

AMBASSADORS

2 Cor. 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors [*presbeuo*] for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador [*presbeuo*] in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

In my search I understand that the king breathed on his Ambassadors as he sent them out. We are just **attachés** or persons with special duties assigned by the diplomatic staff, Apostles. [George Faull]. Is there a connection to the **John 20:22** passage? I think so.

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Roger Chambers said this was the breath of inspiration. Does it fit in with what we are saying? Yes!

“International Standard Bible Encyclopedia” ----- Word Ambassador Defined:

am-bas' a-dor (מַלְאָכִים, *mal'a kh*, “messenger”; מְדַבְּרִים, *lu'c*, “interpreter”; εὐαγγέλιον, *ci'r*, “to go”; hence a messenger; πρεσβυτέριον, *presbeu'o*, “to act as an ambassador,” literally, to be older): An ambassador is an official representative of a king or government, as of Pharaoh ([Isa 30:4](#)); of the princes of Babylon ([2Ch 32:31](#)); of Neco, king of Egypt ([2Ch 35:21](#)); of the messengers of peace sent by Hezekiah, king of Judah, to Sennacherib, king of Assyria ([Isa 33:7](#)). The same Hebrew term is used of the messengers sent by Jacob to Esau ([Gen 32:3](#)); by Moses to the king of Edom ([Num 20:14](#)). For abundant illustration consult “Messenger” (מַלְאָכִים, *mal'a kh*) in any concordance. See CONCORDANCE. The inhabitants of Gibeon made themselves pretended ambassadors (envoys) to Joshua in order to secure by deceit the protection of a treaty (“covenant”) ([Jos 9:4](#)).

In the New Testament the term is used in a figurative sense. As the imprisoned representative of Christ at Rome Paul calls himself “an ambassador in chains” ([Eph 6:20](#)); and in [2Co 5:20](#) includes, with himself, all ministers of the gospel, as “ambassadors ... on behalf of Christ,” commissioned by Him as their sovereign Lord, with the ministry of reconciling the world to God. The Bible contains no finer characterization of the exalted and spiritual nature of the minister's vocation as the representative of Jesus Christ, the King of kings, and Saviour of the world. **This last sentence is false!!! Ministers are NOT ambassador, ever. Ambassadors are inspired. [DC]**