



Decree Series 2016: In Your Hand

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Extend your righteous sceptre from Zion

Declaration

Pass through the gates

Depart

Rebuild broken walls

Re-establish

Restore city streets

Renovate

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

Govern

The Lord says to my Lord?

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Psalm 110

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." ² The LORD will stretch forth Your strong sceptre from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies." ³ Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew. ⁴ The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." ⁵ The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath. ⁶ He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country. ⁷ He will drink from the brook by the wayside; Therefore He will lift up His head.

An Explanation

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The Father says to Christ: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." ² The Father will stretch forth Christ's strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies." ³ Christ's people will volunteer freely in the day of Christ's power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Christ's youth are to Him as the dew. ⁴ The Father has sworn and will not change His mind, "Christ is a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁵ Christ is at David's right hand; Christ will shatter kings in the day of Christ's wrath. ⁶ Christ will judge among the nations, Christ will fill them with corpses, Christ will shatter the chief men over a broad country. ⁷ Christ will drink from the brook by the wayside; therefore Christ will lift up Christ's head.

But wait, there is more!

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Psalm 8:4-6

⁴ What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? ⁵ Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! ⁶ You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

Into the New

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1 Corinthians 15:25

²⁵ For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

Ephesians 1:22 & 23

²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Into the New

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Hebrews 2:8

*⁸ YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET." For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But **now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.***

Pass Through the Gates

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Significance of Gates

- Point of access in & out of the town or city
- Place of authority & decision making e.g. Boaz in Ruth

Highway or Holloway

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The Exercise of Authority

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- **SYMBOL** of authority & jurisdiction
- No inherent power
- Needs to be used or wielded to have practical impact
- Hebrew word = *matteh*
- Translated as **sceptre** in Psalm 110
- Translated as **staff** in Exodus 4

What is in Your Hand?

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Exodus 4:2-4

² The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A staff." ³ Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. ⁴ But the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand and grasp it by its tail "-- so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand--

1. A Word from God

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² The LORD said to him,

2. Looking for Resources

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"What is that in your hand?"

3. Identifying Resources

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And he said, "A staff."

4. Giving it to God

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³ Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground,

5. Resources Transformed

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**and it became a
serpent;**

6. Dealing with it!

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and Moses fled from it.

7. Further Instruction

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⁴ But the LORD said to Moses,

8. Adjusting your Technique

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**"Stretch out
your hand and grasp
it by its tail"**



9. Explicit Obedience

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**so he stretched out
his hand
and caught it,**



10. A New Resource

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*and it became a staff **in his hand**—*

Exodus 4: 20

²⁰ *So Moses took his wife and his sons and mounted them on a donkey, and returned to the land of Egypt. Moses also took the staff of God in his hand.*

Connect 2 Group this Wednesday...

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Last week's questions:

- Where has God granted me jurisdiction and how effective am I with this spiritual authority?
- How does 'Explicit Obedience' challenge my current life?

OR

- What has God put in YOUR hand?