

The Great (In) Decision

Judges 5:15-23 & Ephesians 6:10-13

Judges 5:15-16

- ¹⁵ And the princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah;
As Issachar, so *was* Barak
Sent into the valley under his command;
Among the divisions of Reuben
There were great resolves of heart.
¹⁶ Why did you sit among the sheepfolds,
To hear the pipings for the flocks?
The divisions of Reuben have great searchings of
heart.

Judges 5:23

- ²³ ‘Curse Meroz,’ said the angel of the LORD,
‘Curse its inhabitants bitterly,
Because they did not come to the help of the
LORD,
To the help of the LORD against the mighty.’

Ephesians 6:10-13

- ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

1 Peter 5:8-11

- ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*. ¹¹ To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- 1 John 4:4 - ⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
- It is not enough to have the Holy Spirit abiding in you, you and I must abide in Jesus and His love. (John 15)

Matthew 16:17-19 (AMP)

- Matthew 16:17-19 - ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered him, “Blessed [happy, spiritually secure, favored by God] are you, Simon, son of Jonah, because flesh and blood (mortal man) did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church; and the gates of Hades (death) will not overpower it [by preventing the resurrection of the Christ]. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys (authority) of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind [forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful] on earth will have [already] been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [permit, declare lawful] on earth will have [already] been loosed in heaven.”

- “Power of His might”. Kratos in the Greek meaning: great vigor, dominion, mighty power.
- Romans 6:14 - ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Ephesians 6:11 (AMP)

- ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes *and* the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil.

- You cannot free anyone if you are still bound yourself. You cannot give victory until you walk in victory.
- Our power is predicated on our relationship and our relationship is predicated on prayer and holiness.

Ephesians 6:12 (AMP)

- ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) *places*

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

- ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶ and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Daniel 10:12-14

- ¹² Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴ Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers to many days yet to come.*”

Daniel 10:20-21

- ²⁰ Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. ²¹ But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.
- ...There is no one who stands firmly with me *and* strengthens himself against these [hostile spirit forces] except Michael, your prince [the guardian of your nation]. (AMP)

Ephesians 6:13 (AMP)

- ¹³ Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist *and* stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious].

1 Corinthians 15:58

- ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- Our faith should not be about survival but of victory in Jesus.
- There should be a spiritual/Holy Ghost confidence when you and I are dressed in the armor of God.

Matthew 16:18 (AMP)

- Matthew 16:17 - ¹⁸ And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church; and the gates of Hades (death) will not *overpower it [by preventing the resurrection of the Christ].
- *Amplified note - The physical death of Christ will not hinder the establishment of the church nor will death overtake the church.