"Coming out of Babylon" by Jeremiah

Today, I would like to talk about "Coming out of Babylon".

We are going to see that the Bible warns us that it is important to get out (escape) of Babylon for the people of God who want to live righteously in End Times,

Scripture reference is as below.

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Some versions say "leave this woman", but King James Version has "Come out of her". Since King James Version reflects on the majority text, we are looking from this point of view.

<Significance of coming out of Babylon>

Again, we as God's people are required to get out of the woman which is Babylon. As we ponder upon the meaning of this, my understanding is as follows.

The people of God are all in Babylon in End Times. The Bible implies that Babylon captures them as prisoners.

This may sound rather extreme, but I hope you could see the point I want to make. For example, when someone says to you "Get out of this room", this means the person is in the room. You wouldn't say "Get out of this room" to a person walking outside.

In the same way, a mother will say "Get out of the bed now" to her child who is still in the bed despite the fact that the alarm has gone off. She wouldn't say that if her child is up and washing face. So, we need to correctly understand what the Bible implies with "come out of her".

The conclusion may be different from our common sense, but the Bible is always correct. The Bible is teaching us that everyone, Christians or non-Christians, is going to be captured by Babylon in End Times. This is what we have to understand.

The Bible is written by the wisdom of God. Therefore, every little phrase has a meaning. The little phrase in Revelation "Come out of her, my people" Bible warns us of an important truth; Babylon already captures people in End Times.

<What is the meaning of Babylonian captivity?>

As we have seen, Revelation clearly implies that Babylonian captivity is going to be repeated in End Times, so if we want to understand End Times, we need to understand Babylonian captivity. Let's think about what it is.

To understand this, we need to go back to the Old Testament. Let's take a look at the scripture below.

2 Chronicle 36:10 And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the Lord, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

36:11 Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

36:12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the Lord.

36:13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the Lord God of Israel.

36:14 Moreover all the chief priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

36:15 And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

36:16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

36:17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young men or maiden, old people, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

36:18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

This scripture describes that Babylon has captured even descendants of King David. They are God's people but were still captured by Babylon. Why?

It says "they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy."

We can see that God's people in the Old Testament were captured by Babylon because they were rebellious against God and unfaithful. This is the reason.

<Even God's people in the New Testament will be captured by Babylon>

As we have already seen, Revelation implies that God's people in the New Testament will be captured by Babylon. As far as I am concerned, the reason is the same as how God's people in the Old Testament were captured by Babylon; "they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy."

Is this true? Let's think about it. My understanding is that it is true and God's people in the New Testament are not trying to follow the word of God. Therefore God's wrath is piling up.

You may not want to believe it. Let's see an example. The Christian churches in the U.S are starting to accept homosexuality now. However, the Bible prohibit's it as sin. Think about Ten Commandments. Doesn't it say You shall not kill/ You shall not commit adultery/ You shall not be greedy? Despite this, Christian churches in the U.S supports

killing people through the war, allow divorce, and look for worldly wealth. They are surely against the word of God, and that is why individuals in the U.S are regarded as being captured by Babylon.

<What is Babylon in the modern era?>

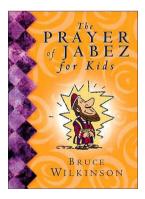
Now, let's think a little bit deeper. The question is "What is Babylon in the modern era?"

My understanding is that it is the Christian church in the U.S. The reason for this is the scripture below.

Revelation 17:3 Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.

We learned that the country of the beast is the U.S the other day. Therefore a woman sitting on the beast is related as well. This means it seems correct to understand that the woman is the Christian church in the U.S.

Once again, we can say that the Christian church in the U.S is not faithful by following the Bible, therefore, pleased by God. Instead, it is called Babylon, and I believe this understanding is correct.



The prayer of Jabez is a prayer of witchcraft.

Because what they preach is not based on the Bible but some twisted doctrines. The revival they are witnessing is not from Holy Spirit but demons.

For example, despite pre-tribulation is not what the Bible teaches, it is widely preached in the U.S. The prayer of Jabez is coming from witchcraft which forces God to answer our prayer.

<Babylon will make every Christian unclean >

The problem is that, not only do the churches in the U.S become like Babylon but Christian churches around the world will be influenced as well. This is not what I warn, but the Bible does as shown below.

Revelation 18:3 For <u>all nations</u> have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

It is true that people of all the nations will be influenced by the Christian church in the U.S and will receive the wrath of God. Right now, all Christian churches are exposed to the risk of getting influenced by the wrong doctrines, and demonic revivals originated in the U.S.

Since the churches in the U.S are leading the rest of churches in the world which means their influence will be significant.

<The meaning of getting captured by Babylon>

So, what does it mean to be captured by Babylon? What is the problem with it? I think the parable of Babylon is quite serious and I would like us to look at this.

When you say the people of God in the Old Testament get captured by Babylon, it means that they are going to be taken away from the Abraham's Promised Land.

This parable is serious because it also means that Christians in the New Testament will be unable to enter the kingdom of God where we are supposed to return to.

This is a very serious matter. Another problem is that Babylon is a foreign land. It is not prepared by God therefore what American churches teach as Babylon at the moment is not coming from God. For example, Revival in Pensacola is not from God but the devil.

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<Avoiding being part of Babylon's sin>

It is true that every Christian in the world will be influenced by the U.S and get captured by Babylon, but the Bible instructs us to get out of there as well. If we choose to stay within Babylon, the Bible tells that we are as part of Babylon.

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

So, we need to understand if we stay in the wrong doctrines that originated from the U.S and accept revival of demons, we will become partakers of Babylon's sin. Consequently, we will receive the same punishment.

Right now, Christian churches in the entire world are captured by Babylon and influenced by the wrong doctrines as well as the revival of demons.

Although this is true, we need to judge the doctrines by ourselves and decide how we live our lives. Otherwise, we can't get away with the punishment from God.

<We are recommended to come out of Babylon>

Jeremiah describes coming out of Babylon as below.

Jeremiah 51: 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense.

As stated here, the Bible recommends that it is right to get out of the influence, doctrines, and spirit of the churches in the U.S. This is also related to our eternal life and that is why it says "deliver every man his soul". Otherwise, you will be punished and vanished as it says "cut off in her iniquity".

We need to understand the warnings from the Bible about Babylon and live righteously in End Times.



An American Christian who has a tattoo which is forbidden in the Bible.

<Know the time: Witchcraft like trap surrounding children> by H.F

Mark 10:13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

10:14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

10:15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

10:16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Lord Jesus put His hands upon little children and prayed for blessing. Little children are important to Jesus, and He said that you have to be like little children to enter the kingdom of God. It has been 2,000 years since then. What is this era like for children?

These days, there are many toys, games, TV programs, movies, and books. Children are influenced by them each day.

Right now, it is fair to say that Pokemon and Harry Potter are quite popular among children in the world. Harry Potter has acquired a lot of fans through movie series and books. Universal Studio Japan in Osaka has Harry Potter attraction and many people from all over the world visit. Harry Potter triggered many people's curiosity towards witchcraft. Demonic stuff has been influencing people spiritually.

The Bible strictly bans fortune telling and witchcrafts, but many people are into them. Many children are also demonically influenced, and even Pokemon has been influenced by Eastern witchcraft and New Age religions. We are witnessing that Halloween is becoming more and more popular these days, but this is a demonic party which causes lots of bad influences on children. Things like that will distract children from having a healthy faith in Jesus and there are so many of them right now.

There is a danger in the trends in the world.

I am sure many Biblical Christians understand and are concerned that this witchcraft-related stuff is dangerous.

But if you think about the churches, how confident are you to say children are protected from the worldly demonic influence? It is pleasing if they are protected but can you always say that?

Sunday school uses "The Chronicles of Narnia" these days. This story is written by C.S Lewis and used in the churches to help children get familiar with being faithful.

Lewis has written many Christian books as well and is very trusted among Christians in the world. "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is especially very famous episode of Narnia series. It has even become a movie, but some people warn that this is very dangerous spiritually.

There is a mixture of ancient myth and biblical narrative in The Chronicles of Narnia. It makes magic, spell, witch, fairy, and dwarf, look very attractive. Children may start reading it for their spiritual growth, but they may end up becoming a cult because, like Harry Potter, this story could potentially make people curious towards the witchcraft. There are also wrong doctrines in Narnia which prevent us frocorrectlym understanding the Gospel correctly. Unfortunately, people don't realize this as the story is believed to be biblical. We need to have an ability to determine what is spiritually right to follow these days.

As you research about Lewis further, you will find that he was influenced by a cult. For example, a writer and his friend Charles William organized a cult group which influenced Lewis a lot. He didn't believe that the salvation is found in Jesus and the Bible is the true word of God, instead was interested in the cult.

2 Corinthians 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also are transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

It makes me wonder who Lewis is according to the scripture.

When parents brought their children to Jesus to be prayed in Mark 10, the disciples told them off and stopped them, but Jesus became upset by this. He also told them to let the children come to him in Matthew 19. Jesus wants children to grow healthy spiritually. Just like the disciples tried to stop the children from coming to Jesus, maybe it is sometimes pastors and leaders these days that could "disturb" children from experiencing healthy spiritual growth.

There are leaders in Christian churches who disguise to be righteous servants. Some people are unable to distinguish between real and fake spirit. Unfortunately, there is a danger hidden in the churches in this modern era. Each one of us needs to distinguish between good and bad with the help of Holy Spirit.

Amen



The Chronicles of Narnia