

Breaking Down the Enemies Strongholds

Dear Saints,

In the portion we are considering this week found in **Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22**, the beginning of the last book of the books of Moses. These books are called the *Torah*, which is the Hebrew word for **instruction**. or the Pentateuch, as it is commonly known in the Greco-Roman tradition. In all actuality, the entire Bible should be understood to be Torah, for it is **the Teaching and Instruction of God. All Scripture is God breathed, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for setting aright and for instruction in righteousness** (2Timothy 3:16). This book, Deuteronomy, is called *Devarim*, or “Words” in the Hebrew Bible, and contains the last God-inspired words, or instructions through Moses to the Children of Israel before his death.

Although nearly forty years had passed from Exodus 12 to the end of the book of Numbers, this last book covers only the last brief time from when the nation of Israel had arrived on the east side of Jordan, and was preparing to enter into their inheritance from YHWH. Moses recounted the events of the travels of the nation of Israel in the wilderness, reminding a new generation of God’s love and care for them, and also of the sins that have resulted in a thirty-eight-year delay in reaching their promised inheritance. As you read and meditate on these words sent to prepare the people for their entry into the land of Israel, remember that they are the children of those who were not allowed to enter because of unbelief. God wants them to know and understand that just as surely as **unbelief kept their parents from inheriting the promise**, so also, **belief, or trust will bring every promise of God into manifestation**.

These people had spent the last forty years in tents moving through a very difficult region. They had watched their fathers die premature deaths because they failed to trust in the Word of God. God’s Word to them, and unto us, is truth and will certainly happen just as He says. He will use those who walk in faith to carry out His plans in the earth. He purposes to build up the trust of His people through His Word and teach them that He will work through them to accomplish His will.

Exodus 3:17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

Exodus 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself.

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine:

Exodus 19:6 And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

God will cause everything He promises to come to pass, because He will use those that He calls and empower them to carry out His Word. Remember, God empowers by the Holy Spirit through His anointing. A simple definition of His anointing on us is **God working through flesh and blood to do those things which we could never do without Him**. YHWH wants His children to know that His Word has the power in it to bring about its fulfillment. **Our only task is to say**

what God says, believe it in our hearts and act as He shows us.

Deuteronomy 2:25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

The Father wants us to realize the great power He has put into those who will trust Him. **He wants us to know who we are in Him.** We should never fear the devices of the enemy at work in the world, but rather stand against them in the Name of Yeshua, knowing that **we have been given authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall harm us in any way (Luke 10:19).** We are told that in every working of evil brought against us, **we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us (Romans 8:37).** The enemy knows that he is defeated and that his time is short. When he hears the report of victory in the Messiah that comes from our lips, he knows who we are and trembles in anguish.

The wonderful news of the amazing power that is placed in us through our trust in the blood of Yeshua and through the power of the Holy Spirit is that we don't wage war as the nations of the earth do, but rather **we speak the life-giving Word of God and become conquerors of the Devil by wielding the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God praying... (Ephesians 6:17, 18)** We don't need to arm ourselves with natural armament. We don't have to carry signs in protest of evil, nor resort to the tactics used in ordinary battle, because the Lord will cause **the hosts of Satan to dread and fear the armies of the Living God.** The Word is going forth, and all the powers of darkness, all the wicked spirits in the high places are hearing the report. They will tremble and be in anguish because of what our God will do through His people.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Remember, we are not to wage battle according to the power of the flesh, nor through natural means, but by taking the Word of God in our mouths, empowered by the Holy Spirit we are using supernatural weapons which make us **“mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” (2 Corinthians 10: 4, 5)** The devil knows who we are and uses deception in an attempt to convince us that we are without power, but in reality he, and all the forces of darkness, recognize us, for we are in the Messiah. When we stand and overcome them through the blood of the Lamb and the Word of our confession that joins us to Jesus, they flee from us, as if in terror.

Let's stand and take our place of dominion in this earth as mighty warriors, in the anointed One, and by His anointing. While we do good, in Jesus' Name, lifting burdens and destroying yokes by the power of the Word, we are enforcing the victory of Messiah and devastating the camp of the

wicked just as the congregation of God that emerged from the wilderness wrought havoc on all the ancient forces arrayed against them. Just as Israel defeated forces that seemed invincible by trusting in God, we will always be victorious in Messiah Yeshua when we stand in the Word of God, by His blood, in His Name. Apply this truth when you see the nations rage and enemies of our God exercise revolt against Him. We tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the devil. Nothing shall be able to harm us.

Mighty in Him,
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