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“While YHWH also bore witness to it with various signs, wonders and miracles, and with gifts of the Ruach HaKodesh which he distributed as he chose.” “When the tabernacle is to be moved onward, it is the L’vi’im who are to take it down and set it up in the new location; anyone else who involves himself is to be put to death.”

(Hebrews 2:4; Numbers 1:51)

CALL OF DUTY ENGAGING IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

EPHESIANS 6:10-18 (NKJV)

“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. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of GOD; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

There's a great war being waged in the world today; and it's not a conflict between nations, tribes, or government leaders. It's not a rebellion or coup; but it's an important invisible battle taking place in the spirit world.

The Bible states that YAHWEH's people are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge (*Hosea 4:6*).

One of the main areas in which Believers are being defeated due to lack of knowledge is in spiritual warfare. The early Church viewed their spiritual experience in terms of warfare, and military terminology is used throughout the New Testament. Protection was seen in the Armor of GOD, and the Word of GOD was compared to a sword. Satan's attacks were called fiery darts, and faith was the "*good fight*," and Believers were told to "*war a good warfare*."

The early Church knew they were engaged in an intense spiritual struggle, and the same spiritual battle continues today, but instead of fighting the enemy, Believers are often building great church buildings, producing musical dramas, holding fellowship meetings, and fighting one another while this great spiritual battle wages around them. Satan has even intensified his attacks against a church that has withdrawn from the front lines of battle, and in these perilous and evil days are upon us; it's even more important for Believers to understand spiritual warfare than in the early days of church history. The Apostle Paul warned: 2 Timothy 3:1; "*This know also, that in the last days, perilous times shall come*."

In order to be properly prepared for these perilous times, renewed emphasis must be placed on the strategies of spiritual warfare; because the life of a Believer is war, and the sooner we recognize and prepare for it; the sooner we will experience victory. Luke 14:31 (AMP) says; "*Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one who is coming against him with twenty thousand?*"

No king ever entered into a battle without a careful examination of his resources and development of battle strategies; but in essence, that's what we are doing in this training manual. We are making a careful evaluation of the strategy, weapons, and power available to us to win the war against our enemy, Satan. In the military world, "*strategy*" is the science of forming and carrying out military operations; and it is the method or plan that leads to the

goal of victory. We are the LORD's Army on earth; we are under our commander the LORD Yeshua Hamshiach (*Messiah/the Christ*).

Yeshua has given us the authority to wage war in spiritual realms, advancing the Gospel of Christ. Satan understands the battle, he knows when the Gospel advances, he and the fallen angels lose; therefore, the battle rages for the souls of humanity, Satan seeks to keep souls captive, in darkness, while Christ through His people chooses to free the captives. When Yeshua Hamshiach (*Messiah/the Christ*) was in the synagogue in Nazareth, Yeshua read from the Book of Isaiah, declaring the fulfillment of the following scripture: Isaiah 61:1-2 (AMP); *"The Spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me because the LORD has anointed and commissioned me to bring good news to the humble and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up (the wounds of) the brokenhearted, to proclaim release (from confinement and condemnation) to the (physical and spiritual) captives and freedom to prisoners, 2 to proclaim the favorable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance and retribution of our GOD, to comfort all who mourn."*

Yeshua Hamshiach (*Messiah/the Christ*) came to free the captives, every lost person is a captive of Satan, as the LORD's army we represent the Kingdom of GOD, in a lost and fallen world; and no wonder the Church, the Bible and Believers are so hated in this world. This world is under Satan's authority (*Luke 4:6*), he does not want to give up territory. Therefore, it should surprise no warrior of the LORD why the world hates the GOD of the Bible, His people, and His words is Satan's method, to preempt the advance of the Gospel. Since the Gospel advances through YAHWEH's people, Satan's goal is to prevent the advance, through the war on the FATHER's people.

Satan accomplishes this through strongholds, which can dominate and defeat the LORD's people. Israel is an example to all saints; Israel was told to go into the Promised Land and remove the idols from the land unless they become a snare to Israel (*Deuteronomy 7:1-5*).

This is exactly what happened, Israel began to copy the ways of the land, and their neighbors, worshipping their gods, and sinning against the LORD.

Their sins brought YAHWEH's judgment; The FATHER judged His own people. It might have seemed like Satan won to any outside observer.

However, YAHWEH was purifying his people through judgment. Israel failed for two reasons, one they did not follow the Word of GOD, with their heart.

Second, they did not remove the strongholds from their midst, Satan was able to use the people of the land to lead people astray. For this reason, YAHWEH's people need to strive to seek and destroy strongholds in their lives. Satan understands, that if he can defeat the FATHER's people, they will be prevented from advancing the Gospel. They will live a life of bondage and defeat, never experiencing the victorious life. Why does this happen?

Simple, because we fail to take YAHWEH at His Word, it is that simple.

If we live life the FATHER's way, we will have a prosperous and successful life. Satan tries to keep strongholds in our lives, so we cannot complete our assignment, advancing the Gospel. When we let strongholds control our lives, we tend to be self-focused, always being defensive, struggling to maintain, rather than conquering. Scripture tells us we are more than conquerors through Yeshua Hamshiach (*Messiah/the Christ*), Yeshua came to set us free from our captivity. We are to advance the Gospel through our victorious life.

Once we have victory over our strongholds, we can spend our energy engaging the enemy, this is what Satan wants to prevent. As part of the LORD's army, our commander has given us our marching orders, along with his authority, to take dominion from the enemy. The Holy Spirit in Ephesians 6 presents the equipment of our warfare.

In the Spiritual war, the LORD's soldier needs to be equipped with the Armor of GOD, not the armor of flesh. For this reason, we need to plan and prepare for battle. Overcoming the Strongholds in our own life is training for those, who choose to advance the Kingdom of GOD.

We are now to apply the lessons we learned in defensive warfare and apply them in offensive warfare; but in any battle, there are two sides, offensive and defensive. For example, Rome conquered territory from tribes and nations, starting from the city-state of Rome. They took territory from defending forces, which resisted Rome's advance. Rome was on the offensive, however, once territory was taken and held, Rome would set up strongholds, to keep territory. Eventually, over time, other nations and groups rose up with sufficient power and strength to resist Rome. Rather than defending themselves, they went on the offensive, conquering territory from Rome.

For example, the Carthaginian general Hannibal (247-183 B.C.), led an army into Italy, after crossing the Mediterranean Sea, to the very gates of Rome.

The history of nations and kingdoms can be traced to offensive and defensive campaigns. Israel, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, were claiming territory for the Kingdom of GOD, by advancing in the land of Canaan. Canaan was a land dominated by darkness; Israel was to displace the darkness, establishing a kingdom of Priests and Kings obeying the righteous commands of the LORD.

They did not complete the task. In the same way, we have the opportunity not only to defend ourselves from Satan's Defensive Spiritual Warfare. We can advance the Kingdom of GOD on Satan's kingdom, claiming territory he controls. This is offensive; we are taking away Satan's domain, with the authority given to us by Yeshua Hamshiach (*Messiah/the Christ*) this is Offensive Spiritual Warfare; but Defensive Spiritual Warfare, as I would define it is, the war around us, where Satan and his angels are attacking.

They are on the offensive; we (*the saved*) are on the defense. Satan has established a stronghold in our lives, which we are not able to overcome or pull down. He is on the offensive, seeking, hunting, and looking for our weakness. We are commanded to be vigilant and resist the Devil (*I Peter 5:8-9*).

Further, Paul commands to wear the full Armor of GOD to stand against the wiles (*methods, strategy*) of the Devil (*Ephesians 6:11*).

Both of these verses refer to defensive warfare. When the armies of Rome advanced, the first thing they would do was establish a base camp, where they camped in the night. The base camp was itself a fortress, which the legion would be able to defend against offensive attacks. Offensive warfare does not displace Defensive warfare; they are both part of the same battle.

Defensive warfare gives us the ability to go on the offensive against Satan, without being surprised by his attacks. We are to expect his attacks, even while we are on the offensive. The problem with Defensive warfare is too many times, Believers find themselves constantly on the defensive, never learning how to advance on Satan's territory. Satan's goal is to keep us on the defensive, without an offensive. Spiritual warfare is to reverse this principle, meaning we stay defensive while learning to become offensive.

Through defensive warfare, we learn how to repulse these attacks, pulling down personal strongholds in our own lives, and claiming territory from Satan. From the principles of pulling down personal strongholds, we learn the principles of warfare, allowing us to take these principles for offensive purposes.

YAHWEH allowed Israel to battle so that they would learn warfare.

The FATHER could have removed their enemies, but he used the vehicle of the nation Israel, to be His instrument of wrath and judgment. In the same way, YAHWEH does not need us to be His offensive weapon He chooses to use us, to advance the Gospel on enemy territory. He gives us the honor, of having our names associated with His Son of being His agents of Spiritual warfare: 1 Peter 4:13-14; *"But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of GOD rests upon you. On their part, He is blasphemed, but on your part, He is glorified."*

Therefore, those who hold back from the Spiritual battle, because they fear human rejection, lose the blessings of the Holy Spirit. Rejection of Christ is a sign of the FATHER's blessing, therefore the warrior in Christ needs to learn how to rejoice, at being YAHWEH's servant (Acts 5:31).

Matthew 5:10-13; *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men."*

This is the perspective; we need to take into Offensive Spiritual Warfare, we have the honor and privilege to advance the Kingdom of GOD, on enemy territory.

"IF YOU'RE NOT WINNING SOULS FOR YESHUA... YOU DON'T WORK FOR YAHWEH... YOU'RE SELF-EMPLOYED... BECAUSE IF YOU'RE NOT FISHING... YOU'RE NOT FOLLOWING!!!"