

“DEFINING THE LINES” SERIES # 1

1. There is a spirit working in **the children of disobedience**
2. This **spirit produces bondage and captivity**
3. That bondage **matches** the slavery described in **Romans 7**
4. **The unsaved are spiritually energized toward sin**
5. **Deliverance comes only through Messiah**

1. The Spirit Working in the Children of Disobedience

Ephesians 2:1–3 —

“But you were dead in your sins and in your offenses [transgressions], in which you once walked according to the worldliness of this world, according to the desire of the chief ruler of the air; of this spirit who is busy in the sons of disobedience... in those works also we formerly were engaged in; in the lusts of the flesh, and doing the will of our flesh, and of our mind, and were sons of wrath; fully as the rest.

Key Phrase:

“This spirit which is now working in the children of disobedience.”

Explanation:

- Unsaved people are described as:
 - Dead in sins
 - Walking according to a ruler
 - Energized **by a spirit** [and held in bondage]
- This spirit is “**working**” (actively operating).
- The bondage is not merely psychological — **it is spiritual influence!**

Notice Paul says:

“We also were...”

Past tense — former condition.

2. This Spirit Produces Fleshly Lusts

Still in Ephesians 2:3 —

“In the lusts of our flesh, and we were doing the will of our flesh and of our minds...”

This means because the fallen condition – this captivity is the strong hold which is working in the children of disobedience!

Explanation:

- Fleshly Fallen Adamic Nature + take hold of the mind directed by this spirit.
- Unsaved condition involves:
 - External ruler
 - Internal lust
 - Spiritual influence

This mirrors Romans 7's bondage language.

3. Romans 7 Describes This Captivity

Romans 7:5 —

“For when we were in the flesh, the passions of sins... were working in our members to yield fruit unto death.”

Explanation:

- “When we were” = past condition.
- Sin “working in our members.”
- Compare:
 - Ephesians 2: spirit working.
 - Romans 7: sin working.

The same operational language appears.

Romans 7:23 —

“And captivates me to the law of sin which is in my members.”

Explanation:

- “Captivates” = enslaves.
- Bondage language.
- This matches Ephesians 2: spiritual ruler controlling.

Romans 7:11 —

“For sin found an occasion... and deceived me and by it killed me.”

Explanation:

- Sin deceives.
- Sin kills.
- Deception parallels Satan’s operation (Genesis pattern).

The “spirit working” and “sin deceiving” describe the same bondage system.

4. The Unsaved Are Under a Spiritual Power

2 Corinthians 4:4 —

“For the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe...”

This is a major Scripture exposing this spirit at work blinding, causing a continual bondage and ruling over mankind keeping them in servitude!

Explanation:

- Blinding influence.
- Spiritual force affecting mind.
- This aligns with Ephesians 2 ruler of the air.

John 8:34 —

“Everyone who commits sin is a servant of sin.”

Explanation:

- Servant = slave.
- Romans 7 uses slavery and captivity language.
- Unsaved people are under the devil’s mastery.

John 8:44 —

“You are from your father The Devil, and you desire to do the lusts of your father...”

Explanation:

- Spiritual lineage.
- Desires aligned with spiritual source.
- This matches “spirit working in children of disobedience.”

5. Sin as a Ruling Power

Romans 6:16 —

“Do you not know that if you yield yourselves as servants to obey someone, you are servants to him whom you obey, whether of sin to death...”

Explanation:

- Sin as master.
- Death outcome.
- Romans 7 describes the misery of this servitude.

Romans 6:17 —

“For you were servants of sin...”

Explanation:

- Past tense for believers.
- Former bondage.

6. Contrast: Deliverance from That Spirit

Colossians 1:13 —

“And he has delivered us from the authority of darkness and has brought us into the Kingdom of his beloved Son.”

Explanation:

- Transfer of authority.
- Authority of darkness parallels:
 - Ruler of air
 - Spirit working in disobedient.

Romans 8:2 —

“For the law of The Spirit of Life in Yahshua The Messiah has freed you from the law of sin and of death.”

Explanation:

- Freedom from law of sin.
- This law dominated Romans 7.
- Now replaced by Spirit of Life.

7. The Clear Biblical Pattern

Unsaved Condition:

- ✓ Dead in sins
- ✓ Spirit working in them
- ✓ Under ruler of air
- ✓ Flesh producing lust
- ✓ Sin deceiving
- ✓ Captive to law of sin
- ✓ Servants of sin

Romans 7 describes:

- ✓ Sin working in members
- ✓ Captivity
- ✓ Deception
- ✓ Death
- ✓ Bondage cry

These match the condition described in Ephesians 2.

Saved Condition:

- ✓ Delivered from authority
- ✓ Not in flesh
- ✓ Law of Spirit of Life
- ✓ Freed from sin's law

Final Scriptural Conclusion

The word shows clearly:

- **Unsaved people have a spirit working in them (Ephesians 2:2).**
- **This produces fleshly lusts and bondage.**
- **Romans 7 describes that captivity under sin's rule.**
- **Believers are transferred out of that authority into Messiah's Kingdom.**

Romans 7 **bondage aligns with:**

“The spirit now working in the children of disobedience.”

Deliverance comes through:

“The Spirit of Life in Yahshua The Messiah!!!”

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