

## Ephesians 4:8 – Exegesis and Summary

Wherefore he says, Having ascended διὸ λέγει (PAI 3<sup>rd</sup> p.s. of λέγω) ἀναβὰς  
to the heights, He led captives εἰς ὕψος ἡχμαλώτευσέν (AAI 3<sup>rd</sup> s. αἰχμαλωτεύω)  
In a triumphal procession from a (ascension of Old Testament saints) αἰχμαλωσίαν state of captivity (from  
Paradise), and gave ἔδωκεν (AAI 3<sup>rd</sup> p.s. of δίδωμι) gifts unto men. δόματα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις

HERE WE SEE THE ROYAL FAMILY AND VICTORY IN THE DEVIL'S WORLD!

διὸ is a conjunction – [Ps. 68:18](#) is quoted here in [Ephesians 4:8](#).

The word ἀναβαίνω refers to the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ.

REVIEW THE ASCENSION:

*“He led captives from the state of captivity”* – in a triumphal procession. THESE WERE ALL THE SOULS OF OT SAINTS (HAVING DIED) WHO ARE IN PARADISE (TIME OF THE ASCENSION) (ABRAHAM'S BOSOM – read [Luke 18:16-31](#)) and moved from Paradise to Heaven. They are called “captives” because they do not have a resurrection body and will not until the Second Advent. (They are caught with their bodies off). They are a part of the age of Israel.

Note: All OT saints resided in Abraham's bosom, Paradise until the Ascension. They stayed there until Christ was risen – [Luke 23:39-45](#) “Today” [Luke 16:10-31](#); Abraham's bosom [Luke 16:22](#); [Matthew 27:52, 53](#).

We see another facet of Christ's activity in *Sheol* (in the Hebrew), or *Hades* (in the Greek) – I Peter 3:18-22. The following three places are listed in the Scripture as the “heart of the earth”:

1. Paradise, or Abraham's bosom – the abiding place of the souls of departed Old Testament believers before the Ascension.
2. “Great gulf fixed” – the place called “torments”, a place of lost souls.
3. The third place, called “tartarus”, incarcerates certain fallen angels of [Genesis 6](#).

Abraham's bosom (Paradise) was emptied when God said to our Lord: “SIT THOU AT MY RIGHT HAND”. Review again [Ephesians 4:8](#).