

Ephesians 4:8~ Wherefore he¹ says; When he ascended on high he carried away captives, he gave gifts in men.²

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1· Paul now quotes from the Psalms about the Christ, and his future work among this congregation of spirit anointed sons of God. He shows, that Christ would ascend on high into heaven itself, and would draw captives after him, through their faith in his life course, to follow in his same course of faith unto death. Then from the heavens he would apportion gifts in men, through the spirit of Yehowah God.

[Question] Who ascended upon high, and what did he carry away to heaven, through gifts of the spirit?

[Question] What then, would Christ give to men on earth through the Holy Spirit?

2· You have ascended on high. You have carried away captives. You have taken gifts in the form of men, yes, even the stubborn ones, to reside among them, O Yah God. (Psalms 68:18)

[Question] How did the Psalmist express this same thing in prophecy?

3· And God has set the respective ones in the congregation, first, apostles, second, prophets, third, teachers, then powerful works, then gifts of healings, helpful services, abilities to direct, different tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

[Question] What is the hierarchy of importance of these spiritual gifts within the anointed congregation?

4· And he gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelizers, some as shepherds and teachers. (Ephesians 4:11)

[Question] What gifts of the spirit did Christ give to members of the congregation through the Holy Spirit?

5· And when the living creatures went, the wheels would go beside them, and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels would be lifted up. (Ezekiel

1:19)

[Question] What directed the wheels of the celestial chariot?

6· What, therefore, if you should behold the Son of Man, ascending to where he was before? (John 6:62)

[Question] What did Jesus Christ ask of men, who failed to put faith in him?