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Jesus Breaks Every Fetter!

Scripture: Acts 12:1-11

In the Bible, fetters are physical restraints, like heavy iron or bronze shackles and chains, used to bind prisoners' ankles or wrists, restricting movement and symbolizing bondage, punishment, or spiritual captivity and even used figuratively for trouble or spiritual bondage. **It consistently represents a state of captivity and a need for the physical or spiritual liberation that God provides.**

Also, "Fetters" can represent spiritual or emotional entrapment, like the snares of sin or temptation (Proverbs 7:22; Isaiah 28:22). God might "bind" or place "fetters" on someone as a form of chastisement or to restrict their path (Job 36:8; Lamentations 3:7).

In the New Testament examples men were bound with fetters. **The Gerasene Demoniac:** In the Gospels, a man possessed by an unclean spirit lived among the tombs and could not be restrained; he "had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he had torn the chains apart and broken the shackles to pieces" (Mark 5:4; Luke 8:29). **Apostle Peter:** When imprisoned by King Herod, Peter was "sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains" (Acts 12:6-7). An angel of the Lord miraculously appeared, and the chains fell off from his wrists, allowing him to escape. **Apostle Paul:** Paul was frequently imprisoned for his preaching and often refers to his bonds. In 2 Timothy 2:9, he writes, "For which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained". In his letter to the Colossians, he ends with the plea, "Remember my fetters" (Colossians 4:18).

In the Old Testament there were also examples of men being bound with fetters. **Joseph:** After being sold into slavery by his brothers and then imprisoned in Egypt, Joseph was put in shackles and irons during his unjust confinement. Psalm 105:18 states, "They bruised his feet with shackles and placed his neck in irons". **Samson:** After being betrayed by Delilah, the Philistines captured the physically mighty Samson, gouged out his eyes, and bound him with bronze fetters (Judges 16:21). He was then forced to grind grain in the prison house. **King Zedekiah:** The last king of Judah was captured by the Babylonians. They killed his sons in front of him, put out his eyes, and bound him with bronze shackles to transport him to Babylon (2 Kings 25:7; Jeremiah 39:7; Jeremiah 52:11). **King Manasseh and King Jehoiakim:** Both kings of Judah were captured and taken to Babylon in fetters by the Assyrian and Babylonian kings, respectively (2 Chronicles 33:11; 2 Chronicles 36:6).

Jesus said: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Jesus breaks every fetter means that He liberates people from spiritual and emotional chains, including sin, fear, addiction, and oppression through His sacrifice and resurrection. He is able to free mankind from all their burdens. The rest that Jesus promises is love, healing, and peace with God. A relationship with God changes meaningless toil into spiritual productivity and purpose.