

# RALLIED, RECOVER, RECOVERED, RECOVERING, RECOVERY

Abram rescued Sodom and Gomorrah. When those cities were looted and their people taken captive, he **recovered** the loot and rescued the people.

- **Genesis 14:16:** "And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people."

Abram paid tithes of everything he **recovered** from Chedorlaomer to Melchizedek. (In other words, when he recovered the possessions that had been taken from Sodom and Gomorrah, he gave 10% of them to Melchizedek before returning them to their former owners.)

- **Genesis 14:18, 20:** "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. ... And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all."

After Abram and his servants defeated Chedorlaomer, the king of Sodom asked Abram to keep the goods that had been **recovered**. (Abram refused.)

- **Genesis 14:21:** "And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself."

Abram refused to take any of the possessions that he had **recovered** in his victory over Chedorlaomer. (It seems he had

sworn an oath before going out to battle that he wouldn't keep any of the loot for himself.)

- **Genesis 14:22-23:** "And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:"

Abram allowed his servants to eat some of the food that was **recovered** from Chedorlaomer.

- **Genesis 14:24:** "Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion."

Under the Mosaic Law, if two men got into a fight, and one of them injured the other but didn't kill him, the attacker was required to pay the person who was attacked for the time that was lost while **recovering** from their injuries. (They were also required to pay for his medical care so that he would be healed.)

- **Exodus 21:19:** "If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed."

Under the Mosaic Law, the penalty for theft depended on whether the stolen item could be **recovered** in its original condition.

- **Exodus 22:1, 4:** "If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. ... If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double."

When Samuel defeated the Philistines and drove them out of Israel, the Israelites **recovered** cities that the Philistines had taken.

- **1 Samuel 7:13-14:** "So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites."

God told David that if he pursued the Amalekites who had taken the families of him and his men, he would **recover** everything. (That's exactly what happened.)

- **1 Samuel 30:8:** "And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all."

When David and his men found the Amalekites who burned Ziklag, David **recovered** everything that the Amalekites had taken away.

- **1 Samuel 30:18-19:** "And David recovered all that the

Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all."

Some of David's men didn't want to share the loot that was **recovered** from the Amalekites with the people who were too weak to go with them to battle.

- **1 Samuel 30:22:** "Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart."

David said that since God was the one who gave them victory over the Amalekites, it would be wrong to not share what was **recovered** from battle with those who were too weak to join them.

- **1 Samuel 30:23-24:** "Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand. For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike."

When David **recovered** the loot from the Amalekites, he gave a portion of it to people within Israel. (It seems some of that loot had been obtained by raiding Israel.)

- **1 Samuel 30:26:** "And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;"

The valiant men of Jabeshgilead arose at night and **recovered** the body of Saul and his sons from the wall of Bethshan (a Philistine city).

- **1 Samuel 31:12:** "All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there."
- **1 Chronicles 10:12:** "They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days."

When David forced Ishbosheth to return his former wife Michal to him, she despised him. Their relationship never **recovered**.

- **2 Samuel 6:16:** "And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart."

David smote Hadadezer when Hadadezer went to **recover** the border of his territory at the Euphrates river.

- **2 Samuel 8:3:** "David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates."

When David gave seven grandsons of Saul to the Gibeonites (so they could be killed), the men of Jabeshgilead possessed the bones of Saul and Jonathan (because they had **recovered** them from the Philistines).

- **2 Samuel 21:12:** "And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabeshgilead, which had stolen them from the street of Bethshan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa."

When Ahaziah became sick, he told messengers to inquire of Baalzebub to see if he would **recover**. (He didn't recover.)

- **2 Kings 1:2:** "And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease."

God knew that Ahaziah had sent messengers to inquire of Baalzebub to see if he would **recover**. This greatly angered Him.

- **2 Kings 1:3-4:** "But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed."

When Benhadad was sick and sent Hazael to Elisha, Benhadad told him to inquire of God by Elisha to see if he would **recover** from his disease. (In the end this question was irrelevant because Hazael murdered him.)

- **2 Kings 8:8:** "And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?"

It seems that Benhadad would have **recovered** from his illness if Hazael hadn't killed him.

- **2 Kings 8:10:** "And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die."

When Hazael returned to Benhadad, Hazael told him that Elisha had said he would surely **recover**. (Hazael then murdered him.)

- **2 Kings 8:14-15:** "So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldest surely recover. And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead."

The reason Joram returned to Jezreel was to **recover** from the injuries he sustained from fighting the Syrians.

- **2 Kings 8:29:** "And king Joram went back to be healed in

Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick."

- **2 Kings 9:15:** "But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel."
- **2 Chronicles 22:6:** "And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick."

Jehoash **recovered** from Syria the cities of Israel that Benhadad had conquered during the reign of Jehoahaz. (This is because Jehoash shot three arrows during his meeting with Elisha, so God gave him three victories.)

- **2 Kings 13:25:** "And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel."

Jeroboam (son of Joash) restored the border of Israel. (In other words, he **recovered** territory that had been conquered.)

- **2 Kings 14:23-25:** "In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the

son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years. ... He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gathhepher."

The reason God used Jeroboam (son of Joash) to **recover** some of Israel's territory, was because Israel was bitterly afflicted.

- **2 Kings 14:26:** "For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel."

The way that Jeroboam (son of Joash) **recovered** Damascus and Hamath is written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

- **2 Kings 14:28:** "Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?"

When Hezekiah prayed that God would spare him, God told Isaiah to tell him that on the third day he would go into the temple (which meant he would **recover** and not die).

- **2 Kings 20:5:** "Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears:

behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD."

After God told Hezekiah that He was going to save him, people took a lump of figs and placed it on Hezekiah's boil. He then **recovered**.

- **2 Kings 20:7:** "And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered."

Berodachbaladan sent letters and a present to Hezekiah shortly after he **recovered** from being sick.

- **2 Kings 20:12:** "At that time Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick."

After Abijah defeated Jeroboam, Jeroboam didn't **recover** his strength again during the reign of Abijah.

- **2 Chronicles 13:20:** "Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died."

When God smote the army of Zerah during the reign of Asa, the Ethiopians couldn't **recover**.

- **2 Chronicles 14:13:** "And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil."

When Hezekiah prayed to God after he became sick unto death, God gave him a sign that he would **recover**. (God caused the sun to go backwards in the sky.)

- **2 Chronicles 32:24:** "In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign."
- **Isaiah 38:7-8:** "And this shall be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken; Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down."

Job believed that he wasn't going to **recover** from his illness. He was certain that he would die. (He was wrong.)

- **Job 7:8:** "The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more: thine eyes are upon me, and I am not."

Job thought that if God left him alone then he could **recover** from his afflictions and things would be good again. (He was wrong. The whole reason he was afflicted was because God withdrew His protection from him. The only way Job could ever recover was if God saved him. Job *needed God*.)

- **Job 14:6-7:** "Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day. For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease."

Job said that in the past he took spoil away from the wicked. (It seems he **recovered** things that thieves had stolen.)

- **Job 29:17:** "And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth."

When we're in distress and our life is in danger, we should pray that God would spare us so that we can **recover** our strength and not die.

- **Psalms 39:13:** "O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more."

There may be times when our enemies tell other people that something bad has happened to us and we'll never **recover**.

- **Psalms 41:8:** "An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more."

During the millennium, God will **recover** the remnant of His people from the nations where they were scattered.

- **Isaiah 11:11:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea."

God told Hezekiah that he wasn't going to **recover** from his illness. Instead it was going to kill him. (That's why Hezekiah prayed that God would heal him.)

- **Isaiah 38:1:** "In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live."

After Hezekiah **recovered** from his sickness, he recorded the prayer that he prayed (in which he asked to be healed).

- **Isaiah 38:9:** "The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:"

The reason Merodachbaladan contacted Hezekiah is because he heard that Hezekiah had been sick and **recovered**. (It's possible the miraculous sign with the sun had an impact on him.)

- **Isaiah 39:1:** "At that time Merodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered."

Jeremiah asked why the health of the Jews hadn't **recovered**. (If they repented of their sins then they would be saved. However, they refused to repent.)

- **Jeremiah 8:22:** "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"

God said that the king of Tyrus would never **recover** from his destruction. He would be gone and would never return. (This seems to be a reference to the devil.)

- **Ezekiel 28:15-16, 19:** "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ... All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more."

In the end times, Gog would enter a land that had been **recovered** after a battle. (This is a reference to Israel.)

- **Ezekiel 38:8:** "After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them."

After Daniel **recovered** from his vision, he rose up and did the king's business.

- **Daniel 8:27:** "And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it."

When Israel fell in the coming judgment, no one would help her. She would be alone and wouldn't **recover**. (This was a reference to the destruction of the kingdom of Israel, which fell hundreds of years before the kingdom of Judah.)

- **Amos 5:2:** "The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up."

God said that the king of Assyria would be gravely wounded and wouldn't **recover** from his injuries. (This may be a reference to the antichrist.)

- **Nahum 3:18-19:** "Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them. There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?"

Paul didn't say that he was the one who healed Epaphroditus when he had fallen gravely ill. It seems Paul had nothing to do with his **recovery**.

- **Philippians 2:27:** "For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow."

It seems that modern technology is lost before the end times and isn't **recovered**. The society of those days is quite primitive, and spends its time trading things that were valued in the ancient world (instead of things that are valued in the modern world, such as machinery and technology). Only in the ancient world was purple linen as valuable as gold.

- **Revelation 18:11-13:** "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their

merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men."

When the city of Babylon falls at the end of the tribulation, its destruction will be permanent. The city will never **recover**.

- **Revelation 18:10, 14**: "Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. ... And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all."