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Mystery Babylon

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Mystery Babylon...*

My dear friends, brothers, and sisters in Jesus, I pray that God has supernaturally put this book into your hands. If ever there was a time for someone to search the Scriptures concerning "Mystery Babylon" it is now. I think most of us would agree that we are living in the last days. Therefore, because the Scriptures speak so much about Mystery Babylon in this last hour, we need to know as much about her as possible. In writing this manual, I had to search long and hard to find anything written on it. What I did find however almost always seemed to define Babylon as the "Catholic Church". Now I know and understand that there are many similarities between them that really seem to justify this point of view, and I do agree that the Catholic Church or Rome is a part of religious Babylon, but I believe as well that it is all the other man made denominations. Moreover, Babylon is not only religious, but social and economical as well. However my real interest and emphasis in this manual will be written to the "Spirit-filled community" of Charismatic, Pentecostal, and Full Gospel believers; for I believe one of the greatest lies of Satan has been to deceive us about God's plan in our churches.

Babylon represents all that is religious and not true, not real, and not free Christianity and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that there is religion in all of us. By the way, in case you didn't know it, religion is a bad word. It literally means "to bind", whereas the Holy Ghost is out to "liberate men" and set them free. Babylon comes in many guises, many forms, and has the ability to deceive greatly. It is the counterfeit of all that is truly godly! It is as Paul so aptly puts it, "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (II Timothy 3:5). God spoke to me a year ago and said to me during a time of fasting and seeking the Lord that the greatest enemy to the church today is subtle, wily, extremely devious, and hides and cloaks itself among the full gospel and charismatic churches of our day. Babylon is truly the "spirit of antichrist", and it comes in many shades and colors. All we have to do is take an objective look at what is going on in the "body of Christ" to see that she (Babylon) lives and breathes mightily in us, and I say all of us!

We are living in the age of the last church Jesus wrote to in Revelation 3, the "*Laodicean church*" who says of herself, "*I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing". However Jesus says of them that they are "poor, miserable, blind, and naked", and counsels them to "buy of Him, gold tried in the fire, and to obtain eye salve that they might see". What a stark contrast and what a huge difference of opinion. It behooves us then to "examine ourselves to see if we be in the faith" as well as "contend earnestly for the faith that was once delivered to the saints."*

In this hour of an "American gospel", Christian television, powerful charismatic evangelists, and superstars within the body of Christ, as well as an abundance of fast growing large evangelical churches, we must ask ourselves what are they really teaching and saying? Also, what is the "emphasis" of these churches and ministries? What are they truly propagating upon the "body of Christ"? Please ask yourselves this simple question, isn't most of what is being taught today found in the "Laodicean church"? Certainly there is an overemphasis on prosperity, success, and personal growth. Though I believe it is God's will that we truly prosper and even that God wants our needs met "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus", but it seems as if this is all we are hearing. Just take a look at the ostentatious lifestyles of these big evangelists, the expensive clothes, accumulation of great wealth, power, and influence, and the over emphasis and continual perverting of Scripture about money. It seems everything is being sold to carry God's favor; blessed oil, blessed handkerchiefs, miracle water, prosperity cloths, and a true stretching of Scriptures about giving to obtain God's blessing; the overemphasis on numbers, lavish buildings, orchestrated church services and meetings, and the obvious emphasis on image over true Biblical substance. Is it any wonder we see so many prominent men and women falling, having moral failures because of hidden sin in their lives, couples divorcing and yet being able to continue their

ministries without any judgment upon them. We find that now, even our Holy Ghost inspired music is being sung by everyone, but yet they aren't "filled with the Holy Ghost", and therefore the real power of these songs of worship is diluted because its true essence, the Holy Spirit, is missing. Rarely does one hear a new worship CD with any "singing in the Spirit" in them. It tries to appeal to everyone, but to do this, it must dilute its true substance.

Babylon is all about image over substance. It cloaks itself in ornaments of religion, conceals itself in error filled teachings on an overemphasis on prosperity and personal success. Babylon is all about self! It is all about numbers. Rarely is the cross preached. Where is teaching on sacrificing for God? What about the dealings of God in our lives to bring forth sanctification and holy lives? Also in too many churches we find that prophetic utterance is missing (except on the platform). In our churches does the Holy Spirit determine the flow of a meeting, or does a man? Are we truly free to express ourselves in our times of worship, or is that hindered because we "don't want to offend anyone"? This is the "spirit of antichrist", and we are finding ourselves, as Jesus said, being led by the blind. Also it seems that the "doctrine of the Nicolaitans" is at work in the church, and Jesus said He hates this. We are controlled, manipulated and robbed of our true God given right to worship God freely and to move in "prophetic utterance". If we even suggest something might be wrong and ask questions, we are labeled rebellious. We are not being "led of the Spirit", but by men who seek to control us and who seek to control the moving of the Holy Spirit. The emphasis is on building buildings, not building up the body. Actually we now have our own so called leaders who have an over emphasis on titles and positions.

Babylon began with Nimrod who was "against the Lord" or "anti" the anointing. Where has the glory and true manifest presence of God gone? In its place, we have our great musicians, wonderful singers and preachers who have a "style of preaching" that tickles the ears rather than convicting the hearts of God's people. This Babylonish spirit is insidious and very deceiving. Babylon is out to make a name for herself. It builds buildings for itself and does not seek to build the Kingdom of God. Where has true discipleship gone? Yes we believe in evangelism, but who is preparing God's people to become the "bride of Christ"? Who is teaching us to have an intimate walk with God and that our goal is to have His image in our souls? Where are the "meek and lowly in heart"? What we find is arrogance and shepherds who don't know their sheep, and sheep who have no real relationship of fatherhood to their shepherds. The leaders are too busy. They are too preoccupied to be concerned with the "uncomely members". Isn't it strange, though, how rich, powerful and wealthy men, who have influence, are paraded before us? Where are the not so comely members? Our praise teams and choirs, special singers, preachers, teachers, etc, are all only the

“beautiful people”. Babylon places image over substance, charisma over the anointing, enthusiasm over the moving of the Holy Ghost.

Far too many people are disillusioned, dry and fed up with the church, and who can blame them? Although we know God visits every church where His name is exalted, how many of them can truly say His “manifest presence”, His “glory” is being revealed in their services, in their messages, and in the everyday lives of the believers? I believe God is calling a people unto Himself, not to church, not to men’s institutions, men’s programs, nor men’s ideas and plans. God the Father is preparing a bride for His Son. To be a part of that company means you must leave religion behind. You must forsake the ornaments and symbols of religion and come back to the real Jesus, to sound doctrine, and to discipleship. We must have true father and mother ministries in the body of Christ in order to mentor and teach their sheep. We must have men and women who are willing to promote Jesus and not themselves, their churches, ministries, agendas, etc! We need to return to letting the Holy Spirit have his way in our meetings, and not plan everything out to the minutest detail. We must have spontaneity. We must allow God’s people to express themselves in worship and in the use of the “gifts of the Spirit”. We must have true, living Words from God, not canned sermons. We must have the “bread of His presence”. Leaders must recognize their first ministry is to the Lord and not to people. Leaders must also be responsible for and accountable to every one of their sheep, not just a chosen few. The cliques must end. Leaders need to stop fearing for their jobs, or financial security, and start saying what the “Spirit” is saying to the church, not what just will swell their numbers or increase their own ministries. We must “speak the truth in love”.

I truly do not believe any of us started out this way. Over the years, however, a slow erosion has taken place, and where once there was life, there is now death. The enemy has been very cunning and devious, and we all have fallen at one time or another into his trap. It is high time we “awake out of our sleep” and shake ourselves from the dust of this world, and stop using the world’s methods to rule the church.

Babylon is all about mixture, mingling, and confusion! Babylon traffics in the souls of men. It is time for a new John the Baptist prophetic company to arise and begin to call people back to the Lord Jesus and to the simplicity of the Gospel.

Long ago God desired to tabernacle with His people, but eventually removed Himself outside of their camp because of their sin and rebellion. To find Him, you had to go outside the camp. As it was long ago, so it is today. We must search for our beloved bridegroom Jesus not among the great and mighty, but outside of the norm of Christian life. He still desires a people. Let us be that people, let us run to Him,

bearing His reproach, not caring anymore for our reputation and own personal ambitions. Let us “lay aside every weight for the sin that doth so easily beset us, looking unto Jesus”.

The book of Hebrews tells us “in the last days God is speaking to us by His Son”. Can’t we at least listen for that still small voice, crying to be heard above all the noise of Babylon? “Deep is calling unto deep.” Can you hear Him, and do you witness to what He is saying? Are you also tired of church as usual, weary of men’s manipulations, men’s planned out schemes and just long for the truth? Don’t you want more of Jesus? Don’t you cry out for a place to worship Him freely? If so, then join the rest of God’s holy remnant who are coming out and separating themselves from religion and Babylon. It is not too late, you can still find Him, but now is the time, now is the day of salvation.

Very soon the last great move of God will come and when it does, I pray you are positioned to enter into it and receive His glory. If you’re thirsty, come out of Babylon. If you’re hungry, come out of Babylon. If you’re fed up with religion then come out of Babylon. You are going to find there are more people than you think, just like you, desperate for God, longing to be like Him, desiring His Word more than “their necessary food”. Don’t be afraid, the Lord will meet you and lead you to His “shepherd’s tent”, and then and only then can you begin to fulfill what you were born for, to be a full grown son of God, to have His image and likeness, and to stop sinning and falling short of the glory of God. It is time to come home, to your own people. It is time to find the city whose “builder and maker is God”, and that city is Zion. The city is you and me. God wants to pour out His glory to you and truly reveal Himself to you, so that you can enjoy all that it means to be a true disciple of Jesus. My prayer is that you hear and respond. Amen.

The Glorious Church And Its Descent Into Babylon

In this hour when men are beginning to compromise the Word of God, we need more than ever before to hear what this manual declares. I believe God is going to have a bride without spot, blemish or any such thing. I also believe the Scriptures teach clearly that this bride is a remnant of believers taken out of the general church. To be saved costs us nothing, but we must attain to brideship. So many believers are foolishly sitting idle, thinking everything is alright, that every believer will go up at the so-called “rapture”. The Scriptures declare there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in that day. We must live for Jesus every hour of every day.

The other important principle this book brings out is the mystery of Babylon. We look at what it was and is, how it has infiltrated even the

Charismatic churches. I wonder how much Babylon there is in all of us. Please let this book expose your own heart to you if necessary. I know I was changed by writing it. Let us not be like Saul in the Old Testament who started out good and humble and finished horrible. We do not want to say like him, "I've played the fool and erred exceedingly". We also do not want to be like his son Jonathan who recognized the anointing and what God was really doing, but did not have the strength to leave Saul's house (a type of Babylon). God help us to be like David who came out and walked in an intimate way with Jesus. He had the anointing. This is what we need.

If you find you are in Babylon or that it still has a great place in your life, then heed the call of heaven in Revelation 18:4, "*Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*"

Zion: The City Of God

I want to say first that Zion was and is a natural place, but it is also a very real spiritual place. We will let the Scriptures define it. However, I have been a Christian thirty seven years and have been in the ministry thirty two years. I also have been a worship leader for thirty three years and I have pastored for thirty one years. During all those years of leading worship, teaching the Bible daily, preaching, prophesying, etc, I believe I can say I am not a novice when it comes to the glory of God, or the manifest presence of God. I believe that at any point in a worship service, Bible teaching, either privately or congregationally, there comes a moment when Jesus Himself, will enter via the praises of His people or by the Spirit of revelation in the Word, literally sits upon the throne of our hearts. I believe when He comes and sits on His throne between the cherubims in the Holy Place that is when we have reached the true Zion. Zion is where and when He is allowed to be enthroned upon our hearts. There is nothing quite like that ecstatic, blissful, glorious moment. We are home there. We are finally fulfilling and being what we were created to do. As we pass through the outer court, we leave behind those who aren't truly sincere, holy, sanctified, or who just really don't care about God's presence, or those who are there with ulterior motives and reasons. Then as we move into and out of the Holy Place, we leave behind those who truly love God, but for some reason lack the desire, the passion, the desperation, the all consuming drive to be near Him, and to be with Him intimately. Then as we enter the Most Holy Place, we find the deep of God communing with the deep of our own souls. It is now just Him and us, all else is immaterial, and everything else lacks significance, because it is swallowed up in His wonderful, loving, and precious glory, His divine essence. We are now free to make love, intimate love to our wonderful Husband and King. With hearts bowed, minds totally focused on Him, we reverence our King. In total surrender

we humble ourselves out of great gratitude and thanksgiving as He showers upon us His magnificent presence. Here we have face to face communion. Here we see everything in the light of eternity. Here nothing else matters but Him. In this place it is all about King Jesus. There is no flesh, no religious ideas or traditions or programs, and there is no script. It is spontaneous and awesomely liberating. We stand in awe of our Great God, seated upon His throne, high and lifted up with His train filling the temple.

A Final Word

My greatest hope is that all who read and truly study this manual, will find that the Holy Spirit has inspired it. It was never written with a mean spirit or arrogance, or a judgmental attitude. Please believe that it was written with the utmost sincerity and humility. I have no stones to throw at anyone. My desire has simply been to expose the truth about “Mystery Babylon” and in doing so, hopefully speak to the hearts of men and women who are bound in her clutches, deceived by her apparent religion and so called godliness. To expose her great and monstrous hypocrisy and to show her utter contempt and guile, as she seeks to counterfeit and compete with the true church. I also believe that we are living in the “last days” and that the “spirit of antichrist” is the most dangerous threat to the body of Christ. I truly weep and pray for all those who are bound up in Babylon, and am moved with a holy zeal to see them delivered.

I know that many will think this book is controversial, my response is simply “search the Scriptures to see if these things are so” and to “consider what I say and the Lord give thee understanding in all things”. If we read and study this thoroughly and objectively, I don’t see how anyone could arrive at another conclusion.

Everyone of us must “buy the truth”. All of us must ask ourselves, are we religious? Or, are we godly, are we ultimately a Pharisee, or are we a true disciple? Do we have a real walk with God? Are we involved in a “form of godliness that denies the power thereof?” Are we truly following “hard after the Lord”? Or are we lukewarm? Do we truly desire all that God has for us? Or are we content with what we have? In whatever church I’m in, am I truly free to worship? Are we truly free to move in the gifts of the Spirit? Do I have liberty to disagree with what everyone else holds as truth? Am I more interested in image rather than substance, success or materialism? Am I truly bearing the cross? Please be honest with yourself and allow the Holy Spirit to give you a true witness. If you find that you’re “weighed in the balances, and found wanting”, then don’t despair. There is still time to repent and come out of Babylon. There is still time to begin a true walk with God. You will

find that there are many on this journey with you, on this “narrow way”, that will lead to life.

May God and our precious Savior Jesus and the great revealer the Holy Ghost help you to do His will, before it is too late. Don't, please, please, please, don't end up like Jonathan. God has a great and glorious plan for your life. We are called to be the “sons of the living God”, we are called to obtain His glory, we are called to be conformed to the image of Christ Jesus, not the image of man or his traditions.

It will cost you everything to gain and win Christ Jesus, but oh what an excellent thing that is. There is no price too great, no desert too long, no dealing of God, no trial of our faith, that is more important. Jesus must be everything to us. He and only He can sit upon the throne of our hearts. In essence the choice is simple, Jesus or religion? Only you and I can decide. Let us hear the “deep calling unto deep”, let us consider the words in the book of Revelation:

“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...”
(Revelation 17:5-6).

“And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.”
(Revelation 18:2).

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

Let us hear and respond and come out and find the true bride, the true city of God. We will not be alone as we do, God does have a people, a holy remnant who exalts Him above all else, worships only Him, and serves only Him. May God help you to be one of these is my sincere and earnest prayer

Jesus is Precious!

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