

Unleash the Power to Break Through to Victory

There is a new generation arising in the church who can feel something radical stirring inside them. They have read the Bible, and the passion of the apostolic leaders of the New Testament church burns in their hearts.

This generation confronts sin and the demons that hold souls captive. Their God is the one who can change a nation and lead the church of Jesus Christ out of captivity and into an advancing, invading force.

It was their God who led Israel out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. He did not enter into agreement with the Canaanites but utterly cut off the enemy and took their possessions (see Ex. 23:23).

This is a gate-crashing, wall-breaking, obstacle-removing God. He is the originator of every power and principality, as well as the victor over them through Jesus' death and resurrection (see Col. 2:10).

The God of this new generation is described in Micah 2:13: "'The one who breaks open will come up before them; they will break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it; their king will pass before them, with the Lord at their head'" (NKJV). No way is impenetrable to Him.

This God is our God. He will break open any route He has ordained for us to go through, even if it seems blocked. God the breaker goes up before us.

HE BREAKS OPEN THE WAY

This is not an ordinary person on our side. It is the King who will pass through before us.

In Old Testament times, invading forces used battering rams to break through gates (see Ezek. 21:22). Because God is at the head, up front, He is the battering ram who breaks open the way.

The term “breaker” is foreign to most Christians. According to Barnes’ Notes, the “Breaker-Through” is one of the titles given to Christ.

The image here in Micah is one of conquering and deliverance. Something has to be broken through; and something has to be overcome.

The breaker crashes a gate in order to move the Israelites into the open place where they are not confined as they were in prison. The gate of the prison that held them was burst open to set them free.

This is the same image found in Isaiah 43:6 when God said through Isaiah, “‘I will say to the north, “Give them up!” And to the south, “Do not keep them back.”’”

Breakthrough is something that we cannot do by ourselves. It requires divine intervention. God has given apostolic people territories to take and adversity to overcome, and they cannot be victorious alone.

The story of the Exodus is God saying to Moses, “I will do it.” God is leading the church today in the same way He led Moses and broke open the way in those days.

At the right time, God released His intervention and power. But Moses had to believe God and initiate bold action.

Moses had to go before Pharaoh and confront him. Yet God is the one who broke through for Israel (see Is. 52:11-12).

Breakthrough occurred when the Israelites were released from captivity in Babylon and returned home to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem and re-establish their land (see Is. 48:20). They

had to break through forces exerted by people such as Sanballat and Tobiah, who did not want them to repossess what had been theirs (see Neh. 2:19).

God is raising up a people who will reclaim lost land and inheritances, both naturally and spiritually. We will face an enemy who does not want us to have what is rightfully ours, but the Breaker is going before us to give us what is our destined heritage.

In another passage in Isaiah, we can see the spiritual meaning of deliverance from prison brought about through the work of our coming redeemer, Christ: “‘I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house’” (42:6-7).

The redemption of Israel from exile has been likened to being liberated from captivity. Egypt was like a prison with walls and gates. Both must be broken through in order to find freedom and obtain one's inheritance.

Just as King Jehovah went before Israel in the wilderness, He will go before us now and lead the procession to break through in order to break out. This is a picture of a courageous, believing and victorious people who absolutely trust God and His leadership.

HE BREAKS US OUT

God's people can trust in His ability to lead them because of two specific characteristics He possesses:

1. The Breaker is a king with kingdom authority. The Breaker is both King and Lord. A king is one who has sovereign power over a designated kingdom.

The Breaker has all authority to enter into every other kingdom and nation and begin to break us out of those kingdoms' rule and into a place of freedom and liberty, life and inheritance. He not only breaks us out of the imprisoning kingdom, He also establishes a new kingdom in its place. He is the King of kings (see Col. 1:16).

2. The Breaker is a covenant maker and a covenant keeper. God is Jehovah in the Hebrew, which means "covenant-keeper." The one who goes before us is reigning over the kingdoms of heaven and Earth, as well as making a covenant with us.

Another word for "covenant" is "testament." Therefore, the Bible can be thought of as the Old and New Covenants. It is the written agreement of God on our behalf.

God as Jehovah is at the head. He is the God whose Word is true.

A covenant is also a promise. Our expectation, framed by this covenant, causes us to press into God, enter His presence, and receive the assurance we need to arise and then act, knowing God will go before us and open up the way (see Heb. 6:17-20).

The church is the body of Christ, which on Earth will possess the kingdoms of this world as co-laborers and joint-heirs with Christ, the head. We need a revelation of God the Breaker to possess what is before us.

I believe the most critical manifestation of God necessary in the apostolic church is that of God as the Breaker. In fact, the breaker anointing is the core anointing of the apostolic church for advancement.

The first sentence of Micah 2:13 says: "'The breaker goes up before them; they break out, pass through the gate and go out by it'" (NASB). What does it mean to break through or out of something?

The Hebrew word *parats* means “to break out, to burst out, to grow, to increase, to be opened.” The implication is that something has been closed off, shut up, diminished, stunted, restricted or confined. *Parats* has to do with breaking out of a prisonlike structure, growing or increasing in any area or opening that has been previously shut up.

First Samuel 3:1 provides us with an example of breaking through. This passage deals with the transition from an old system to a new one.

Because of compromise on the part of the high priest, Eli, revelation had been shut up. The second part of this verse says: “And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation” (NKJV).

The Hebrew word for “widespread” is *parats*—the same word for “break out.” The implication is that something has to be broken through for revelation to be released. Yet there was no breakthrough revelation—no revelation to break the Israelites out of where they were. They were stuck.

Sometimes the thing holding us back is our failure to perceive spiritually. We have no revelation.

One of the words for “hardness of heart” in Greek is *sklerokardia*, which means “destitute of spiritual perception.” Our natural-mindedness must be broken through for revelation to be released.

Without that breakthrough, our minds are darkened. This is also true for those who have not been born again (see 2 Cor. 4:3-4). Spiritual breakthrough and revelation are essential to the effective opening up of unreached geographic areas of the world in order to proclaim the gospel and advance the kingdom of God.

HE EXPANDS OUR TERRITORY

Isaiah 54:3 translates *parats* as “expand.” It reads: “‘For you

shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited.'"

This is a day of breaking out into increase and enlargement and breaking into the inheritance that is ours. Breaking out of old mind-sets will be necessary in order for us to break into the revelation of what is to be ours in this season.

For some, there is a need to break out of physical barrenness. There is an anointing being released right now for those whose physical, family, financial, creative, emotional and spiritual wombs have been shut up.

This is also the day of the harvest and the turning of cities. The mistake many make is to wait until they feel like the promise is true. We must learn to differentiate between how we feel about something versus what God says.

God will bring our desires and feelings into alignment with His when we begin to act on what He says. Feelings always follow faith, and faith is manifested in action.

Parats can also be translated as "spread abroad." Breaking out involves spreading into more and more territories—breaking into places previously untouched by the gospel.

Christians should be boundary breakers. This goes back to the original apostolic mandate of multiplying and filling the earth (see Gen. 1:28). It was also the mind-set of apostolic leaders in the New Testament.

The empowering of the Holy Spirit is about an enabling by God Himself to break us out of the confines of our current borders and to make us into witnesses (see Acts 1:8).

We are to take the gospel into every area of the earth. For apostolic people, this necessitates the breaker anointing.

Whatever restricts God's revelatory unfolding of truth to us has to be broken. Whether it is unconfessed sin, Satan or the enemies of God, every obstruction has to be removed so that truth can break through.

We must break out of small-mindedness and old mind-sets and enter into the mind and plans of God. Paul says that we will not understand the things of God with our natural reasoning (see 1 Cor. 2:9-11).

So many people fail to comprehend the full purposes of God. They limit their experience and destiny to what they can figure out with their natural minds.

God has put within us His Holy Spirit. His presence within us is God in us. Part of the identity of God is as the Breaker.

Every single person filled with the Holy Spirit is filled with the Breaker and has access to this aspect of God's personhood. This generation of believers is destined for victory because the Breaker who lives in them and goes before them is a king who keeps His word and has the ability to break through every wall, every hindrance and every obstacle.

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