40:1-5 -> Matt. 3:1-3

Matt. 3:2 -> Matt 4:17

Matt. 14:22-25 -> Matt 14:26-33

Matt. 9:20-22 -> Matt. 14:34-36

Mark 4:35 -> Acts 12:5-9

Exodus 12:11,17 - Acts 12:5-8, 12:3

Matt. 28:1-6; John 20:16-17; Eph 2:1-6

How many of you can be calm in the storm, no matter how turbulent?

Can you allow the peace of God to rest, rule and abide in your midst when there is a storm?

We are talking about breaking through!

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Peter was so at rest that the angel had to wake him, despite the fact they planned to execute him the next day.

Read: Exodus 12:11

Be ever ready to break through...to be the barrier breaker

Go back to Acts 12:7,8

Now let's go to Acts 12:2-3

Now it was when? The days of unleavened bread - Passover repeated

Read: Joshua 3:9

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