

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

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Obadiah 1.21 NIV

²¹ **Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau.** And the kingdom will be the Lord's.

In the mid-1990's Chuck Pierce came to Harvest and spoke for 3 days from the Book of Obadiah. He spoke to Harvest and to the City of Detroit. Much of what was spoken was for a future time. I believe that this verse in Obadiah is for this time. Detroit carries a voice and message of deliverance. It is a word that governs or sets God's order and dominion over the world's systems of operation. It is a word that releases the new – new creativity, new ways, new frequencies, new dynamics.

In the natural we see this through the Detroit Lions football team that is setting new franchise records. The Lions coach has created a new culture and released new strategies that surprised the football world. A new governing order is being set in place and it is influencing the whole world of football. This is a natural picture of what is happening in the spiritual realm. Likewise, the Lord has a new governing order that is to be released out of Detroit that will impact and speak into the nations.

The "deliverers" are the ones who deliver the word God is speaking. It is the Ekklesia or the governing body of the church. 'Deliver' means to defend, to help, to bring victory. Psalms tells us that God sings songs of deliverance over us. God wants to extend from Detroit songs or words of deliverance into our Nation and the nations of the earth. He who has an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit is speaking. These are words that deliver the plans and promises of God; that release His majesty and His purposes. **These are words of government – they set boundaries, set divine order, release life and wholeness, define good from evil.**

Proverbs 8.13-17 NASB

¹³ **"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;**

Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate.

¹⁴ **"Counsel is mine and sound wisdom;**

I am understanding, power is mine.

¹⁵ **"By me kings reign,**

And rulers decree justice.

¹⁶ **"By me princes rule, and nobles,**

All who judge rightly.

¹⁷ **"I love those who love me;**

And those who diligently seek me will find me.

- We govern in the fear of the Lord – hating what He hates, discerning good and evil.
- To govern is to have dominion.

Isaiah 60.1-2 NIV

¹ **"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.**

² **See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.**

- 'Rise' in Hebrew is defined as take a stand, decree, establish, strengthen, to make binding, to command. This is a place of governing.

Ephesians 1.19-22 NIV

¹⁹ and his **incomparably great power for us who believe**. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and **seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,** ²¹ **far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.** ²² **And God placed all things under his feet** and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.

- This incomparable great power is the power of the government of God, which is greatest power.
- When God breathed into Adam – He breathed His government into him.
- The blood of Jesus governs and everything is brought back to original intent (government) by the blood of Jesus. His blood speaks a better word – a better government.
- The Christmas carol we sing, “Joy to the World”, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King. God is declaring great joy to the earth and all that is in the earth. Joy because God is sending His King, the governing authority that will bring joy to the hearts of man and all creation.

Ephesians 3.10 NIV

¹⁰ **His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.**

- Through the decrees that we speak by the revelation of Holy Spirit, the God of peace crushes satan underneath our feet.
- No cunning skill or plot or manipulation of man or devils can supersede the government of God.
 - Jesus defeated the devil and his government.
 - The gates of hell shall not prevail over the Ekklesia.
 - The power and authority given to the Ekklesia by Jesus is the power to govern. Returning the mandate to govern given to Adam and Eve in the Garden.
 - We are ambassadors for Christ whose role is to reflect the government of God.
- God is glorified as His manifold wisdom is displayed and made known.
 - Releasing the government of God is worship as it brings glory to God in the highest.

Psalms 119.98 TPT

⁹⁸ By considering your commands I have an edge over my enemies, for **I take seriously everything you say.**

To govern is to release the jurisdiction of Heaven. Jurisdiction is the right of enforcing God’s government by our decrees and declarations. What we speak by the power of the Spirit of God carries the legal weight of the government of God in the Heavens and the earth. Jude describes an encounter between Michael the Archangel and the devil, over Moses’ body. The devil was trying to remove Moses’ body out from under the jurisdiction of Heaven. Michael the Archangel was there to enforce the jurisdiction of Heaven.

DECLARATION: (Scriptures reworded to personalize for Detroit and Michigan)

Philippians 4.8 Finally, Detroit and Michigan, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**be governed by such things.**

Proverbs 4.20-22 Listen carefully my City, Detroit, and the State of Michigan, to everything that I speak to you, and pay attention to all that I have to say. ²¹ For **I am filling you with my words** until they penetrate deep into your land and the structures in this City. ²² Then, as the reality of my words bring new life, **they will impart true life and radiant health into the very core of this City and State.**

2 Corinthians 4.18 So **Detroit and Michigan, fix your eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen,** since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

1 Thessalonians 1.8a **The Lord’s message will ring out from you, Detroit and Michigan,** not only in your nation but into the nations of the earth—your faith in God will become known everywhere...