

# Matthew 11:12

Matt. 11:12 NASB

The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.

Matt. 11:12 Amplified

The kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].

**The Kingdom:** royal power, kingship, dominion, rule - not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom

**of heaven:** the seat or place (command) of order of things eternal that are perfectly completed, where God dwells

**suffers violence:** to use force, to apply force, taken by violence force

**violent men:** strong, forceful men

**take it by force.** to seize on, to claim for one's self eagerly

The right to rule and have authority in the order of things eternal, (the spirit realm), is to be taken by force, and strong, forceful men seize and claim it for themselves with enthusiasm.

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and claim it for themselves  
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