

THE VIOLENT HAVE TAKEN IT BY FORCE!

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Matthew 11:12-NKJV

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

*“breaking forth” (peretz)*

Micah 2:13-TLV

One (Jesus) breaking through will go up before them. They will break through, pass through the gate and go out by it. Their King will pass through before them—Adonai at their head!

Perats – breaker - to break through or down, make a breach in; burst, to break out (violently) upon.

Passion - From the moment John stepped onto the scene until now, the realm of heaven's kingdom is bursting forth, and passionate people have taken hold of its power.

re-formation is defined as —forming a new person, removing the defects for a better way of life, and improving all methods for transformation, making change.

Revelation 3:15-Passion

I know all that you do, and I know that you are neither frozen in apathy (unconcern) nor fervent with passion. How I wish you were either one or the other!

Revelation 3:10-12-Passion

Because you've passionately kept my message of perseverance, I will also keep you from the hour of proving that is coming to test every person on earth.

11\_ But I come swiftly, so cling tightly to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown of victory.

12\_ For the one who is victorious, I will make you to be a pillar in the sanctuary of my God...

Joshua 6:20-21, NKJV

So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

1 John 3:8

...The reason the Son of God was revealed was to undo and destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus was forceful, and He used forceful terminology in such passages of Scripture as:

Matthew 10:1-NKJV

And when He had called (*Gk. diatasso; ordered or charged*) His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

Matthew 10:7-8, NKJV

And as you go, preach, saying, —The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:34-37-Passion

34 “Perhaps you think I’ve come to spread peace and calm over the earth—but my coming will bring conflict and division, not peace.

35 Because of me, A son will turn against his father, a daughter her mother and against her mother-in-law.

36 Within your own families you will find enemies.

37 “Whoever loves father or mother or son or daughter more than me is not fit to be my disciple.

Matthew 11:7, NKJV

What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind...

Passion - Did you expect to see a man who would be easily intimidated?

Matthew 11:8-12-NKJV)-ON SCREEN

Violent - is to be —forceful (*Gk. biazō*).

Ephesians 6:10, Amp.

In conclusion, be strong in the Lord (be empowered through your union with Him); draw your strength from Him (that strength which His boundless might provides).

Psalms 144:1; KJV

Blessed be the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle.