

UNITED INTERCESSION



When Rome laid siege to Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and brought Jewish nationalism to crushing defeat, one of the principle weapons they used against the city was a gigantic battering-ram named Nico. The title Nico was prophetic and in a very real sense speaks to the church today. The word means "conqueror".

Ancient battering-rams, such as Nico, consisted of a huge log, suspended horizontally by chains that could be swung back and forth by men. As the ram struck the wall and bounced back, the men maintained a rhythm much like the pendulum of a clock. The slamming of the ram against individual stones was important, but of equal value was the fact that the constant thudding set up a vibration that affected the molecular structure of the whole wall. Though unknown to the Romans, they employed a principle of physics which would not be identified until centuries later. It is this: Energy stored in the log by the "rhythm of input" was transferred into the wall at the point of impact.

Some of the stones in Jerusalem's walls weighed 570 tons, were forty-five feet long, fifteen feet wide, and twelve feet high. The fact that stones like these were dismantled and pushed aside by the Roman Army helps us realize the tremendous energy that was released by the battering-ram. Ultimately, it was battering-rams like Nico, mere wooden scaffolds supporting ordinary logs, manned by teams of soldiers, empowered by a principle of physics, that penetrated Jerusalem's walls and brought the city to defeat.

The fact that Jerusalem's stones were larger, heavier, and stronger, than the battering-ram, did not alter the fact that they still had to move. Darkness cannot resist light, so the stationary rock wall could not resist the movement of the log. Identically, when the authority of Scripture declared by believing disciples and empowered by the Holy Spirit is brought against a demonic stronghold, there is immediate impact. Darkness may pretend that it has not happened but inwardly it knows it has.

Armed with the Word of God, if us saints pray in the unity and rhythm of the Spirit, empowered by faith, and undeterred, we will see God's WILL PREVAIL!

- 1) We are soldiers – II Timothy 2:3-4
- 2) We have God's armor – Ephesians 6:11-13
- 3) We are at war – II Corinthians 10:3-4
- 4) We must fight – I Timothy 6:12
- 5) There is a battle – I Corinthians 14:8
- 6) Satan is the enemy – 1 Peter 5:8-9
- 7) We have authority over the enemy – Luke 10:19
- 8) The enemy will flee from us – James 4:7-8
- 9) Our King is victorious – John 16:33
- 10) God fights for us – Deuteronomy 20:4