

TIME FOR A BREAKTHROUGH

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Introduction

From 1850 – 1900, in Northland, NZ, some of the valuable kauri timber trees were in accessible valleys, in the hills. The bushmen built wooden dams across the streams and cut and rolled the kauri logs into the water behind the dams. The kauri dams were made, so that they could be suddenly released by pulling out a couple of pins. When a dam was full of water and logs, the pins would be pulled out. **There was a mighty breakthrough of water and logs** that rushed down the valley to where a bullock wagon could haul the logs away. The breakthrough had brought out valuable logs.

When David the shepherd boy of about 15 years, faced Goliath, (*1Sam 17*), he had learnt that the **Lord does not save with sword and spear and shield. he had learnt that the battle is the Lord's.** *1Sam 17:47*. He had learnt that it is **not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the Lord.** *Zech 4:6*. By God's grace, help and strength, David had delivered the lamb from the jaws of the lion and the paw of the bear. *1Sam 17:34,35*. **He knew that the battle was God's battle and not his,** *2Sam 5:17*.

So when all the Philistines came to attack King David, (*2Sam 5:17*), who had just been anointed king over all the twelve tribes of Israel, *2Sam 5:1-5*, David did not grab his sword, spear and shield and go out to fight them. Instead, **David went straight into the fortress of Zion, to seek the face of God.** *2Sam 5:17,7,9*. **David knew that the battle was the Lord's battle.** He knew that Jehovah was in charge, *Josh 5:14*. Only God could show him how to defeat the enemy.

In the New Testament, "Zion" is the Gospel Church, *Heb 12:22,23*, *Mat 18:20*. This is where God's Name is. *2Chr 7:14*, *Pro 18:10*. Two, three or more gathered by the Holy Spirit, into the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, is where His Manifest Presence abides, *Mat 18:20*. This is Zion, the stronghold, the fortress of the Lord for us.

David went there. He asked. He listened. he heard. *2Sam 5:19*. The Lord said, "Go up against them for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand."

Then David went out as the Lord had told him and he defeated the enemy. **There was a mighty breakthrough. God broke forth upon David's enemies** and they were defeated and scattered, like a breakthrough of waters, *2Sam 5:20*.

But they came again. The Philistines came again. David did not do a repeat of what the Lord had previously said. He did not do what he did last time.

Instead, **David went again to listen to his Commander in Chief, the Lord,** *2Sam 5:23*. This time the Lord God said, "Do not go up." "Instead, go round behind them and hide in the mulberry trees.(KJV). When you hear the sound of marching feet in the top of the trees, arise and attack the Philistines, for then the Lord will go out before you and defeat the army of the Philistines, for then the Lord will go out before you and defeat the army of the Philistines." *2Sam 5:23,24*.

Once again **there was a mighty breakthrough for the Lord and for His people** against the forces of darkness and evil, *2Sam 5:25*.

Notice that **"the Lord said"** in v23 **"and David did so"** in v24.

May God help us to live in this way, so that His Name will be glorified, His Will will be done, and His Kingdom will come, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen. *Pro 3:5,6*.

As we seek His face, listen to His voice and do what He says, boldly in faith not fear, He will break through the forces of darkness and bring His salvation