



*"Then Yahweh said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke to them: they prophesy to you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.*

– Jeremiah 14:14

## A SHORT HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY -VS- THE CHURCHES

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### ZOROASTER - MITHRAS - JESUS

#### THE TEMPLES OF BABYLON

Every Bible student has heard of the famed temples of Babylon with the "temple priests," "temple prostitutes ("vestal virgins")," and "temple bankers." Banking, as we know it, was originated in the temples of Babylon. Let's face it, a whole lot of things were invented in the temples of Babylon ... including some things that might surprise you.

Preachers talk about Babylon's temples, and roundly condemn the religion that came from them. They quote Bible verses that utterly condemn the religion and priests of Babylon. But preachers never mention the actual name of that odious religion for which Babylon is so hated.

In churches you can sometimes hear about Babylonians like Nimrod, Nebuchadnezzar, Astarte, and other leaders, gods and goddesses ... but the churches never tell you the actual name of Babylon's religion. It may be that they prefer to keep people ignorant of that information ... or, I suppose it may be that they just don't know. Whatever the reason, it just isn't good to have such a lack of interest in a religion that scripture mentions with such contempt.

In fact, unless you take a college course in World Religions (or read Ben Williams' publications), you are not likely to ever hear the name of this infamous religion.

At the time Israel went into captivity (8th & 7th centuries BC) Babylon's religion was **Zoroastrianism**. And you might be interested to know that Zoroastrianism is still alive and well on Planet Earth ... in fact, in America.

#### FLASH FROM THE PAST

Zoroastrianism was Babylon's religion of state during the time the southern kingdom of Judah was in captivity in Babylon (7th century BC). The southern kingdom was comprised of the tribe of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi. They were already in rebellion to God and far afield in their

religion and culture. Then when they were taken into Babylon they went even farther afield, learning and absorbing Zoroastrianism and the "traditions of the elders."

If the typical churchgoer today could be transported back in time to observe a typical 600 BC Zoroastrian temple he would not feel much out of place. Most of the major doctrines taught in the churches today came from Zoroastrianism: heaven, hell, final judgment, resurrection, angels & demons (good & bad spirits), Satan, etc.. It is an amazing discovery. In fact, the ritualistic garb of Catholic priests and ceremonies of the Catholic Church are almost facsimiles of the old Zoroastrian priests and ceremonies.

Zoroastrianism, in spite of the fact that it was probably the most revolutionary and influential belief system to appear in the world of religion, goes unrecognized today in the western "Christian" nations. Cyrus the Great (who allowed the captive Israelites to return to Jerusalem in the 6th century BC) was a Zoroastrian. The "Magi" ("wise men from the east") who came to see Jesus as a youth were Zoroastrians.

That fact is, Zoroastrianism – during that period historians call "the Axial Age" – grew and shaped a major part of the world's religions in a way that no other religion had done. It literally changed the world.

Historians refer to Zoroastrianism as an "ethical dualism" ... because of its revolutionary doctrine of a balance of good and evil – a new idea at the time. Modern churches assume that the doctrine of a supernatural "Satan" raging in opposition to God was taught in Moses' Israel. IT WASN'T! That doctrine came later from Babylon and Zoroaster.

Zoroaster taught that Ahura Mazda (also called "Ormuzd" and "Zarathustra") was the supreme good god, and Angra Mainyu (also called "Ahriman") was the evil spirit who is in constant conflict with the good god. The kingdom of

Babylon was in the land of Persia ... approximately in the area of modern Iran and Iraq. Later, Ahriman came to be called "Shaitin" by the Persians. Later, in other venues, the name evolved into the more recognizable "Satan."

This information is all available online, in any good encyclopedia or a college text book on world religion. You can find the points and facts easily. Then all you have to do is connect the dots in your own mind.

The Persian Zoroastrians were called "Parsees" ("Parash" in Hebrew). It is but a small linguistic leap for the "Parsees" to become the Judean "Pharisees."

Zoroastrianism was exported out of Babylon to Jerusalem. It came in with the Babylonians who repopulated Jerusalem after the Israelites were moved out in captivity. Then, later, when the captives returned to Jerusalem (at the time of Ezra and Nehemiah) the culture and religion they found there were familiar to them because it was all flavored with Zoroastrianism ... the religion to which they had become accustomed back in Babylon.

The Zoroastrian "Parsees" ("Parash") came to be called "Pharisees" in Jerusalem. They practiced Babylon tradition (called "the tradition of the elders") that was condemned by Jesus (Mtt. 15:3, 6). The Sanhedrin who demanded the death of Jesus – whom the ignorant churchgoers call "the chosen people" – were, after all, Zoroastrian Priests. Small wonder that they didn't get along with Jesus. That was why Jesus called them children of the devil. That "devil" was the religion of Babylon ... from which they were spawned.

When eventually Babylon ceased being a world-ruling empire, Jerusalem became the heir to Babylonian religion. In essence, Jerusalem became New Babylon; also called "spiritual Sodom and Egypt" (Rev. 11:8) ... more scriptural evidence of the enmity between the Pharisees and Jesus.

They murdered Jesus. Then, one-by-one they hunted down and murdered the Apostles. There was "war in heaven." The "dragon" of Revelation 12-13 had great wrath toward "the manchild" (the Ecclesia of Christ). They fought, and the dragon "prevailed not" against Jesus and his Ecclesia.

Then later, under Constantine, Rome revived the dragon system and falsely labeled it "Christianity." It taught that the "Jews" (Pharisees) were the keepers of the Old Covenant faith. The Pharisees claimed to be Israel of the Old Covenant. The churches followed Mithras (a favored angel of the Zoroastrians) and called him "Jesus." With Ahura Mazda replacing Yahweh, Zoroaster replacing Moses, and Mithras replacing Jesus, the churches had a complete make-over: a counterfeited theology to replace the true Christian faith.

Ahura Mazda's chief angel was called "Mithra" or "Mithras." He was the "angel of light and life." Mithra became the "savior" born on the winter solstice. His resurrection is celebrated at the Babylonian festival of Easter (from Astarte, the Babylonian Mother of Heaven). Images of Mithras show him emerging from the egg (Easter egg) as the god of fertility. He is also called the Sun god. Images and sculptures of Mithras can be seen in and around Washington D.C. wearing the "Phrygian Cap" (also called "liberty cap") or with the "halo" or sun behind his head as commonly de-

picted on the false images of "Christ" in the churches. St. John's Cathedral in Manhattan displays a "Jesus" on a huge cross hanging from the ceiling. It is the exact image of Mithras with the Sun behind his head. What is depicted as "Christianity" in the churches is actually "Mithraism."

In Persia, Greece and Rome, images of Mithras commonly had a particular cap on his head. It was called "the Phrygian cap." The cap itself became a symbol of Mithras and liberty. During the 18th century, the red Phrygian cap was used as a symbol of freedom, held aloft on a "Liberty Pole" during the American Revolutionary War.

The cap was especially adopted during the French Revolution. To this day the national emblem of France, Marianne, is shown wearing a Phrygian cap: the "bonnet rouge." Also, the female "Liberty" was shown holding the Liberty Pole with the Phrygian cap on some early U.S. coins. The U.S. Army has, since 1778, utilized a "War Office Seal" in which the motto "This We'll Defend" is displayed directly over a Phrygian cap on an upturned sword. The cap also appears on the state flags of West Virginia, New Jersey, and New York, as well as the official seal of the United States Senate, the state of North Carolina (as well as the arms of its Senate) and on the reverse side of the Seal of Virginia.

Atop the pentacle of the dome of the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. is the statue of the female "Liberty." She was created by Thomas Crawford in his studio in Rome in the mid 1800's. She was patterned after the Roman goddess Minerva, and in her first design wore a Phrygian (liberty) Cap. In her second design, which was the one that was chosen, her "liberty cap" was replaced by a cap of feathers. Other evidences of Mithraism can be found on paintings and sculptures here and there on Capitol Hill.

The Phrygian cap is one of those marks of Mithras that hides in plain sight ... especially in government settings. Whereas in government Mithras has been displayed more openly, in the churches he had to masquerade as "Jesus" in order to be camouflaged and accepted.

Thus today the U.S. Government claims Christian origins, and the churches call themselves "Christian" when in fact their heritage is of Mithras. By the same token, churches teach that they evolved out of Judaism, and that Judaism was the religion of Moses and the Old Covenant (which it most certainly was NOT). Judaism is a concoction of twisted Old Testament readings mixed with doctrines of Zoroastrianism.

In the 4th century AD, Constantine gave his approval to Mithraism in Rome, and he called it "Christian." It became "The Church Of Rome" ... known as Catholicism ... and was the beginning of the concept of "church."

Thus, the mystery religion of Babylon evolved over the centuries into what today is falsely called "Christianity" but in reality is "Mithraism" (I sometimes refer to it as "Churchianity"). The characters and tenets taught in the churches today fit nicely with the characters and tenets of Babylonian Zoroastrianism/Mithraism.

If you want to see "Mystery Babylon Religion" today you only have to look at THE CHURCHES!

Isn't it ironic? The institutions that purport to teach Jesus Christ, and to hate Babylonianism, are the very offspring of Babylon herself. Perhaps that is the "mystery." She hides in plain sight, pawning herself off as Christian. No wonder Jesus warned in Matthew 7:

21. *Not every one that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.*
22. *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works?*
23. *And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.*

Who else but church people could He have been talking about? Only church people falsely call themselves "Christians" and claim to do works in "his name" but are actually unknown to Jesus and are working iniquity. Jesus' stern condemnation can fit no one other than churchgoers.

When the Bible is read in the churches of today, and they read in Revelation where 'Mystery Babylon' is depicted as a whore riding the Beast, and the whore is eventually destroyed ... they are reading about themselves. Talk about confusion! It is fitting, however ... "Babel" means confusion.

## THE ECCLESIA -VS- THE CHURCH

So, if the churches we see today that call themselves "Christian" (but are not) are actually Babylonish – the very antipathy of "the faith delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3) – then what does true Christianity look like; and where is it?

To answer this question we need to go back to the First Century, to the life, death, and raising of Christ, and to the era covered in The Acts Of The Apostles (i.e., the book of Acts). History, as taught in the churches, is off base at this point. But after the First Century it goes even farther afield ... so far as to be unrecognizable.

In 1 Jn. 4:3, we learn that the "anti-christ" is already working in the world. The term "anti-christ" in English is a misnomer. In the Greek New Testament, the term is "ante-christ." The difference is important. The English prefix "anti" means "against." But the Greek prefix "ante" means "in place of." Thus, the actual Biblical term "ante-christ" means "in place of Christ" ... or, in other words, a fake christ; a counterfeit christ. So we see that a counterfeit christ was already operating in John's day. That counterfeit christ was Mithras ... the Babylonian savior.

This Babylonian savior (Mithras) was promoted by the Beast System, while the true Savior (Jesus) was marginalized and rejected. Soon, Mithras replaced Jesus, and was even given Jesus' name. The ante-christ was in place ... and he remains in place to this day in the churches. The churches hold up an ante-christ Jesus.

So let us look at an overview and a simplified time-line of history of Israel and true Christianity to see if we can identify where things went, and why most people lost track of them.

## THE ECCLESIA IN THE WILDERNESS

*37. This is that Moses, which said to the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall you hear.*

*38. This is he, that was in the ecclesia in the wilderness with the angel which spoke to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give to us:*

Acts 7:37-38

If you haven't yet come to understand what "the ecclesia" is, and that it IS NOT "the church," then please go to my website <[www.benwilliamslibrary.com](http://www.benwilliamslibrary.com)> and read What Is The Ecclesia and The Two Babylons ... or order hard copies from me so you can appreciate what is meant by the above verses.

The "ecclesia" is a civil body politic; a community; a patriarchal society. It is not a church. "Church" is a concept and institution that came into being three centuries later.

The ecclesia in the wilderness operated under Moses. It was God's Kingdom on Earth. Through Moses, God gave Israel his law. He demanded that Israel choose who they would follow – God, or man. Some chose to follow God, and some chose to follow man. With those who chose to follow God He made a covenant and began a process of upgrading them to Kingdom principles.

Under Moses, Israel went from slavery to freedom. After Moses, Joshua carried on as they went into the land now called Palestine. Then, under the "Judges" Israel prospered and grew for approximately 1000 years ... during which time there was "no king in Israel." That is to say, God was their King, and no man, or men, ruled them.

Then under Samuel, the last judge, Israel rebelled against God's Kingship and demanded to have men made into kings so they could have governments like the nations around them. This was their downfall. From that time forward Israel was under enslaving government of men ... growing worse and worse until finally the nation was invaded and taken into captivity, even to the point of the Israelites being removed out of their home lands and enslaved in other lands (Assyria and Babylon).

Israel had forgotten her God. She was in idolatry worshipping strange gods ... which always leads to slavery. In captivity they went further into idolatry under strange governments and strange gods.

Then in the 6th century BC, approximately 50,000 Israelites were allowed to repatriate Jerusalem and Judea. These few were a small percentage of all that were moved out into captivity earlier. The rest of Israel continued in foreign lands ... some migrating toward Europe.

The few who returned to Jerusalem were damaged goods ... that is to say, they were confused and lost from the true faith delivered to Moses. They attempted to rebuild the former temple that had been under the Old Covenant. But they were unsuccessful ... because the Old Covenant had been abandoned long before. They were in a sort of

limbo ... lost from truth, and under great influence from Babylonian surroundings. In essence, they were still more Babylonian than anything else in their belief structure.

Then God caused his Son to be born to Mary. Jesus was God's gift to Israel to revive them and reintroduce truth to them ... basically giving them another chance to make good. Again, some believed and followed Jesus, and some didn't. In fact, apparently most didn't. But those who DID choose to follow Jesus were given a NEW COVENANT and a new life.

Jesus was their Reigning King, and their society was called "The Ecclesia." It was NOT a church (refer to "What Is The Ecclesia"). It was a society; a community. It was geared to everyday life, and it administered the laws of God through ecclesian structure.

THIS WAS THE TRUE ECCLESIA OF JESUS. It became recognizable as a new and growing force in the world at that time ... and the Beast (Rev. 12) made war against it. But it (the Ecclesia) was "caught up to heaven" and protected by God. That means that God recognized the Ecclesia, and gave it protection. The gates of hell could not prevail against it. However, the Beast System took dominion over the rest of the world and the people, blinding them to truth and enslaving them under rulers and governments.

The Ecclesia of Christ (New Jerusalem) is a spiritual entity. It emanates from God (Rev. 21:2). It is alive. It exists and functions every day, even in the physical presence, and under persecution, of the Beast System. Jesus knows his sheep, and they know Him ... although men may not.

While the churches continue to manufacture their false image and idolatry, and call it "Christianity," the true Christians operated and continue in the spirit of Christ, and go largely unnoticed by the world around them. The reason the world does not notice true Christians is because the world is programmed to look for the wrong things. The world notices the churches, and the politicians. It does not notice or recognize the Reigning Christ and his people. True Christianity is basically invisible to the people who follow the Beast System ... because they do not have "eyes to see" or "ears to hear" (Ez. 12:2; Mtt. 11:7-15; Mtt. 13 – the Kingdom parables).

In Revelation 22, we read of New Jerusalem and the wall around it. It tells us that the wall separates between the citizens inside and the non-citizens outside. Outside the wall are *"sodomites, sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loves and makes a lie."* These cannot find the gate to enter into New Jerusalem. Why? Because they have no "eyes to see." Even if they did stumble on to the gate, they wouldn't like what they saw inside. They are blind of mind and spirit, and they do not love the things of God. They love the Beast System.

The Ecclesia of Christ is alive and well ... and known by those who have entered into the gates of New Jerusalem. It is a fact that only those who can SEE can understand. Those who cannot SEE cannot understand.

The churches continue their fraud, and their members continue in their confusion.

Read this explanation again. Let it soak in. Read my

booklet *What Is The Ecclesia* and the book *The Two Babylons* (available on CD from ACM). Pray that your eyes will be opened to truth. Truth is available to anyone who seeks it. But only those who truly want it can find it. The rest of the people will continue to be led astray by the idolatry of the churches.

Obviously, churchgoers don't realize what has happened to them. They are not aware that they are supporting and believing the doctrines of the ante-Christ ... the very Beast System of prophecy. Nonetheless, they are collectively guilty of not having sufficient curiosity and tenacity to search it out and learn it for themselves. In the battle for truth, those who support the enemy – whether wittingly or unwittingly – end up being casualties on the field of battle.

When I expose the errors and the lies of the churches, I am not suggesting that the churchgoers are doing this intentionally. They, to a great extent, are themselves victims. However, they are supporting and doing evil and they must be exposed so they can have the opportunity to repent and stop going in the wrong direction.

## SWINE FLU

The government is gearing up for a big push to get people to accept a **flu shot** for Swine Flu. The scare tactics are well under way. Sadly, most Americans will probably get in line and roll up their sleeves and let them inject them.

DON'T DO IT! The so-called "Swine Flu" shows no evidence of being any worse than the typical flu that comes around every year. And even if it was worse, getting the vaccine will not help. It not only will not help, it is more likely to kill you than the flu itself is.

Research and reports are already published by reputable doctors and scientists showing that the vaccine is VERY DANGEROUS. Nerve disorders that can kill you, like Guillard Barre Syndrome, are common side effects. Likely, other nerve disorders like Lou Gehrig's Disease, and Parkinsons are also caused by these contemptible and contaminated vaccinations. Childhood disorders like autism and sudden infant death syndrome are most likely the result of vaccinating babies. How criminal can they get ... putting these deadly poisons into innocent babies?

A large percentage of "health workers" who actually administer these shots have declined to take them. God only knows what all is in these shots, but we do know some of the ingredients. One ingredient is Mercury. Another is formaldehyde. Also they are using a booster solution (adjuvant) called "squalene": a known cause of autoimmune diseases in people who have been injected with it.

I suspect that a large percentage of the new health problems that our generation is dealing with were caused by childhood vaccinations.

DON'T DO IT! Don't be stupid! You can overcome the flu, but you might not overcome the junk they inject into you. Research it! Be responsible!

Pray for eyes to see and ears to hear!

