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There are disciples of Baal in America. There are actually people who are carrying out, what is known in the Scriptures as, Baal worship. Many of our people just simply do not know what Baal worship is. They don't understand it or recognize it when they see it. It can be likened to recognizing or understanding a disease. Everyone knows that there is a disease known as cancer. In fact, cancer manifests itself in a number of different ways. However, I would venture to guess that there is no one in this church audience who could look at a person and say that person has cancer. Not because they are without intelligence, and not because cancer does not exist, but because the symptoms are so different and, generally-speaking, are unknown to the average lay person.

The same thing happens to be true of Baal worship. Our people are so ignorant of the historical books of the Bible that tell us what Baal worship is, that Baal worship actually exists right in our nation and people don't know it is going on.

First, let me define what a Christian is and then it might be a little easier to recognize the disciples of Baal. The word Christian is used only three times in our Bible. In the twenty-sixth chapter of Acts, Paul is preaching to King Agrippa. After he has preached for a while, King Agrippa says:

“...Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.”

Acts 26:28

So, whatever King Agrippa would have become if he believed everything that Paul was preaching, apparently, the name "Christian" fit it. The term "Christian" is, also, found in 1 Peter:

“If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part (on the part of unbelievers) he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet, if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.”

1 Peter 4:14-16

This is a partial description of a Christian; that the spirit and glory of God is on him; he is not a criminal, he is not a busybody, he is not a person who causes trouble among other people and he glorifies God.

What may be the best simple clue as to what a Christian is can be found in the eleventh chapter of Acts:

“...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”

Acts 11:26

Whatever a Christian is, he first has to be a disciple. According to this simple statement in Acts, it was the disciples who were called Christians first.

The dictionary meaning for the word Christian, actually, is not complete enough because it says: "one who professes to believe in Christ or the religion of Christ." I believe you will see, as you continue this study, that there are many people who profess to believe in Christ, who are not actually disciples of Christ. In many cases they are actually disciples of Baal. So, instead, let's study the meaning of discipleship; which will be an easier way for us to understand who the disciples of Baal are, and who are the disciples of Christ.

The dictionary meaning of disciple is quite long, but I'll paraphrase it just briefly this way: "one who believes in a teacher of a doctrine and obeys his doctrine and helps in the spreading of his doctrine."

There are, obviously, three parts to discipleship. It is not just a case of professing believership, but, also, actual obedience to the doctrine of whatever teacher the disciple follows. The disciple must also help spread the doctrine.

Some of you may be a little confused by watching professing Christians who say they believe in the doctrines of Christ, but they don't obey those doctrines, and they don't help spread them. The reason for this may be because they are actually spreading some other doctrine of some other teacher or some other god.

Let's examine what Baal worship is, according to the Bible. There are six names used in the Old Testament and the New Testament for Baal. Of course, one name is Baal; another is Baalim. Wherever Baalim is found in the Old Testament, it is translated from the same Hebrew word. It could just as well have been translated Baal. The rest of the

names are Molech and Moloch, Malcham and Milcom. The reason those names are used is they are Moabite or Ammonite names of Baal. They, actually, mean Baal but, they're put there in a transliteration of the Moabite or Ammonite name rather than using Baal.

The first time the word Baal is used in the Bible is in the twentysecond chapter of Numbers. I think you will agree with me that it is very, very significant as to what was going on, when that word was used the first time.

This chapter is speaking of Balak, the king of the Moabites, who had hired Balaam (who was, apparently, a priest of Baal) to curse Israel.

"He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:

Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed."

Numbers 22:5-6

Balaam, apparently, had a reputation of having some sort of power to curse people or to bless them. Balak, king of the Moabites, called him and, apparently, offered him pay, in order to curse the children of Israel.

"And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought

him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.”

Numbers 22:41

Balak took Balaam up into the place where Baal was worshipped, in order that he might see all the House of Israel. For what purpose? To do two things: to spy upon the entire nation of Israel, and to curse Israel.

So, the first time we find the word Baal used in the Bible is when someone was trying to destroy the children of Israel, using the high places of Baal for that purpose.

The cursing that Balaam did seemed to have no effect because everytime he opened his mouth to speak, God made him say things that were blessings to the children of Israel. However, continuing on in Numbers we read:

“And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.”

Numbers 25:1-3

This is the second time the word Baal is used in the Bible. The first time the enemies of Israel were attempting to curse Israel from the high (or worship) places of Baal. The next time the term Baal is used, we find Israel has actually, began to intermarry with non-Israelites, followed-immediately by worshipping of Baal.

This sexual intercourse with non-Israelites is part of Baal worship. This is

verified in Revelation 2:14, where Jesus Christ is recorded as saying:

“But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.”

Revelation 2:14

Fornication, as described in chapter twenty-five of Numbers, is interracial marriage. So, the one thing that Balak and Balaam were successful in doing was in getting Israel to sacrifice unto idols and to commit fornication.

The first two times that Baal worshippers, or the disciples (followers) of Baal, worked against the children of Israel, they attempted three things. They caused Israel to commit interracial marriage, they used Baal worship to spy on Israel, and they attempted to curse Israel. Whatever Baal worship is, it is used against the children of Israel the first time we read of it in the Bible. The first manifestation of Baal worship in the Bible is as enemies of the children of Israel.

The Book of Judges tells the story of Israel turning away from God to Baal worship and then being punished. Let us examine the second chapter of Judges; Israel is in Canaan land and Joshua has died:

“And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim:

And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed

themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger. And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.”

Judges 2:11-13

Baalim is the same Hebrew word translated Baal, so, it means Baal. You can see here that Baal worship is, also, a multiplicity of gods, it is not just one god. Serving Baalim, also, meant serving Ashtaroth.

In Judges, chapter ten, is another instance of Israel's turning against the Lord. This occurred after they had been sent into captivity and then saved out of their captivity.

“And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the Lord, and served not him. And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.”

Judges 10:6-7

Notice, God's punishment was to actually sell the children of Israel into the hands of the people who were the Baal worshippers. You would think God would try to get them away from there. No — God's punishment was, actually, to give them into the hands of those people who worshipped Baal and these other gods.

Our so-called religious festival of Easter actually-comes from Ashtaroth. It is the worship of the wife of the god of Baal. That is who Ashtaroth was.

I want to quote what Halley's Bible Handbook says, actually, went on and was carried out by the disciples of Baal. This is a description of what Christian men have found while excavating ruins in old Canaanland. It is coupled with what the Bible says about Baal worship. I am sorry to have to quote some of these things, but I believe that God's people in America are going to have to recognize Baal worship. Otherwise, they will be deceived into thinking that many of these things are trappings of our religion, when in fact they are not.

In Halley's Bible Handbook under "Religion of the Canaanites," is found:

"Religion of the Canaanites: Baal was their principal god; Ashtoreth, Baal's wife, their principal goddess. She was the personification of the reproductive principle in nature. Ishtar was her Babylonian name; Astarte her Greek and Roman name. Baalim, the plural of Baal, were images of Baal; Ashtaroth, the plural of Ashtoreth. Ashera was a sacred pole, cone of stone or a tree trunk, representing the goddess."

Astarte is from where "Easter" comes. What is this "sacred pole"? Well, the dancing around the May Pole on May first is, actually, one of the things the Baal worshippers did over there. They had a pole and they danced around it in a circle. This is done all over the world by these ungodly people; they dance around a May Pole. Let's continue reading from Halley's:

"Temples of Baal and Ashtoreth were usually together. Priestesses were temple prostitutes. Sodomites were male temple prostitutes. The worship of Baal, Ashtoreth and other Canaanite gods consisted in the most extravagant orgies; their temples were centers of vice."

We are talking about religious exercises. Many people see these things happening in America and think that these people are just sinners. No, this was actually part of the religion of Canaan. They did these things as a religious exercise.

Quoting again from Halley's:

"ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTES:
Canaanite Religion. God's express command to Israel was to destroy or drive out the Canaanites, (Deut 7:2,3). And Joshua went at the task in dead earnest, God himself helping with mighty miracles. In reality, GOD DID IT.

"In excavations at Gezer, Macalister, of the Palestine Exploration Fund, (1904-09), found, in the Canaanite stratum, which had preceded Israelite occupation, of about 1500 B.C.; the ruins of a 'High Place,' which had been a temple in which they worshipped their god Baal and their goddess Ashtoreth (Astarte).

"It was an enclosure 150 by 120 feet, surrounded by a wall, open to the sky, where the inhabitants held their religious festivals. Within the walls were 10 rude stone pillars, 5 to 11 feet high, before which the sacrifices were offered.

"Under the debris, in this 'High Place,' Macalister found great numbers of jars containing the remains of children who had been sacrificed to Baal. The whole area proved to be a cemetery for newborn babes."

Most of us have been absolutely amazed to find how easily this nation had been converted from a nation that believed in the sanctity of life, and especially loved to have many children, to a nation that is now killing hundreds of thousands, now reaching into the mil-

lions, of babies every year. The religion of Baal included the murder of little children. It was not just something they did, it was a religious exercise that was done in the name of the god Baal.

Continuing in Halley's:

"Another horrible practice was what they called 'foundation sacrifices.' When a house was to be built, a child would be sacrificed, and its body built into the wall, to bring good luck to the rest of the family. Many of these were found in Gezer. They have been found, also, at Megiddo, Jericho and other places. . .

Also, in this 'High Place, under the rubbish, Macalister found enormous quantities of images and plaques of Ashtoreth with rudely exaggerated sex organs, designed to foster sensual feelings.

"So, Canaanites worshipped, by immoral indulgence, as a religious rite, in the presence of their gods; and then, by murdering their firstborn children, as a sacrifice to these same gods."

Do You Begin to See a Glimpse of Baal Worship in America?

Our people don't recognize this. People say: "Oh, this is terrible, this is something, and you shouldn't do this, and this is murder," They protest to some extent on the basis of what they know is right and wrong, but they do not have the knowledge necessary to recognize that we have a nation full of the disciples of Baal. These disciples are practicing their religion in this nation.

Once again quoting Halley's:

"It seems that, in large measure, the

land of Canaan had become a sort of Sodom and Gomorrah on a national scale."

Over on page 198 of Halley's, under ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTE: Baal Worship:

"The Oriental Institute, excavating at Megiddo, which is near Samaria, found, in the stratum of Ahab's time, (after Israel was in the land) the ruins of a temple of Ashtoreth, goddess wife of Baal. Just a few steps from this temple was a cemetery, where many jars were found, containing remains of infants who had been sacrificed in this temple. Prophets of Baal and Ashtoreth were official murderers of little children."

The enemies of the children of Israel would like to reduce the numbers of the children of Israel. They do this through their teaching and preaching of abortion. Abortion has now become a tremendous thing in our land, hundreds of thousands of young babies are killed. At the same time these enemies of Israel promote illicit and premarital sex. That, of course, does what? It brings about pregnancies in women who then have an abortion and what is that? It is the murder of newborn children, which is a doctrine of Baal worship. It is not just something that someone is doing. If these people just wanted to reduce the number of our race, they would try to get these young girls not to have premarital sexual relations. Instead, these young girls are urged, by the educational system and the movie and entertainment industry, to have premarital relations. Our educational system and Hollywood are just full of these manifestations and trappings of Baal, which lead millions of young girls to pregnancy. After they become pregnant they receive "counselling," which attempts to lead them to

the doctors, who then kill the unborn children.

Why did God send Israel into the Assyrian captivity? The reasons are found in II Kings, chapter seventeen:

"In the ninth year of Hoshea, (King of Judah, the southern kingdom) the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, And walked in the statutes of the heathen, (they did the things that the heathen believed in) whom the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God. . . "

2 Kings 17:6-9

Do you live in a nation where people are doing things that are not right against the Lord? Multiplied hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of people in this nation are actually doing these same things that we read of in 2 Kings. I am not talking about just the people of the other races. I am talking about our Israel people, the Anglo-Saxon and kindred people.

God told the Israelites they were driven into captivity because:

"...they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he

testified against them; and they followed vanity, (he old English word "vanity" means lies, false teachings or false doctrines) and became vain, and went after (intermarried with) the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them.

And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, (they began to worship the stars, sun and moon, trying to read their future) and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger."

2 Kings 17:15-17

These are all of the things that Israel did in the old land. These things all fall under the collective title of "serving Baal." We read in Numbers that serving Baal was not just worshipping Baal, it was worshipping Baal and all of the gods of the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Philistines and so on.

"Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only."

2 Kings 17:18

Later on the tribe of Judah was taken into the Babylonian captivity for the same reason, because they had turned away from the Lord and served Baal.

There Are Thirteen Things Which Constitute Baal Worship.

They are:

1. Spying on and working against the children of Israel.
2. Interracial fornication.
3. Forsaking God.
4. Serving Ashtaroth.
5. Prostitution or illicit sex.
6. Homosexual practices.
7. The killing of babies, preferably the first-born.
8. Sexual images and pictures.
9. Doing things the way the heathen would.
10. Disobeying the commandments of God.
11. Worshipping the host of heaven.
12. Causing their sons and daughters to pass through the fire.
13. Using divination and enchantments.

Our people are turning away from God to learn all the things of the heathen. They are worshipping the host of heaven, and doing all of these things which are listed here as a part of Baal worship.

By the time I go back down through this list again, I think that you will see that America has literally become a nation of Baal worshippers. Those thirteen things do not constitute all of Baal worship but they are a part of Baal worship.

The first item on the list is: spying on and working against the children of

Israel. Almost the entire Communist apparatus could be considered that much of Baal worship because they intend to destroy our nation and our people. Many, in fact, most of the upper echelon of our so-called political apparatus is doing everything they can to hurt the United States of America. Are they doing it just because they hate us, or are they actually worshipers of this religion? The first time we find the Baal religion mentioned in the Bible, it was used for the purpose of spying on and injuring the children of Israel.

Many, many churches in America, by their doctrines, are destroying the Israel people. Almost every church in America tells us we are not the Israel people. I don't know of any doctrine that can destroy our people faster, and more surely than by telling them that they are not Israel. If we are not Israel then it is much easier to convince our people to do things as the heathen would.

Number Two: Interracial fornication. The movies, television, even the total government operation (especially in the educational system) is being used to force our people to mix with the heathen. Church publications are promoting the bringing of Asiatic children to America for adoption into American families. This is another way of intermixing our people with the heathen.

I read in the paper, just the other day, a commendation for the Phoenix City government because they have done an exceptionally fine job of hiring minorities. You know what that means: non-Israel people are moving into all sorts of jobs. They have preference in all welfare, and, now, all jobs in America. What is that doing? It is hurting our people and is forcing the mixing of our people with the heathen.

Number Three: Forsaking God. I hardly need to comment on that. We have taken God, and the Bible, out of practically everything that has to do with our people. With our educational system, its reaching the point now where it may not be too long before they start putting people in jail, if they so much as try to preach or teach anything out of the Bible in a public institution.

Number Four: Serving Ashtaroth. I could preach a whole sermon on that! The entire Easter festival, which we have, has all of the trappings of the old festivals held in Babylon, Egypt, Rome and ancient Greece, when they had a spring festival for Ashtaroth.

Number Five: Prostitution or illicit sex. I understand that the Congress of the United States will soon legalize prostitution in Washington, D. C. That is on the books for being passed sometime in January or February. From there it will, of course, spread across this land.

Number Six: Homosexual practices. Some of the churches are already-ordaining homosexuals as preachers; they are marrying homosexuals, and we will soon have legislation which will make it a federal offense to refuse to hire a person because he is or is not a homosexual.

Number Seven: Killing of babies, preferably the first-born. This is something that is coming upon our people in a way that is almost impossible to conceive. California alone, within a year from now, will probably reach a half-million children killed in one year, in one state.

We printed an article from our local newspaper on Planned Parenthood here in Phoenix (they have offices all over the nation). The newspapers are urging preg-

nant teenagers to go down to Planned Parenthood for counselling. What Planned Parenthood does is refer these teenagers to an abortionist. The abortionist then pays Planned Parenthood a fee for every girl they send over to them. One man in the article says: "a closer scrutiny of the Reverend's motives, might involve more than altruism. Twelve thousand patients a year, at \$25 a throw amounts to \$300,000 annually for Planned Parenthood clergy counseling." This minister, who is counseling young girls, has in this last year, sent 12,000 of them over to California for abortions and he has gotten \$25 for every one of those babies that they killed in California. These are ministers, operating out of churches, sending the girls to California.

I have a long article from a Los Angeles newspaper, part of which says: "the cost of the abortion through the service is \$350.00, exclusive of the air fare. The doctor receives \$75, the hospital \$250, and Planned Parenthood \$25.

A meeting, in New York, of some doctors who met for a study on abortion, is described in a book entitled, "The Death Peddlers." The author says: "Listen to Dr. Irwin H. Kaiser, a pioneer in his field," (here is a quote from this Doctor, standing up before this large group of doctors): "at \$160 per patient, this is a substantial money maker for the hospital; and obviously if we were prepared to step into the competitive New York market, where abortions go as high as \$1,500 we probably would make a substantial killing, if I may use that expression." At this point, the editor of the book reported, there was general laughter throughout the audience of doctors.

Remember what I read about Baal worship: the high priests of Baal were offi-

cial murderers of little children. This was part of the religious ritual they went through in order to worship Baal. If someone had told me, twenty-five years ago, that this could have happened here in the United States of America, I simply would not have believed it. In fact, it is almost impossible to believe, even now, until you realize that we are going back and doing the same thing our fathers did. We are worshipping Baal in the land. A tremendous number of so-called Christian churches in America today are not churches of Christ, they are not disciples of Christ, they are disciples of Baal.

Someone was telling me about one of their neighbors just recently, and I imagine this may be true all over the country. They apparently had listened to me over the radio talking about the eating of pork. The eating of pork is a violation of God's Law; but it is, not the great thing you might think it is as compared with some other violations. The conversation lead to the story that this man had gone to his minister to try to convince him that we shouldn't eat pork because it is a violation of God's Law. The minister got highly-upset and the conversation reached the point where the minister admitted to this man that he was in favor of abortion. The man never knew that his minister was in favor of abortion until he got into a rather heated conversation about pork. What was that minister? That minister was a secret disciple of Baal, standing in the Christian pulpit deceiving people. He wasn't promoting abortion from the pulpit, but he was promoting disobedience to the commandments of God.

How many of you know of any church (other than this one), within about twenty or thirty miles of here, that preaches that we should obey the commandments of God? Well, one of the parts of Baal wor-

ship was to disobey the commandments of God, to cast Him aside and to put the commandments away.

Number Eight: Pornography. Halley's Bible Handbook said they unearthed pornographic drawings in the temple of Baal. Our nation is literally-flooded with pornography. What are the churches doing about it?--Practically nothing. In the movies, television, and magazines, it is reaching the point where, if I understood Baal worship, I could walk into the drug store or theatre and say: "There are disciples of Baal in here." However, we don't recognize that until we get into the Bible.

Number Nine: To do things as the heathen. I have a book I just recently purchased, entitled: "The Dispossessed Majority." The author has written approximately 500 pages showing that everything in America from the government, to the educational system, to the churches, to economics is all being used for the benefit of the Blacks and for the destruction of the White race. What is that? That is the first thing we read here of Baal worship, spying on and working against the children of Israel, the household of God.

Number Ten: Do not obey the commandments of God. Almost all State and Federal government laws in this nation that have enforced God's Laws are now being put away, right down to the last one: the putting of murderers to death. The churches, of course, have joined in and taught our people, almost en masse, that God's Laws have been put away.

Number Eleven: Worshipping the host of heaven. I have already mentioned that astrology and all of these things are blooming in this land almost beyond belief.

Number Twelve: Causing their sons and daughters to pass through the fire. An article from the young people's Saturday edition of the Phoenix Gazette, devoted half a page to a picture and an article about a local teenage girl. The headlines says: "Student Says She is a Child of Satan." The article is quite long and it says about her, "Sherry, a student at Cortez High, is also a professed witch and Satanist. . . God didn't fulfill me, said the coed, who tried Christianity and atheism before turning to devil worship two and a half years ago. Christianity preaches happiness after death but Satan tells us we can have happiness in this life, as well as, after death." She says a little further on, "I don't fear death because I know that when I die I will have Satan's protection as one of the rulers of Hell." The article ends up by saying, ". . . though Sherry converted to Satanism, her parents are still devout Christians and strongly disapprove of her religion. 'They still beg me to go to church on Sunday, she said, but they can't make me think the way they want me to. I go to keep peace in the family.' Marriage is perfectly-legal in the Satanic church and Sherry plans to marry a warlock" she says they'll bring up the children in Satanism."

Now, before you condemn this young girl, I would like to ask you: where did she learn that there were people living forever and ever under the control of Satan in hell? She learned it in this same Christian church that her parents still attend. Where did she learn the doctrines of Satanism? She learned them back in that Christian church that her parents made her attend.

You think she was converted to Satanism outside the church? Nonsense — she was converted to be a witch and a Satanist inside what is called a Christian church by the preachings of hell.

I have a pamphlet entitled Hell, What the Bible Says About It. The author is John R. Rice, who is the most prolific author, I believe, the Baptists have ever produced. He has written hundreds and hundreds of books. His books are distributed by the millions. He is a Baptist, and every Baptist Church in America distributes these pamphlets. I assume the Baptists approve his story about what's in hell. Remember what that girl said: "she's not afraid of death because she is going to be a ruler in hell."

Read what John R. Rice says about hell (which apparently is official Baptist teaching):

"Is God fair to keep a man forever in Hell for the sins of his life? That is an intelligent question, and there is an intelligent answer. The reason sinners must stay in Hell is because they are sinners still. Hell is not only a place of punishment for sin; it is a place where sin continues.

In fact, there is every reason to believe that in Hell there will be an abandonment to wickedness such as is not possible on this earth."

Where did that girl get the idea that she could live in hell and commit sexual fornications while she was there? She got it from the Baptist Church. What is the Baptist Church? I'll tell you what it is, it's a church of Baal worship. No wonder the next generation is turning to Baal. They are taught the doctrines of Baal in the church their parents require them to go. These parents think they are going there to learn about Christ. Do we have disciples of Baal in America? Brother, Sister, this nation is full of them, just as Christ warned us. Jesus said that they would come in the name of Christ and deceive many.

Let me quote John R. Rice again:

"Can you see why sinners who reject Christ, deliberately-choose evil instead of good, and then when they go to Hell continue in sin; can you see why they should continue to be punished? Sinners in Hell make their own Hell. People go to Hell because they deserve it. They stay there for the same reason. Punishment continues. because sin continues in Hell."

Are You a Disciple of Christ or Baal?

Well, praise the Lord, there is coming an end to this. I have a question for you: Are you .a disciple of Christ or are you following Baal?

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

2 John 8-11

These verses are a rather plain warning to those who do not preach the doctrine of Christ. Let us not separate this into two gods and say some can believe in Christ and there are others that just haven't recognized the Messiah but they believe in Jehovah of the Old Testament. That's nonsense. If ministers do not teach the truth of the Scriptures, then they are not Christians, no matter what name they put onto their churches.

I quoted an article earlier about a teenage Satanist. I want to go into this a

little more. Tragically enough, I believe we in America are going to see, at least to some extent, what was very prominent during the so-called Dark Ages in Europe: the outright, visible worship of Satan. In the future there may be churches organized and people might be dedicating their children to Satan.

About a year and a half ago, a man I know was telling of someone moving into his neighborhood. After they had been there a few days, these new neighbors invited all the neighbors to come to a house warming party. After serving drinks they passed around a mimeographed sheet of paper on which was drawn a horned goat head inside a big circle with the words "Viva Satana" (long live Satan) written across the top of the page. They then began their ceremony of dedicating their house to Satan. This man I know brought this sheet of paper to me and said he left the house at that moment. He just had not believed that there were people in America who really did that. Yet, he saw, right in front of his eyes, people going through the religious ceremony of dedicating this new home of theirs to Satan.

Going back to the article about the girl who says that she is a child of Satan, and says that she is not afraid to die, because "when I die I will have Satan's protection as one of the rulers of hell" — I believe she is not alone. There must be many, many thousands of people who believe the same false doctrines.

I am afraid a great host of Christian people simply do not understand that the source of the doctrines of Satan come from Christian churches. By that I don't mean Christian Churches per se, I mean churches that CALL themselves Christian.

In further study of the doctrines of Baal, I became convinced that the one doctrine taught in the Christian churches that leads people to Baal worship is the doctrine that you don't really die, but instead, you go on living either in heaven or in hell. Practically every so-called church in America that goes by the name of Christian teaches that people live on after death.

Earlier, I quoted a few things from Hell, What the Bible Says About It by Evangelist John R. Rice. This is an approved Baptist pamphlet. On the front cover, Rice gives the reason for "soul winning" as: "Keeping people out of hell, the soul-winning motive." I have heard this same doctrine from other sources.

The Bible tells us we are to preach The Word so people will serve Christ. We don't preach The Word to keep people out of hell. However, the Baptists imply that the whole reason for soul-winning is to keep sinners out of this burning hell they preach about. Rice stated among other things in this hell, "Even the Holy Spirit of God, it appears, will call no longer at the heart door of the men and women in Hell. The most terrible thing about Hell is that it is a place of sinning, as well as sinners. Sinners themselves continue to make hell what it is.

"Thousands upon thousands of virtuous women, chaste wives and mothers may be, will be in Hell. Human virtues are not enough to save the soul. . . we may well believe that virtuous women will not remain virtuous and chaste in hell."

In several long paragraphs the author tells his readers that sinners will go on living in hell, doing those things that they did upon the earth. He, also, says: ". . . the reason sinners are left in Hell is that they have the same rebellion, the same wicked-

ness, the same unbelief that they had here on earth; intensified by the environment of Hell, unrestrained by a single godly influence." Then comes the paragraph asking this question: "Can you see why sinners who reject Christ deliberately choose evil instead of good, and then when they go to Hell they continue in sin? Can you see why they should continue to be punished?" Then he continues a little further on, "Punishment continues because sin continues in Hell."

This girl who stated that she has become a Satan worshipper, states that: "she will be able to continue doing the things on earth and in hell that she desires to do." The newspaper says of her: "Sherry, a black witch, says white witches, who only cast good spells, have very little power because they are afraid of God and what will happen to them when they die. I don't fear death because I know when I die I will have Satan's protection as one of the rulers of hell." .

So that you see that I am not picking on the Baptists alone, I want to quote Billy Graham's Question and Answer column from the daily paper. The headline says: "When the Body Dies the Soul Lives On." Here's the question: "I don't understand what immortality means. Will you please explain it to me?" Billy Graham (the most listened to Christian preacher, and evangelist in all the world today) gives this answer: "God made man different from other creatures. He made him in His own image, a living soul. When this body dies, and our earthly existence is terminated, the soul lives on forever. One thousand years from this day, you would be more alive than you are at this moment. The Bible teaches that life does not end at the cemetery. There is a future life with God for those who put their trust in His Son, Jesus Christ. There is, also, a

future hell, a separation from God toward which all are going who have refused, rejected, or neglected to receive His Son Jesus Christ. Cyrus The Great is reported to have declared "I cannot imagine that the soul lives only while it remains in this mortal body."

Notice Graham quoted a heathen for that authority at the end of his article.

You prove what a person is by his doctrine. I believe that we are entering a time when you and I are going to have to make decisions on who is a Christian minister and who is a Christian person; not by what they say about Christ, but by what their doctrine is. If a person talks about Christ, the atonement and the blood and appears to be a Christian, you can still be deceived-unless you find out just what he believes and teaches.

According to Websters' Original 1828 Dictionary, the definition of doctrine is as follows:

"Doctrine: from the Latin doceo, to teach. In a general sense, whatever is taught. Hence, a principle or position in any science; whatever is laid down as true by an instructor or master. The doctrines of the gospel are the principles or truths taught by Christ and his apostles. The doctrines of Plato are the principles which he taught. Hence a doctrine may be true or false; it may be a mere tenet or opinion."

Regardless of whether it is true or false a doctrine is what is taught or believed. That is where we are going to have to make our decisions.

Let us find out what Christ's doctrine is. We are told not to have anything to do with people unless they have the doctrine

of Christ. First of all, the doctrine of Christ is the doctrine of God or the doctrine of the Bible. Let us be sure we do not divide the Bible into two parts.

“And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.”

John 7:15-16

Jesus was teaching and they marvelled at his teaching. Jesus told them His doctrine is the doctrine of God.

Prior to His arrest and crucifixion Jesus prayed for the disciples:

“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me;”

John 17:1,7-8

“I have given them thy word;...”

John 17:14

“Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.”

John 17:17

This doctrine, that Jesus taught, is the doctrine of God, the word of God. It is truth. Unlike Plato, whose words are not true, this doctrine is true.

“And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.”

John 17:19

In John eighteen, when Jesus was brought before Pilate, we read:

“Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am. a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.”

John 18:37

I quoted those verses to show you that Jesus preaches the doctrines of God, which He called The Truth. The disciples believed it and so, when John says you have to have the doctrines of Christ, that means the doctrines of the Word of God.

Let us find out what the Word of God says happens to you when you die. This is one of the most crucial doctrines in all Christendom.

In the third chapter of Job, godly Job was in trouble and was actually-wishing he had died:

“Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck? For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest, With kings and counsellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves; Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver: Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light.”

Job 3:11-16

Job says that if he had died he would have been quiet and asleep. He says he'd

be with all these other people. Then follows a description of what goes on in death:

“There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest. There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.”

Job 3:17-18

Just imagine what the Baptists would think of this description of the place where people go after they die!

Solomon, who was one of the wisest men of the Bible and whose wisdom came from God, wrote these words:

“All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath.

This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.”

Ecclesiastes 9:23

All people die, sinners and the saints alike, good and bad. He continues:

“For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.”

Ecclesiastes 9:4-5

THE DEAD KNOW NOT ANY THING! This is Solomon writing.

This Baptist evangelist, I quoted earlier, says, that these people, in their lust and their desire to sin, will go right on sinning and their sins will be intensified as they spend this eternity in hell. Solomon says this is not true:

“. . .their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.”

Ecclesiastes 9:6

Forever means "age long." It doesn't necessarily mean eternity but, at least as long as they are dead, they have nothing to do with anything under the sun.

“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.”

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Just imagine what might have happened to this young girl who has adopted Satanism, because she wants to worship the devil in hell and be one of his rulers. If she had been taught as a young child that life ended at death, and there are no living beings in this hades or hell that she thinks she is going to, she might not have become a Satanist. However, she was taught that there was a place like that and that there were people there. and that the devil ruled over them so, she wanted to go there to be a ruler. Where did she get that information? Obviously she could have gotten it from almost any church in America. She did not get it from the Bible, because the Bible doesn't teach that.

I have another pamphlet entitled: The Tragedy of Hell and How to Escape It — A Christian Guidance Book. I want to quote a few statements by this author, as to what goes on in hell:

"In hell there will be destruction, however, this will not be cessation of existence. Rather, it will be the devastation that is to be found in judgment. The spirit never loses its consciousness, nor does it ever experience nonexistence. But the destruction of all that is worthwhile results from this judgment.

"The purpose of fire and hades and hell is torment. God does not plan that sinners be annihilated. This would defeat his purpose.

It may be reasonable to assume that the fire of hades and hell is not the literal fire of earth. It must be a special fire that will fulfill the will and purpose of God. The bodies of those sentenced to hell are merely human bodies. They are human bodies raised and changed and conformed to everlasting suffering."

Now, don't ask me how the author reconciles his statement that it is a spirit body that goes to hell, and then later talks about it as a body that is raised and put there. These people never try to reconcile their falsehoods, what they do is frighten people by this nonsense description of a non-existent place. On the next page of this pamphlet we read:

"Hell will be terror, without one mitigating feature. Pain, without the slightest chance of alleviation, will be unbearable. The flaming torment will be so severe that one will beg piteously for a drop of water to cool his tongue. Suffering of the body will be so terrible that the sinner will grind his teeth in agony. Coupled with this will be the anguish of spirit in the realization that hell could have been avoided.

Conscious will stab and nag and accuse forever. Perhaps the doomed sinner will recall the day he rejected the call of the Spirit for the last time."

We read in Psalms six:

"Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake. For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?"

Psalm 6:4-5

The author of The Tragedy of Hell... says that after death, sinners will be remembering all the times they were invited to come to the altar by Christian ministers, and all the times they walked by a church and didn't go in. The Bible says that in death there is no remembrance of God. Job says in death there is silence. This man goes on in his book and says:

"What more can the Scriptures tell of the terrors of this place? The sinner's body will be alive with gnawing, piercing flesh-devouring worms. They will thrive on living tissue, yet never be satisfied and never die. Intense, devastating, leaping flames will sear the organs and stifle breathing. The sinner will scream for unconsciousness, annihilation, nothingness, any relief. But the only answer will be the echo of his screams."

That is the churches story of what happens after billions of people die. In contrast to this horror story, here is what the Bible has to say:

"The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence."

Psalm 115:17

The Bible says the dead are silent.

This man says that the dead are screaming for mercy. Do you see the difference between what this man says and the Word of God? This is not the doctrine of Christ, yet it is distributed by thousands and thousands of churches. It is a false doctrine, not of Christ. Who could it be from? It is the work of the devil, it is the teachings and the doctrines of Baal.

The pamphlet The Tragedy of Hell . . . concludes that:

"For the sinner in hell, it will be impossible to end his consciousness. God has determined that punishment in hell shall be eternal, everlasting, forever."

Quoting again from Psalms:

"Put not your trust In princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth: In that very day his thoughts perish."

Psalm 146:3-4

The Bible says the dead are silent in the grave after death. Their thoughts perish, they have no memory of anything. It is a place of silence. It is a place where kings and rulers, and babes, fools and sinners and believers are. Yet, these people have built up false doctrines that have no foundation, whatsoever, in the Word of God and they pass as Christians while doing it.

Some will, and do, say that it is true that under the Old Testament Law, people died and went to the grave, or to purgatory, or hades, or some place that they were kept. Then, they say, when Christ came and died, He went to hell and opened up the gates and took the Old Testament believers to heaven. In fact, there is a song

I hear on the radio quite often, that has words to that effect. Well, if Christ did that, then he must have forgotten David. David was a man after God's own heart, according to the scripture, itself. Acts, chapter two, contains the favorite passage of the Pentecostal people. However, it goes on to explain where David was after the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter says:

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

For David is not ascended into the heavens. . . "

Acts 2:29 & 34

This occurred after the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter made it plain that David is not in heaven. Yet, these fools go on preaching these false doctrines. I don't know that I should call the ministers who preach these false doctrines, fools. I am more inclined to call the millions of people who attend their churches, fools. They are foolish people. We have millions of copies of the Bible in our homes, we have them in churches. We have read the Bible, in this continent, for almost 300 years, and we still cannot see the plain simple teaching of the Scripture, that the dead know not any thing.

In Acts, chapter two, David is mentioned as not having ascended into the heaven, he is both dead and buried. In fact, there are several places in the Bible where people are talked of as being asleep after they die. They are: **2Kings 21:17 - 18, John 11:11-14; 1Thessalonians 4:13 -17; 2Peter 3:4; and 1Corinthians 15:18**. Let us examine part of these verses starting in verse thirteen of 1 Corinthians fifteen:

“But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up. if so be that the dead rise not.

For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

And if Christ be not raised. your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.”

1 Corinthians 15:13-18

These verses are preaching the resurrection. If Christ be not raised from the dead, our faith is wrong and those who are dead are perished. Was he preaching that they were up in heaven? No, he was preaching that they were going to be resurrected.

“For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.”

1 Corinthians 15:21

This is the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ. Resurrection from the dead. Not life unending, after you die. Not a spirit resurrection, as your body dies. No, instead a resurrection from the dead.

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.”

1 Corinthians 15:21

When is the resurrection? It does not occur when people die, but when Christ comes and raises them from the dead. A

second witness to this fact is found in the fifth chapter of John, where Christ is preaching:

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.”

John 5:25

Where are these dead who will hear the voice of Christ?

“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,”

John 5:28

Where Are the Dead?

In the grave, in silence, asleep. So many people, in America, around the world, and especially in Christendom, are trying all sorts of things in an effort to contact dead spirits. Who in the world told them that there were spirits of the dead some place where they might be contacted? It was none other than these Christian preachers who tell them that the spirit doesn't die but just goes on living. No wonder Bishop Pike tried to contact his dead son. No wonder there are such things as seances. No wonder, when you watch television, people talk about contacting their father, mother, brother, or sister to find out how things are or what's going to happen to them. Where is the foundation for all this? The foundation for it is taught across pulpits in tens of thousands of Christian churches. We sit back and wonder, and say: “Oh, isn't it terrible, these young children are going into Satan worship, and the worship of spirits? Young people are looking for their future in the stars, reading ouija boards, and so on.” Well, where did they get this idea that there is anyone who could do those

things? They are being taught the doctrines of Baal.

Earlier, when I quoted from Webster's 1828 Dictionary, Webster compared the teachings or doctrines of Christ as truth to Plato's doctrines. He used this comparison to show that doctrines could be true or false.

Here is just a thumbnail sketch of the religions going way back to Plato and beyond. This sketch is from a little tract that someone else wrote: "Centuries before Christianity was ever preached on earth, the Buddah's priests in remote India were teaching hell fire and eternal torture. "

In the "Harvard Classics," Volume forty-five, you will find an English translation of the sacred writings of Buddah, which give a vivid description of this fiery place of torture, complete with all the trimmings. "The ancient Hindus and the early Chaldeans, also, believed the hell-fire doctrine." (The Chaldeans were the people who had Baal worship; they were Babylon.) "Egyptian priests of the first world power taught the torment-after-death theory, sixteen centuries before the birth of Jesus. According to their papyrus scrolls, now deposited in the British Museum, daily spell-binding prayers were said for the dead, to protect them from the underworld devils."

One finds similar torture doctrines, also, taught by the ancient Babylonians, Persians, and Phoenicians. The chief Greek philosophers, Socrates and Plato, who lived in the fifth century before Christ, fixed up a sizzling purgatory theory along the lines of earlier pagan mythologies.

Also, among the Greek and Roman gods was Pluto, who was considered the

god of hell and purgatory. In the writings of Virgil, the Roman poet, one finds a description of how the dead sinners are purged in the fires. The ancient Scandinavians and the Japanese, also, held to similar beliefs.

The Encyclopedia Americana says: "While there are many and significant variations of details, the main features of hell as conceived by the Hindu, Persian, Egyptian, Grecian, Hebrew and Christian theologians, are essentially the same." In other words, as far as the Encyclopedia Americana is concerned, Christianity preaches the same as these ancient pagan religions. Christianity will continue preaching the same thing until Christians study the Bible and find out that the Bible teaches no such thing.

I have in my possession a tract entitled "You Preparing for Hell?" Notice that the question is not "Are you preparing to serve God?" The woman author states, in one or two sentences, the gist of what we "call Christian preaching today: "There are only two future destinations, heaven or hell. Every individual who has lived upon the face of this earth will spend an eternity in one place or the other." In one fell swoop, with her doctrine, she destroys the teachings of the resurrection of the dead, and the Kingdom of God upon the earth.

In contrast, my article entitled "Where Is Your Soul After Death?" states:

"Turn to Genesis 3 and read the story of the serpent's deception of Eve, and then of Adam. God had told them NOT to eat of a certain tree 'lest ye die.' But the serpent said to Eve, 'Ye shall NOT surely die....but your eyes shall be opened, and YE SHALL BE AS GODS.....' God's Word tells us today that all shall die and wages of sin is death, i.e., if you disobey, you shall die!

"But the FALSE MINISTERS TODAY TELL US THAT ONLY THE BODY DIES, AND THAT THE REAL US WILL JUST 'GO RIGHT TO HEAVEN AND BE WITH THE LORD.'" What are they saying? THEY ARE SAYING THAT "YE SHALL NOT SURELY DIE. . .BUT YOUR EYES SHALL BE OPENED, AND YE SHALL BE AS GODS (live in heaven)!"

The ministers are teaching the same identical thing with which Satan deceived Eve and Adam. If there is any teaching of the Catholic and Protestant churches that creates an "I couldn't care less" attitude about the condition of God's earth and its people, it is this false doctrine, which is but the slightly-altered original deception of our race.

The gospel of the kingdom, which is the true gospel of the Bible, teaches that men are to be resurrected on the earth and to "reign on the earth" with Jesus. The proof is found in the Bible:

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:10

"The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men."

Psalms 115:16

This gospel, that we are all going to heaven as soon as we die, is the very opposite of Bible truth. By deceiving men about the true nature of man and death, the ministers keep men's eyes on a heaven they will never receive and help Satan and his minions take control over the earth. Brother, Sister, that is getting more true every day.

Where is the battle and for what is the battle? The battle is for the Kingdom of

God upon the earth. The ministers are deceiving the people and leading them into Satan's camp; by telling them that they do not die, when they die.

I am going to quote three men. You think about the meaning of these very simple statements, made by these good, Godly men so many centuries ago:

William Tyndale said this to a Roman priest: "Ye, in putting departed souls in heaven, hell and purgatory, destroy the arguments wherewith Christ and Paul prove the resurrection."

Tyndale recognized that the teachings of the Catholic church destroyed the doctrines of Christ concerning the resurrection of the dead.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Churches, said: "It is indeed generally supposed that souls of good men as soon as dislodged from the body go directly to heaven, but this opinion has not the least foundation in the Oracles of God."

Today, as far as I know (someone can correct me if I am wrong), every Methodist Church in the world teaches that when believers die that they go immediately to heaven. John Wesley taught no such thing.

Justin Martyr wrote in A. D. 150, and you think about this, this may be a hard sentence to take, but we are going to have to accept this somewhere along the line; "If you meet some that are called Christians, who say when they die their souls are received up into heaven, take care that you do not look on these as Christians."

Justin Martyr said that anyone who taught or believed that souls went to

heaven was not to be looked upon as Christian. These are things that I have proven to you are taught and believed by most churches in America today. Justin Martyr says: "Don't even look on them even as Christians."

Just think: Billy Graham, who teaches that when people die they either go to heaven or to hell, is on nation-wide television. I had his list, at one time, of 250 or 350 television stations, about a dozen nights a year on which he was on prime-time television. Every time he preaches, he tells people the reason they should come to Christ is so they can go to heaven when they die. The Bible teaches no such thing.

Do you believe there are disciples of Baal in America? Our churches are full of them! The entire entity that is called Christianity, in America today, is actually false doctrine. It is not the doctrine of Christ.

I didn't know too much about what the Mormon Church teaches on these things until we went through Salt Lake City and stopped at the Mormon Tabernacle and saw their films. Their films teach, very specifically, that when you die you go to heaven and you are reunited with your loved ones there.

Most people, or most ministers, when you try to reach them with some sort of truth of the Bible, will refuse to discuss other doctrines because they will say, their job is to save souls from hell, or to save souls so that they can go to heaven. Those two things give them the excuse for never getting into the Bible and preaching on other subjects. In other words, finding out what the truth of the Bible is.

1 Timothy 6:3 tells us:

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself."

1 Timothy 6:3-5

You notice that Paul tells Timothy, this future preacher, that those who will not preach according to the doctrine of God are proud (the margin says "a fool") and they have corrupt minds. They "dote" or, as the margin says, they are "fond of questions". The end result is all of these evil things.

A young man came over here the other day to fix our postage meter, and in the process of the conversation I discovered that he didn't go to church for two reasons: he couldn't believe in a God who would torture billions of people for ever and ever, and when he did go to church all he found in the church were hypocrites who were crooks and criminals in their business during the week. I hear this same thing from many people.

Paul says that if you don't preach according to the doctrine of Christ, you bring on all these other evil things.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap unto themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

2 Timothy 4:1-4

Christ will judge when? At His appearing! Meanwhile, we are to preach the Word and when the people won't hear the truth, they will get lies. It is very simple.

In Titus, Paul in speaking of bishops and preachers, exhorts them;

“Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.”

Titus 1:9-11

I see, by some newspaper articles I have on the so-called Jesus people (and I know from personal experience about them), that all they teach is heaven and hell. These so-called Jesus freaks are being enticed into giving all their worldly goods to their leaders. Then they go out on the streets and beg for the food they need to eat. What's happening to the people leading them? They are getting rich by teaching false doctrine. This is what Paul was telling Titus.

“One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them [meaning the bishops and preachers] sharply, that they may be sound in the faith:

Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.”

Titus 1:12-14

Our people are being turned from the truth by the preaching of lies, and Paul says of these people:

“They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.”

Titus 1:16

Paul is not talking about professing atheists. He is talking about people who profess to believe God, but who teach false doctrine. From that false doctrine comes every evil thing.

Perhaps you can understand why the United States of America, which has more Christian churches, more Bibles and more preachers per capita than any other country on the globe, is turning to witchcraft, Satanism, sexual perversions, criminality and every other evil thing. Where is it coming from? The Bible says it comes from the preaching of false doctrines. God help us. One of these days our people are going to go back to the traditions of our colonial forefathers, and we are going to start listening to preachers preaching the truth of the Bible three and four hours at a time, if their voice holds out.

I believe that I have shown you that there obviously must be quite a number of people in America who are secretly, and now more openly, showing that they actually worship another god. Not the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but another

god often so disguised that many of us for years thought that some of these people were actually-worshipping the God of the Bible. They, apparently, are so deceptive that they are able to take this Bible, hold it in their hand, actually read things from it (as Satan is known to do at times), and preach a doctrine that actually-glorifies Baal, and does not glorify the God of Israel.

Jesus Christ has sealed to us the promises in the Old Testament that God would give His children a Kingdom upon the earth. These devilish people, these worshippers of Baal, have converted this teaching into something entirely different. They glorify the power of the devil, instead of God.

The Religion of Babylon was Baal Worship

I am going to quote just a few verses from Revelation about the destruction of prophetic Babylon. I won't take the time to go into the Scriptures to show you that the religion of Babylon was Baal worship. Most Bible students know that. My radio sermons on Christmas will show you, that in Babylon, they actually worshipped a god called Baal, who was the god of Babylon.

“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:”

Revelation 17:4

You have seen, in reading this study, that Baal worship is actually-full of abominations and filthiness.

“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE

GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH,

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.”

Revelation 17:5-6

We know that the saints of God are the children of Israel. The Israel people are called "the saints" several times in the Old Testament. We, also, saw, in the list I gave earlier, that the first time the worship of Baal is mentioned, it was mentioned in conjunction with a priest who attempted to curse the children of Israel. So, we know that one of the manifestations of Baal worship is enmity and desire for destruction of the children of Israel.

In Revelation we see that this old mother Babylon, apparently, has succeeded in causing the deaths of multiplied millions of the saints of God.

If you would like to read further, I would suggest if you have a copy of Halley's Bible Handbook, look near the back of the book and read "Halley's Church History." I cannot give you the exact pages, because with every new edition they change a few things. Halley has about seven or eight pages showing the millions upon millions of "the saints of God" who were martyred between 500 A. D. and about 1700 A. D. For over 1,200 years, a tremendous persecution of the believers took place upon the continent of Europe. This information, coupled with chapter seventeen of Revelation, tells us that Mystery Babylon is, also, a religious system. Chapter eighteen of Revelation shows you that it is also, of course, economic.

In Chapter eighteen, as Babylon's destruction is complete, we read:

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“Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”

Revelation 18:20-21

It is obvious, from the Scripture, that Babylon and her religious system is going to be destroyed by violence, not simply by the preaching of the Word. You are not going to convert the Baal worshippers to Christianity. The Scriptures simply do not prophesy that; instead, they prophesy destruction.

Chapter seven of Deuteronomy gives a little history and, also, gives God's instructions about how to get rid of Baal worship and the worship of false gods. We have already seen that the Canaanites worshipped Baal and that Israel was coming into the land. Here are God's instructions to Israel:

“And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them; But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.”

Deuteronomy 7:2 & 5

God did not give Israel instructions to go into Canaanland and preach The Word to them. There is not one instruction to

the House of Israel, when they were sent into Canaanland (where Baal was worshipped), that they should preach to them, God told them to burn their idols, tear down their temples and lay everything even with the ground.

The eighteenth chapter of Leviticus lists seven specific sins of the Canaanites. God says before He lists these sins:

“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the Lord your God.

After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.”

Leviticus 18:1-3

God Commands the Death Penalty For Disciples of Baal

God's instruction to Israel is that they are not to do the things that the Egyptians and the Canaanites do in their false worship. Then He lists seven sins which are as follows:

Number one is nudity; number two is incest; the third sin is adultery; the fourth is given in Leviticus 18:21: *“And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, . . .”* Molech is the Moabite or Ammonite name for Baal. We have shown you that most of the preaching today is of Baal worship. The fifth sin is also in verse 21: *“.....neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.”* The sixth sin is homosexuality. The seventh sin is lying with beasts.

The punishment for those sins is not reformation or preaching but, instead:

“For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.”

Leviticus 18:29

There is no provision in God's Word for ministers to preach to these people who are committing these things and to convert and save them. The whole instruction to the House of Israel was that these people, who are committing these seven sins, were to be put to death. God lists the specific sins that carry the death penalty.

Chapter twenty of Leviticus lists all of these things again in reverse order. After each sin is listed, God again says to put those people to death.

“If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.”

Leviticus 20:13

In verse twenty-seven we read:

“A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.”

Leviticus 20:27

This is God's way of destroying Baal worship. Let's examine what the New Testament has to say about the sentence of death for these sins. So many Christians today say the death penalty was in the Old Testament alone. They say that these people were put to death under the old laws, but we are under Christ now, we are under the blood, we are under grace, we are not under The Law. They discard all of this and say no, no this isn't

done that way any more. However, in the nineteenth chapter of Revelation, after the prophecy of the destruction of Babylon (which was an institution of Baal worship), we find these words:

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True (Christoe) and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.”

Revelation 19:11

Would to God our Christian people would get this through their head: there is a war coming. A war in which God is the major participant.

Some ministers' goals are to evangelize the world in the next twenty years. They are going to preach to the world in the next twenty years. Here we have the prophecy of the destruction of this organized Baal worship called Babylon. Christ is going to come "to judge and to make war." Christ is again identified in verse sixteen:

“And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KINO OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.”

Revelation 19:16-18

This great war that is to come, which is called “the supper of the great God,” is

going to result in the deaths of a tremendous number of people. Christ is not coming to convert them, but to destroy them.

The Lutheran Church primarily-says that what we have to do is preach. I am going to quote from the "Michigan Synod News" to show you just what they are preaching. The first article on the front page, by Dr. Marshall, is entitled: "The Church is for the People." The article is to explain the following situation: some people apparently-wanted him to remove a pastor who had admitted marrying a racially-mixed couple. This man who is in charge of the Synod said, no, he couldn't do that. Marshall said that he was powerless to go against the New Testament.

This man uses the Word of God to say he can't stop preachers from marrying Negroes and Whites, because he would be going against the New Testament.

On another page is the official editorial of the Michigan Synod. The headline reads: "Yes to Abortion Reform." "In the November elections you will be asked to vote on the question of abortion in Michigan. How should you vote? Since the question has deep moral and theological dimensions. . ." He asks whether the Church has any authority to preach or to say anything about it. He ends by saying: "The point that we are making here is that the Lutheran Church in America has given its counsel, after a lengthy study by theologians, and concluded that a person is morally-permitted, in certain circumstances, to have an abortion. The law should permit us to exercise our beliefs without criminal penalties. Abortion, like religion, is a decision state laws should leave to individuals."

What is he saying? He is saying that people should be allowed to do anything

they want to do without punishment. That is the absolute and total opposite of the preaching and teaching of God's Word, and yet, these people are, supposedly, Lutheran or Christian ministers.

On another page is another minister who has a unique ministry. Here is his ministry: "He has a staff composed of eight parents from the Atwood neighborhood, eight from the west side, whose children are bussed daily to the southside school. As a minister committed to the concept of integration. . ."

What did I tell you about Baal worship? Baal worship has, as one of its tenets, the mixing of the Israelites with the other races. Here is a minister whose ministry is "devoted to the concept of integration."

Lutherans represent a tremendous body of so-called Christians. What is their preaching? Their preaching is that you cannot punish anyone; there should be no criminal penalties for anything they do, and abortion, like religion, should be up to the individual. What are those people? Are they preaching from the Word of God and can they be converted? Could Pastor Emry or Pastor Stadskev go preach to those ministers and convert them back to the truth? I don't believe so, but I do believe that God has an answer for them, and that answer is death — cessation of life. Perhaps some people will disagree that we are going to end Baal worship in America, and in the world, by putting people to death. Maybe they think that all we have to do is get more radio stations for the Identity Ministers. No, I am sorry; there are people in this world who will refuse to believe the Word of God, regardless of how many years or centuries it is preached to them. These men are perfect examples of that.

I just quoted a minister who says that the church people should go out and vote for abortion, which you know is murder, and that there should be no criminal penalties for it. These ministers say that they are teaching the New Testament, but in the nineteenth chapter of Luke, Jesus Christ has these prophetic words:

“But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.”

Luke 19:27

He didn't say to preach to His enemies, did He? He said "slay them before me." I don't know where we get the idea that we, as preachers or evangelists, can convert those who will not be converted. Jesus Christ, Himself, says that there are going to be people who will not have Him reign over them. His answer is that they will be brought before Him to be slain. I believe that this was a prophecy of the future at the time that He said it.

Is this the God that is preached in our churches today? No, it is not. They preach the god of love and forgiveness. You can do anything you want, as long as you do it in the name of love. You can even kill little unborn babies, as long as you do it in the name of love. That's the god they preach. That god happens to be Baal, in spite of their statement that they are preaching the Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that I have startled people a number of times by reading these verses of Scripture, because we are supposed to be helpless and we are never to be on the offensive. In fact, we are told, we are not even supposed to be on the defensive.

Jesus Commanded His Disciples to Have a Sword

Jesus, talking to the disciples in Luke twenty-two, is telling them that He is leaving. They didn't quite understand that He was going to His death, resurrection and ascension. He asks them a question in verse thirty-five:

“And he said unto them. When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said. Nothing.

Then said he unto them. But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.”

Luke 22:35-36

Did Jesus intend His disciples and followers to be helpless, unarmed people, who could not do anything to even defend their own lives? No, He told His disciples; I am leaving you now, if you don't have a sword go buy one.

“For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me. And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

And they said. Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them. It is enough.”

Luke 22:37-38

Jesus Christ, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, made sure, personally, that His disciples had weapons of personal defense before He left them. Now, I know, those are strange verses of scripture to the so-called modernists and the so-called, love generation.

The apostle Paul understood the principle that Christianity was to be armed. In Romans, chapter thirteen, we read:

“For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

For he (the government) is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.”

Romans 13:3-4

Paul is talking about God-ordained government and he says that this God-ordained government has a sword. What did we read, in Leviticus eighteen, that the House of Israel was to do as a people? They were to put to death a people who committed all these sins of Canaan and of Baal worship. Paul tells us, long after the death and resurrection of Christ, that government in the House of Israel is to bear a sword to revenge and execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

These foolish or false ministers tell us that people should be allowed to do anything that they want to do with no criminal penalties. That is not what the New Testament teaches, nor is it what the Old Testament teaches at all.

“For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.”

Romans 13:6

Attending-continually upon what? Executing wrath upon him that doeth evil. When you come right down to it, the

major purpose of government under God is to execute wrath upon those who refuse to have the Lord Jesus Christ reign over them. That is what Christ said: "Those that would not that I should reign over them bring them before me." Where would you bring them before Christ? You would bring them before Christ unto the God-ordained government in the House of Israel and slay them. That is New Testament theology. Is that preached in America today? No, it is not preached anywhere in the Christian churches. They are mostly-preaching what these Lutherans preach — that we are without the Law and, therefore, you can't punish anyone for anything.

I have in my possession a pamphlet by a Richard DeHaan. You may know of him. He is on the radio on several score, possibly hundreds of stations. I don't know. The title of this tract is "It Is Finished." What did Christ mean when He said on the cross, "It is finished"? DeHaan lists four things that are finished: **1.** The conquest of sin; **2.** The fulfillment of prophecy; **3.** The end of the law; and **4.** The defeat of death.

Let me read you what DeHaan says about the end of the Law. It is quite long, but part of it says of the people at that time: "Therefore they didn't know that Jesus Christ had just paid the penalty for sin on the cross, had fulfilled the prophetic scripture about a suffering and dying redeemer and had ended the Mosaic Law, that system of religious ritual to which their lives had been dedicated."

Is God's Law a religious ritual? No, God's Law is a political, economic and social way of life. This man passes it all off as if Moses' Law is nothing more than a religious ritual, which has been put away. DeHaan continues: "The Law of which I

am speaking had been given through Moses by God some 1,500 years before Christ. A study of the Old Testament scripture shows that the Israelites had presented sacrifices and offerings, had observed religious festivals and Holy Days, and had obeyed regulations regarding special food and cleansing rituals for centuries prior to the coming of Christ. This was in response to the demands of the Law, but when Jesus died, the Law, and all its observances, came to an end. It had been fulfilled by Christ, for He had perfectly-met its lofty, ethical and spiritual demands during His lifetime and, on the cross, paid the penalty for the broken law for sinners. Even though the Bible emphasizes that we do not live under the Law of Moses today, many people continue to think of themselves as somehow under a measure of obligation to it." Then he lists a number of Scriptures, which he does not quote, and then, a little later, he says of these people: "They insist that Paul is referring to the Civil and Ceremonial Law of the Old Testament, but not to the Ten Commandments. They agree, (he is speaking of the people who say the Mosaic Law is still in effect) that the Civil and Ceremonial regulations under which the Israelites lived were, as the Apostles say, done away and abolished, but they maintain this is not true when it comes to the Ten Commandments. According to them, the decalogue is still in effect, but they have no basis in Scripture for this view point."

Richard DeHaan teaches that the Ten Commandments are, also, put away. What is this? This is the doctrine of Baal. It is the denial of everything that is taught in the Word of God. He sums it up under a little section entitled: "Ten Commandments Not For Us." The last sentence reads: "The entire legal system of Moses, including the Ten Commandments, was abrogated."

If that is believed by Richard DeHaan and his followers, and if it is true, then these Lutherans are, also, right in saying that a person should be allowed to do anything he wishes with no criminal penalties. If the Law of Moses, and, therefore, the penalties for crime, are done away with, then no one on this earth has the authority to punish anybody for anything. Do you follow that? Your neighbor could walk right up to you and shoot your wife and, according to their teaching, you have no recourse in law. Not even God's Law because it has been put away. You know what that would result in? Anarchy and the total elimination of Christianity in all the world — if God let them have their way. Yet, these men preach as if they were ministers of Christ.

I am going to quote a few verses of scripture that are in the actual covenant of the Law.

"He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death."

Exodus 21:12

DeHaan says that it was just an old religious ritual, which was put away. To these people, capital punishment for death is a religious ritual of which they want no part. Do you know why? Because it is God's Law. That is why he even calls it a religious ritual. Of course, it is the ritual of this Bible, this Word of God, that murderers are to be put to death, and the disciples of Baal want no part of it.

The punishment for theft is found in chapter twenty-two of Exodus:

"If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double."

Exodus 22:4

That's a law of restitution, if a man steals \$10.00 he has to pay back \$20.00. That would stop theft in a hurry, wouldn't it? Yet, we are told that law is all done away with, it does not exist any more.

“If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.”

Exodus 22:5

In other words, if a farmer takes his cows and puts them into the neighbor's alfalfa field, then he must make restitution to his neighbor for the alfalfa that his cows ate. Richard DeHaan says, no, there are no laws like that any more. If that were the case, then you could turn your cattle into your neighbor's clover field and let them eat the whole thing, because there is no law.

Speaking of the gods of the Canaanites in chapter twenty-three of Exodus, we read:

“Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.”

Exodus 23:24

Why Won't Christians Protect their Own Religion?

Do you know why the Christian people do not protect their own Christian religion? It is because they have been convinced of this idea of tolerance, of religious freedom. Everybody should be able to worship the way he pleases. Do you know that abortion is part of Baal religion? If you are going to let them worship Baal, you've got

to let them kill babies, because that is part of their religion. God gives no such nonsense. He says "you utterly overthrow them, and break down their images." We also read that they are to be put to death. In I Kings 16, we learn a little bit from Israel history:

“And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him.

And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. And he reared up "an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.”

1 Kings 16:29-32

Here we have the whole kingdom, including the king, worshipping Baal. This occurred when there was a prophet by the name of Elijah there. You and I hear a lot of sermons on Elijah, about the miracles that he did, such as the miracle of praying for no rain (it didn't rain for three and a half years), the miracle of the barrel of meal and the miracle of raising the woman's son from the dead. Everyone preaches about the miracles that he did, even including the one where he called down fire from heaven. I am not going to quote the story, but you know that Elijah told Ahab to bring the priests of Baal and have them set up an offering and then pray to Baal. Of course, they prayed all day and they cut themselves and the jumped up and down on top of the pile of things, and so on, and nothing ever happened.

After the priests of Baal failed, Elijah began praying to the God of Israel and this is what happened:

“And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.”

1 Kings 18:36-39

How has Baal Worship been Destroyed in the Past?

Most ministers that I have heard preach on these verses will go that far, and then they will stop. They will go right on through the miracles, even the calling down of the fire from heaven, but the next verse they usually skip:

“And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook. Kishon, and slew them there.”

1 Kings 18:40

God brought about the work necessary for the turning of these people. God actu-

ally-sent down miraculous fire from heaven and burned up all this wood that was absolutely-soaked with pails and pails of water. What was the end of this wonder-working of God? The death of the priests of Baal.

Because Ahab had repented, God promised that He would delay the punishment of the House of Israel until the time of Ahab's children. In chapter ten of 2 Kings, Jehu slays all of Ahab's sons and later on in the chapter, we read:

“And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.

Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.”

2 Kings 10:18-19

Jehu had taken over rulership of the kingdom. Did he organize the priesthood and get them to take the Word of God and the Law of Moses and go out and preach to the false believers and Baal worshippers? No. He said, all you Baal worshippers come in here. We are going to have a big bible conference (out of their bible, of course). We are going to serve Baal more than anyone else. He did this for the purpose of gathering the Baal worshippers into one place in the land. After they are gathered together, we read:

“And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments. And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the

son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the Lord, but the worshippers of Baal only.”

2 Kings 10:22-23

Notice how this was done. I can see this happening in America. Jehu did not go to the believers in the true God and tell them to get out from among the Baal worshippers. Instead, he went to the Baal worshippers and told them to check around and be sure there were no worshippers of Jehovah in their midst. He told them to kick out the servants of the Lord. Take them off the church rolls. Be sure they are outside the building. I think I see this happening in America. I keep preaching and telling people to get out of these false churches. Quite a few refuse to leave, and every once in a while I hear about someone being kicked out. Jehu sent in a message to the anti-Christ enemies of God, the Baal worshippers, and he said, you be sure you kick every body out of your place that worships the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

“And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him. And it came to pass. as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering. that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains. Go in. and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.”

2 Kings 10:24-25

What did Jehu do? He killed all the worshippers of Baal. Don't you think that brought revival into the kingdom! But he had to go through this methodology, this act because there was a way in which the Baal worshippers could tell the ones that were the true worshippers of the true Lord. Today, I am afraid, we are not quite at that point because, sometimes, it is rather hard to tell the true worshippers of the Lord Jesus Christ from the worshippers of Baal. Using this as an example, I don't think the destruction of Baal, or the killing of Baal priests, is going to come until they can tell the difference between the false worshippers of Christ and the true ones, because this is what was done here.

“And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal. and burned them.

And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day. Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.”

2 Kings 10:26-28

Baal worship was eliminated not by preaching, not at all. It was by destruction, by the same principle that we read in the New Testament.

I am going to quote from a book, put out by National Geographic, so that you see that this happened not, just in the Bible, but in more modern times, also. This book is entitled The Vikings. Scandinavians might be interested in the author's telling of how Christianity came to these Vikings in Finland, Norway, and Sweden. There apparently-were a lot of people on the north coast of Europe who were converted to Christianity; but, the Vikings worshipped Thor and many other pagan gods, up into the ninth and tenth century.

"Even in introducing the gentle doctrines of Christianity to the Kiev Rus (this is over and beyond Finland in Russia), Vladimir — called the Holy — demonstrated a certain Viking strength of purpose. According to one report, he drove the entire population into the Dnieper for mass baptism, after a guard of his soldiers had dragged down and clubbed the idol Perun, or Thor, and thrown it into the river."

How did he convert them to Christianity? He tore down their heathen idols and forced them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The book included a drawing, at this point, showing an artist's conception of the king and his soldiers throwing the idols into the water and driving people into the river.

There is another picture of King Olaf Tryggvason of Norway. He converted the people of Norway. The picture shows him tearing and knocking apart the image of the god, Thor.

"In 1016, Olaf ascended the throne of Norway and, for the brief two years of his reign, evangelized his countrymen with unflagging zeal. Above all, reports Adam of Bremen, Olaf 'routed out the magicians from the land. Although all barbarism overflows with their number, the Norwegian land in particular was full of these monsters.'

"Ardent for converts, Olaf burned down the farms of all who resisted the divine word; nor did he shrink from blinding and maiming those of his subjects hardened in error."

What did God say was to be done to the Israelites who could not be converted? They were to be put to death. What did

Olaf of Norway do, when they wouldn't listen to the Word of God? He put them to death.

Quoting again from The Vikings:

"Whatever the methods, they worked. When Harald Bluetooth's son, Svein Forkbeard, became King of Denmark about 985, he was a Christian monarch, ruling a largely Christian land. And when Svein's son, Knut, forged England and most of Scandinavia into a North Sea Empire, Christians constituted the majority of his subjects.

"Thus, the dawn of the 11th century saw the cross of Christ supplanting the hammer of Thor throughout the developing kingdoms of the North. Only in remote Sweden, the ultimate bastion of European paganism, did Odin and his pantheon (that means many gods) survive for yet a few more generations.

"Christianity spelled the end of the way of life that had sired the Viking Age. Now eternal damnation, rather than Valhalla, (of course, this writer puts in modern teachings) awaited warriors slain, while ravaging and murdering. Charity replaced ruthlessness in the catalogue of virtues, as mercy replaced rapine. Trading in slaves — now largely the delivering of co-religionists into infidel hands — grew ever more repugnant to the new Christians."

How were new Christians converted? By the King destroying the false gods in the worship places and putting to death those who refused to turn to the new religion. It didn't just happen in old Israel, it happened in more modern times, also.

How is Baal Worship Going to be Destroyed in the Future?

In Revelation, we read of a war:

“And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.”

Revelation 19:17-18

God called all the fowls of the air and told them to do what? Eat the flesh of kings and princes and all of these things.

“And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”

Revelation 19:20-21

What is this describing? This is the destruction of all false religions upon the earth. It is often referred to as "the supper of the great God" and also "the last battle." I believe that is the same battle described in Ezekiel thirty-eight and thirty-nine:

“And I will call for a sword against him, throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands,

and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.”

Ezekiel 38:21-22

It doesn't say He will plead with them, using the Word of God does it? God will call for a sword against Gog and Magog, the rulers of this world anti-Christ system. He is going to see they are physically-destroyed from off the earth. That this is the end of the wicked is evident in the next chapter of Ezekiel:

“And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my band that I have laid upon them.

So (or in that manner) the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward.”

Ezekiel 39:21-22

God is saying that, by destroying the anti-christ disciples of Baal, Israel will know that He is the Lord their God.

“Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.”

Zephaniah 3:14-15

The good news is that Baal worship is going to end. Zephaniah devotes his entire three chapters to a prophecy of just what we have been talking about: the destruction of Baal, the destruction of all heathen religions upon the earth and the bringing in of the kingdom.

We are going to examine the book of Zephaniah to show you the culmination of the ages, as seen by a prophet, who prophesied over 600 years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is not someone writing about present day America and the world from today's headlines. This prophecy was given over 2,500 years ago. However, as we read, you will see that it must be of God because it describes modern-day America and the rest of the world almost to a tee.

Let us read a few miscellaneous verses before we start to show you what this is about. In verse fourteen of the first chapter we read:

“The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.”

Zephaniah 1:14

I believe it is called "the day of the Lord" about five or six times in the entire prophecy.

“. . . it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.”

Zephaniah 2:3

Here it is called "the day of the Lord's anger". This day or this time will result in what we read earlier:

“Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.”

Zephaniah 3:14-15

So, whatever these events will be, they will culminate in what we call the king-

dom of God upon the earth. This day of the Lord will end with the kingdom of God upon the earth.

Let us start reading in the first chapter of Zephaniah. This man was actually given by God to write this down over 600 years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“The word of the Lord which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord.

I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling-blocks (idols) with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord.”

Zephaniah 1:1-3

Remember, when you read the word "all" in prophecies, or even in the histories of the Bible, it doesn't necessarily mean "every thing". It means all of whatever is being talked about. As we continue reading Zephaniah, you will see that what he is talking about is the wicked or the enemies. So, when God says He is going to cut off ALL things, He doesn't mean every thing, He means all things which are out of line with the Word of God. That will become more clear as we go on.

“I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, . . .”

Zephaniah 1 :4

That is what I have been talking about — that in modern-day Israel, and in mod-

ern Jerusalem, there are disciples of Baal. Now is coming the time when God is going to cut them all off.

“. . .and the name of the Chemarims [Baal worshippers] with the priests; And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the Lord, and that swear by Malcham;”

Zephaniah 1:4-5

Malcham was the Ammonite name for Baal. When you read this term "Malcham" in the scripture, you are also reading about Baal. *".....them that swear by the Lord, and that swear by Malcham."* Now that sounds rather strange, doesn't it? It does until you realize God is talking about people who swear by both God Almighty and the god Baal. There is a great host of ministers in America today who preach both the doctrines of Christ and the doctrines of Baal. This is a strange thing. It is almost unbelievable that people could swear by the Lord and swear by other gods at the same time. God says He is going to cut off them that worship and swear by the Lord and that swear by Malcham.

In Matthew, chapter seven, we find that Jesus Christ apparently-knew that there were people who were going to be like that in the end of the age.

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?”

Matthew 7:21-22

What is Christ's answer?

“And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

Matthew 7:23

Christ was saying that there are those who preach Baal doctrines even though they call upon the name of the Lord. All throughout the New Testament, we are warned about people who would preach Jesus Christ and would deceive many. Well, back here in Zephaniah, there is a prophecy that God was going to cut off those people who preach both the Lord and Baal.

“And them that are turned back from the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord, nor enquired for him.”

Zephaniah 1:6

Them that are turned back from the Lord" means those who apparently-had a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. They knew He was the Savior, knew His blood had redeemed Israel, and then turned around and went back into some other thing, and denied that faith. It, also, refers to those who have not sought the Lord nor inquired for Him.

That would bring about a pretty complete destruction, wouldn't you think? Stop and think for a moment of all of these things. The Baal worshippers will be cut off, as will the double-minded ones: those who serve Christ and Baal, those who are turned back from Christ and those who have never desired to learn a thing about the great God Almighty.

The Bible says that the stars declare the handiwork of God; yet, there are still those who do not know Him. Paul wrote

that God's Word had gone into all the world and yet, there are people who will have never made any attempt to find God. Zephaniah is prophesying about the day when all these people will be destroyed.

“Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests. And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, . . .”

Zephaniah 1:7-8

Let us read from Ezekiel thirty-nine, before we go on. In this prophecy of this great battle, when the forces of God and Magog would come against the mountains of Israel, we read:

“And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you; even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.”

Ezekiel 39:17

In verse nineteen, He calls it again: “. . . my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.” I believe the battle described in Ezekiel thirty-eight and thirty-nine is “the battle of the day of sacrifice ” of which Zephaniah is prophesying.

“And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.”

Zephaniah 1:8

This is a very significant statement. I suppose when most people first read that,

the first thing they think of is hippies or other people who dress so strangely. No, this is not what Christ was talking about. Jesus Christ knew of that day and actually gave us a parable concerning it, in the twenty-second chapter of Matthew — the parable of the wedding feast and the wedding guests.

“And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 22:11-13

Isn't that wonderful that Zephaniah, 700 years before Christ, talked of a coming day of the Lord's sacrifice, when God would punish those who had strange apparel? Christ told us at the time of the wedding supper there would be those who would not have on a wedding garment and they would be cast out into outer darkness. I believe this is talking about those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. This parable has not come to pass in all of history. It must, therefore, be an end-time prophecy. Christ is going to punish the leaders and rulers in Israel and all who do not believe in Him.

“In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their master's houses with violence and deceit.

And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the second, and a

great crashing from the hills. Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, (the merchant street in old Jerusalem) for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off."

Zephaniah 1:9-11

This, again, fits the prophecy of the destruction of Babylon, which we read of in Revelation eighteen.

"...Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

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."

Revelation 18:10-13

This is telling of a day of destruction of this economic, world empire called Mystery Babylon, right along with the destruction of all of these other ungodly people.

"And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil."

Zephaniah 1:12

If there is anyone thing that our people are taught to believe it is, that the Lord

isn't doing anything now. We are told God isn't doing anything, He is not doing good or evil, we are just going along on our way. In fact, some believe He is doing so little that they presume He is dead. Some ministers and some modernists are actually preaching that God is dead or else He is off away somewhere, or He is finished with us. Some of our great anti-communist leaders tell us that God just set the worlds in motion and that is all He did. What are they saying? They are saying that God will not do evil and He'll not do good. God says those people are going to be punished in that day, also.

Zephaniah 1:12 should be read in conjunction with chapters eight and nine of Ezekiel because those two chapters are a description of the punishment of the professing church in the end of the age. God took Ezekiel (in a vision) through the church and showed him all the abominations inside of the church. As He finished we read:

"Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the bouse of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The Lord hath forsaken the earth, and the Lord seeth not."

Ezekiel 9:9

Why is our land full of blood? Why do we have murderers who go unpunished and continue to murder? Why is there so much criminality? The governmental system has almost become a system of criminals, robbers and plunderers of the people. This is the reason for all of this: *"for they say, The Lord hath forsaken the earth, and the Lord seeth not."* The churches have taught for so long that God is not doing anything on the earth. They say that He is only going to do something

to you when you die. It is because of this false teaching that men do not obey God on the earth. Consequently, the whole earth is filled with blood and perverseness. Here, in Zephaniah, God said that He was going to punish those people who say that the Lord doesn't do good or do evil.

“Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.”

Zephaniah 1:13

That means that all of the ill-gotten wealth that has been stolen and plundered from the people will be returned to the people. The Bible calls it *“the year of Jubilee, which must come.”*

“The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness.”

Zephaniah 1:14-15

Notice the difference between these verses and what is commonly taught today. The ministers of today try to tell the Christians that this is describing the day when Christ comes secretly and takes you all off from the earth, and turns the earth over to the anti-Christ. Not so; Christ says the day of the Lord is a day terrible destruction.

“A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.”

Zephaniah 1:16-17

Yes, there will be a great battle. A great sacrifice, if you please.

“Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.”

Zephaniah 1:18

The second chapter of Isaiah tells us that:

“. . . in that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats:”

Isaiah 2:20

Notice, in Zephaniah, there is no indication of punishment or judgment upon the meek of the earth. The believers in Christ are not listed in this destruction of all. Only those who fit the description in the above verses, from actual Baal worshippers to those who have never, never, never sought the Lord God Almighty, are to be destroyed. God is a God of justice. Let us not begin to question this. We should not say: Lord, I wouldn't do it that way, what I would do is raise up a bunch of evangelists and go out and convert them all. God said: these centuries have rolled on, I have winked at these things in times past, but not now, the day of judgment is upon the earth.

Let us examine closely this term, "by the fire of his jealousy."

"And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;"

Ezekiel 38:18-19

The term "Jealousy" is used by God and both Ezekiel and Zephaniah, deliberately. In these verses the great God Almighty is jealous over His bride, Israel. A husband has a right to be jealous over his bride, correct? God is going to move to bring that shaking in the earth "by the fire of his jealousy. " It is for the bringing back, the redemption, the cleansing of the virgin bride of Israel to Himself.

In chapter two of Zephaniah, the prophet Zephaniah speaks not to the wicked, but to the righteous:

"Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

Zephaniah 2:1-3

Who Will Survive the Day of the Lord's Anger?

Here is the promise from God Almighty to save those who seek the Lord.

God doesn't tell you that you are going to be saved, if you are the most saintly person who ever walked upon the earth. He lays down only one condition: "seek ye the Lord, it may well be that ye will be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

Following this is a description of destruction which is very intriguing:

"For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the Lord is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant."

Zephaniah 2:4-5

These verses do not fit the fundamentalist prophecy of the Jews going back to old Canaan land, do they? It almost sounds as if there is going to be a deliberate destruction by God of the land of Canaan, the land of the Philistines. He says:

"And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks. And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for the Lord their God shall visit them and turn away their captivity."

Zephaniah 2:6-7

Some people believe that there may be a remnant of Judah in what is called modern Jewry. If there are a few descendants of the tribe of Judah in modern Jewry, they would be saved in old Canaanland and they would inherit the coasts there. It

wouldn't take very many people, would it, to use that small part of the country? However, the rest of Canaanland, the land of the Philistines, just very well may come under total destruction according to Zephaniah.

“I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border. Therefore as I live, saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.”

Zephaniah 2:8-10

If you want to read more on that you will find that Jeremiah fortyeight is a complete prophecy of the destruction of the Moabites, and Jeremiah forty-nine is a prophecy of the destruction of the Ammonites. Then follows Jeremiah fifty and fifty-one, of course, which is the prophecy of the destruction of the future prophetic Babylon. The above verses don't sound like just a removal of the wicked, do they? It sounds like there will be complete and total destruction.

“This shall they have for their pride; because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the Lord of hosts.”

Zephaniah 2:10

The principle that God would bless those who bless Him and curse those that curse Him goes all the way back to Genesis, to God's covenant with Abraham. That blessing pertains to all of Abraham's seed. God says, in Zephaniah, that He is

going to destroy these Ammonites and Moabites because they were against the children of Israel. There is a great host of people who come under that destruction, not only because they are anti-God, but because they are against the true children of Israel.

“The Lord will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.”

Zephaniah 2:11

This must be an end-time prophecy. It cannot be a prophecy about old Palestine at the time that Zephaniah lived. Zephaniah preached in Old Israel between the Syrian captivity and the captivity in Babylon. In these verses, he is speaking of a time when all the gods of the earth will be destroyed; therefore, it can only be an end-time prophecy.

What's going to be the result of all this destruction? Just stop and think for a moment. If you destroyed all of those who worshipped Baal, all of those who worship the stars and heavens, all the astrologers, all of the people who were opposed to Israel, and all of the people who have never sought the Lord, what would you have left? You would have left the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, the God of Israel. That is the purpose for which all of the events of this age are moving.

“Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword.

And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.

And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern

shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar work. This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand."

Zephaniah 2:12-15

These verses tell of the destruction of the Ethiopians, which, I believe, are what we call the modern Negroes. Ethiopia was the ancient name for Africa and, also, Assyria, which is another name for Mystery Babylon. Remember that Baal was the king of both Assyria and Babylon and, therefore, they were centers of Baal worship.

"Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city! She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God."

Zephaniah 3:1-2

In spite of the preaching of thousands and tens of thousands of preachers and missionaries who have traveled the world over; the world, the heathen, the Baal worshippers, the anti-Christ's, the people who hate God's Israel people, simply have not drawn near to the Lord. There are a people who, no matter what kind of preaching they hear and how much, will never answer the call of the preacher.

"Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow."

Zephaniah 3:3

One of the great tragedies of this United States of America and our brethren in western Europe, is the corruption of the so-called criminal and court system. It is almost-impossible to receive justice in American courts anymore. The criminals are released and sent on their way. Almost every time you read about a murderer, he serves from one to six years and then he is back out committing the same crime again. Why? Because the court system simply does not bring God's justice on the land or upon the people. God says: *"her judges are evening wolves;"*

"Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law."

Zephaniah 3:4

Earlier I quoted from an article by Richard DeHaan. He is one of the best known preachers in the nation. He used to preach that God's Law was done away, now he has added the Ten Commandments to his list of abolished Laws. What has he (and others like him) done? He, and they, have done violence to God's Law. Who are they? The prophets and the preachers — the men who stand up in the name of Christ. What is Zephaniah describing? Is he describing old Israel? No, he is describing the United States of America and our brethren in western Europe. He is describing the area where the Bible is, where Christ is preached. Even though we have the Bible, and Christ is preached in this land, we still have all of this corruption, this turning away from God and defying Him and His Law.

"The just Lord is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light,

he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.”

Zephaniah 3:5

I do not believe this age will end unless it is possible for every man, woman and child in Christendom to hear the truth of the Word of the Lord. Some people write me letters, or talk to me personally, and they ask; Pastor Emry, how do you stay on radio with some of the things that you say? I believe it is the Lord's purpose that His people will hear His truth, period. I do not believe that God will do iniquity. What I mean by iniquity is: that I do not believe God will destroy those who have never had an opportunity to hear the Word of the Lord, in the house of Israel. God will see that His people will all have the opportunity. He will do this by using the radio, the printing press, the pulpit and word of mouth; with you people as witnesses. I believe that in a matter of just a few years, maybe only a few months, we will see that this gospel of the kingdom, the national identity of the house of Israel, will have been preached in every town, hamlet city and state on this North American continent. I sincerely believe it is coming.

“I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none in, habitant.”

Zephaniah 3:6

As I read this last night I was unaware of an earthquake that was listed in this morning's paper. Isn't that rather startling? According to the newspaper, the entire central part of a large city of 100,000 or so, down in South America, is now nothing but rubble and ruin. I don't know whether that was actually the hand of the Lord, but the Lord is the ruler over

the earth, and I would have to accept His hand and the power in it.. Perhaps, this is just an example of what can happen in a matter of a few seconds, by the natural powers of the earth being used by God Almighty. The entire central part of one city was almost leveled. In the last fifty years, literally hundreds of cities have been destroyed in war.

“I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.”

Zephaniah 3:7

You see, no matter how much desolation God brings upon individual nations and cities and peoples, they will not turn to the Lord until they are destroyed from off the earth. I know that is a terrible thing for human beings to think about and to say; yet, God gave His word. He punished them, He even destroyed cities. What did they do? They went right on their own way and corrupted all their doings. God gave us the hundreds of years to study His word. He gave us several thousand years of ministers preaching. We have evidence of God's power and His word and still there are those who will not have it.

“Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my Jealousy.”

Zephaniah 3:8

Remember, back in chapter one of Zephaniah, God said all the land, all the

country, all of Israel would be devoured with the fire of His jealousy? This is not going to be some local revival. Zephaniah is talking about a time when God will move upon all of the nations and the people of the entire earth. This man saw this 2,500 years ago. Today, we see that there has been placed in man's hands the ability to destroy cities and literally nations.

Someone gave to me some information about a medical situation, recently. I imagine we will be hearing more about this if the media decides to allow us to hear it. Some doctors are recognizing that Sickle Cell Anemia, which affects the Negro race, could develop into a situation where hundreds of thousands, even millions, of Negroes would die in a matter of a few years from that one disease. The Jews happen to have another disease called Tay Sachs, which effects Ashkenazim Jews. The Ashkenazim constitute ninety percent of all the Jews of the world. They are the only people in the world who have that disease. Tay Sachs disease could lead to their destruction as a people. Do you think that God doesn't know about these things? We are just beginning to see that there exists, on this planet, the necessary things to wipe out people by the hundreds of millions. Man cannot do a thing about it. Doctors are trying to find out ways and nothing they can do can stop it. I believe God is bringing these diseases upon these people.

“For then (following that) will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent.”

Zephaniah 3:9

There is a long sermon contained in that verse. I believe that pure language happens to be the English language. During, approximately, the last 50 years,

the English language has become the official language all over the world. All treaties are written in the language of the participants and another copy is made in English. All trade agreements are done the same way. Every embassy in the world keeps someone there who can talk to anyone in English, no matter what the native language is. It is interesting that the anti-Christ people who are putting out new translations of the Bible, including the Living Bible, have changed the above verse to read: "At that time I will change the speech of my returning people to pure Hebrew." (TLB paraphrase of Zephaniah 3:9)

In other words, to fit their Jewish Israel theory, they insert the word Hebrew, which is not in the text at all. All God said was that He would give everybody the same language. By the way, the Jews have set up universities, in Israel, to try to teach Hebrew and they are having no success. The Jews speak Yiddish, which is not Hebrew, in spite of most people thinking that it is. Yiddish is a corrupted German. No one today is learning Hebrew. I believe the pure language is going to be the English language.

The reason God's people will be given a pure language is *"to call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent."*

This will be a world wide occurrence and the next verse gives the location of where it will start.

“From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.”

Zephaniah 3:10

Now, if you were where Zephaniah was, and you were looking westward

beyond Ethiopia (which is the ancient name for Africa), you would see this North American continent. That's where they were to start coming to the Lord.

We read earlier that part of the offering mentioned in this verse would be "their brethren even their seed." I know of only one race of people upon this earth who bring their children before the God of Israel to dedicate them. That race is the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Germanic and kindred peoples. They dedicate their children to the God of Israel, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what Zephaniah was talking about.

"In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of (or as the margin says: "in") my holy mountain."

Zephaniah 3:11

Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, and all of the other prophets talked of the regathering of the house of Israel, the place where they would turn to the Lord Jesus Christ as His holy mountain.

"I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord."

Zephaniah 3:12

I believe that when we get through with this, we will be able to be called "an afflicted and a poor people."

"The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid."

Zephaniah 3:13

Has that ever happened? No! This, then, must be a prophecy of the end of the age, after the last battle, when all of these things that are out of line with the Word of God have been swept from off the earth.

"Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more."

Zephaniah 3:14-15

The culmination of all that Zephaniah saw was the casting out of the enemies of Israel.

"In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."

Zephaniah 3:16-17

Isn't that wonderful to read the words of this prophet that it is God himself who will be joyful over our salvation? I believe there is too much preaching today that the person to be joyful is the person who is saved. God says "he will joy over the salvation of Israel."

"I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden."

Zephaniah 3:18

Brother, Sister, there are millions of people in Christendom to whom this anti-Christ, and these ungodly things that are

going on, are a reproach, they are a burden to them. They don't quite know what is wrong; they don't know how it is going to end. They don't see the hope that you people see, but God said that they'll be there when He joys over Israel.

“Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out: (the house of Israel) and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord.”

Zephaniah 3:19-20

That is the day that Zephaniah saw 2,500 years ago.. The Holy Ghost gave

him to write of a time that we now see coming to fruition. There will be a time when God has gathered all the nations of the world, and He is ready to pour out His indignation upon them, in order to do one thing. To destroy all the followers of Baal, the followers of all the other gods, and to destroy all the other gods and set up the kingdom of God upon the earth.

After you finish reading this, read the fourth chapter of Micah. You will see that Micah saw this same day, when God would move to shake terribly the earth to deliver His people, Israel, and destroy all of these disciples of Baal that are such a burden to us. Who is going to do it? Are we going to do it by preaching? No, we are going to tell people about it, but God is going to do the destroying.

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