



"A devastating and dreadful thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so."

(Jer. 5: 30-31)

THE AMERICAN CAPTIVITY

THE PROPHETS AND THE PRIESTS

America is in captivity. To the degree that Americans have abandoned Christ, they are in bondage to a psychopathic ruling elite. Christ offers freedom. The rulers offer bondage. Americans overwhelmingly choose bondage.

One of the causes of captivity is lying prophets (teachers). When a nation's teachers teach lies the people develop mental disorders and become spiritually retarded. The people become easy prey for elite rulers who naturally capture them and enslave them.

People ask me why God lets the evil people rule over the good people today. My answer is that "good" is perhaps the wrong description for people today. They have confused the meaning of "good." "Good" doesn't mean "passive" and "nice." The churches have taught people to respect the rulers. So they do ... and then wonder why God doesn't bless them. They do this partly out of ignorance. But largely it is because generations of idolatry ... following the rule of man instead of the rule of God ... has confused them.

The ruling elite make up about 1% of the population. The devastating and dreadful thing happening in America is that 99% of the people are unwittingly choosing to be in bondage rather than to be free.

One percent of a population cannot rule over the ninety-nine percent unless the ninety-nine percent ask for it. Thus it is in America. The prophets, hired by the elite rulers, have taught lies to the people ... and the people have believed the lies. The lies consist in doctrines that train the people to accept slavery ... in deed, not only to accept it, but to insist upon it. As prophesied by Jeremiah, *"the people love to have it so."*

THE MEDIA AND THE CHURCHES

Two things stand out as primary tools the elite rulers use to keep Americans in a state of ignorance and idolatry. The first thing is the churches' twisted interpretations of the Bible. God's word was given to Israel to make her free. But the churches have used it to turn the people into slaves.

The other thing is the Constitution of The United States. The elite rulers indoctrinate Americans to think that the

Constitution is a God-inspired document designed to protect the people. And the people, for the most part, believe it.

The truth is that the Constitution was designed to enslave Americans. It has served the elite well. And Americans have been trained to love it.

The result is that Americans are a most desired kind of slaves. They enslave and police themselves and are proud of it. Any slave who talks of freedom is likely to be labeled a criminal, and will be attacked by his fellow slaves.

If you find this hard to believe, I submit as evidence the New Testament. This is nothing new. Jesus, the apostles, and many God-fearing men were attacked and martyred by the established religions of their day. They were martyred because they tried to teach freedom to an enslaved people who loved their enslavement.

Today, Americans are in love with their captors (their government, their media, and their churches). All these teach lies to make Americans happy, self-policing fools.

In John 3:19 we have the witness of this dynamic working in Israel. Jesus brought "light" (freedom) to men. Their reaction was hate the light:

19. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Today, politicians and preachers love to speak of the greatness of America, and the goodness of Americans. They speak to the itching ears of idolators ... telling them that they are good when in fact they are not good; telling them that they are being protected and saved when they are actually being enslaved and sold out. And the people love to have it so.

GOD SPEAKS TO CAPTIVES

Does God speak to us today? Does He send prophets to tell his people truth instead of lies?

He spoke to the captives many times in the past. We still have the records of his words to captives. Those words still apply when the situation fits.

Some folks have wondered why I speak to Americans today in similar terms as Ezekiel spoke to Israel. Clearly, I speak this way because I see that the situation of America today very much like it was for Israel in Ezekiel's day.

The Book of Ezekiel begins with Ezekiel receiving a vision. That vision represented Israel. The four creatures he saw in his vision represented the 12 tribes of Israel. Above the creatures (Israel) he saw a symbol representing the Throne of God ... showing that God's throne was over Israel. The vision was startling to Ezekiel.

Then God called Ezekiel to prophesy to Israelites who, many years earlier, had rejected God (1 Sam. 8:7). After rejecting God, Israel became prey to rulers ... beginning with kings from their own ranks. Soon they also fell to the rulers of Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. Thus, they lost their freedom and their nationhood and became captives by their own choice.

God commissioned Ezekiel to go to these captives and tell them the truth of how they came to be captives. God sent Ezekiel to speak to a "rebellious nation" (Ez. 2:3) whose fathers had rejected Him. He said they were "impudent and stiffhearted" (vs. 4). God told Ezekiel that the captive "house of Israel will not hearken to you; for they will not hearken to Me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted" (Ez. 3:7).

He told Ezekiel to go and prophesy to Israel whether they would hear him or not ... and that either way they "will know that there has been a prophet among them" (Ez. 2:5).

Ezekiel then went and did the Lord's bidding. He warned Israel and Jerusalem of their ways, and why they were lost. He told them that God was "against them" (Ez. 5:8) because of their rebellion against Him.

When God is against you there is no remedy other than repentance. That was what was needed with the Israelites of Ezekiel's day. That is what is needed in America.

SELF-POLICING MONKEYS

Start with a cage containing five monkeys. Inside the cage, you'll see a banana hanging on a string with a set of stairs placed under it. Before long, a monkey will go to the stairs and start to climb towards the banana. As soon as he touches the stairs, all of the other monkeys are sprayed with cold water.

After a while, another monkey makes an attempt to obtain the banana. As soon as his foot touches the stairs, all of the other monkeys are sprayed with cold water. It's not long before all of the other monkeys try to prevent any monkey from climbing the stairs.

Now, put away the cold water, remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new monkey sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs. To his surprise and horror, all of the other monkeys attack him as he makes his way toward the stairs. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs, he will be assaulted.

Next, remove another of the original five monkeys and replace it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the

punishment with enthusiasm! Likewise, replace a third original monkey with a new one, then a fourth, then the fifth. Every time the new monkey tries the stairs, he is attacked.

Most of the monkeys that are beating him have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs or why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey.

After replacing all the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless, no monkey ever again approaches the stairs to try for the banana.

Lets apply this illustration to America. The stairs to the banana represents effort to achieve freedom and truth. You already know who the monkeys represent.

Thus it is, today Americans hate and attack their fellow captives who reach for freedom. "I bow to the state so I want everyone to bow to the state." So America's captors have created the perfect scheme ... they are slave masters whose slaves police themselves.

THE SWORD

God told Israel (through Ezekiel) that He was bringing a sword upon them, and would destroy their high places (i.e., places of worship and government)" (Ez. 6:3). He said that He would "accomplish his fury upon them."

Yes, God was furious with Israelites ... the same way He is furious with Americans today. This is as obvious as the nose on your face.

In chapter 7 God told Israel that "an end" was coming.

3. *Now is the end come upon you, and I will send my anger upon you, and will judge you according to your ways, and will recompense upon you all your abominations.*
4. *And my eye shall not spare you, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense your ways upon you, and your abominations shall be in the midst of you: and you shall know that I am Yahweh.*
5. *Thus says the Lord Yahweh; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come.*
6. *An end is come, the end is come: it watches for you; behold, it is come.*
7. *A new day is come to you, O you that dwell in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the sounding again of the mountains.*
8. *Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon you, and accomplish my anger upon you: and I will judge you according to your ways, and will recompense you for all your abominations.*
9. *And my eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense you according to your ways and your abominations that are in the midst of you; and you shall know that I am Yahweh that smites you.*

“ENDS”

Most people do not understand “ends.” To them, the “end” means the end of existence. But consider ... an “end” came to Israel in the days of Ezekiel. However, Israel continued to exist. Israel was not the same as before, but she still existed. The “end” was merely an end of a phase.

In this same way America too has come to her end. She is no longer the same nation she once was. Her rebellion and idolatry has caused “an end” to a phase when times were better. She is still called “America” but she is in a different phase ... one of punishment, judgment and confusion. God is pouring out his fury upon America. Anyone with the slightest ability to observe and analyze knows this is true. America is in a state of depravity.

The only remedy is repentance ... and I don't see any hint of that happening ... at least not yet.

Ezekiel prophesied that God was going to take the precious and beloved things of Israel and “*give it into the hands of strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the land for a spoil; and they shall profane it*” (Ez. 7:21).

He continues in verses 22-27:

22. *My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my treasures (truths): for the destroyers shall come and defile them.*
23. *Make a chain (representing bondage): for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.*
24. *Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pride of the greedy (Israelites) to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled.*
25. *Destruction comes; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.*
26. *Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumor shall be upon rumor; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders.*
27. *The (Israelite) king shall mourn, and the (Israelite) prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do to them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am Yahweh.*

Please note: these were pronouncements against the captives ... not against the captors. These were God's judgments against Israelites who had rejected Him and chose slavery under the rulers of Assyria and Babylon. God was speaking against Israelites who were proud of their bondage to the Beast Systems of the world. They had rejected Yahweh and elected to be like the heathen. They insisted upon it. Like Wall Street junkies they thought they would get something for nothing. They were so busy chasing after the things of Babylon they forgot the good and

wholesome things God had provided for them before. Now God was letting them reap the fruits they had been sowing. Their destruction was upon them.

AMERICA'S DESTRUCTION

Not long after the turn of this century, I began to realize that America was in a state of destruction. She had come to her “end.” Few people realized it, but it was plain to me. I believe God revealed it to me.

After September 11, 2001 it began to come clear to me. Up to then I knew that America was in trouble, but it took George Bush and 9-11 to make me see how bad it was.

When the government can openly blow up three of the greatest buildings in America, destroy other smaller buildings that were near, and kill thousands of New Yorkers in the process, and blame it on some rag tag Muslims with plastic box cutters and a Saudi living in a cave in Afghanistan, I would have had to be blind to miss it. But the thing that really convinced me that America is “done for” is that nearly all Americans accepted the obvious lies from Washington D.C., they supported the “war against terror,” supported the torturing of innocent people to get false confessions, they waxed all patriotic about invading and destroying several countries that had nothing to do with 9-11, and now they want to invade and destroy even more countries.

When you analyze just this alone (and there are many more evidences besides 9-11) any rational mind must conclude that America is NOT the country she once was. Americans aren't the people they once were. Like the Israelites of Ezekiel's day, Americans are destroying themselves, opting for greater captivity, and earning more judgment from God.

Today, America is the most hated and feared nation in the world ... and for good cause.

TERMINAL BLINDNESS

Americans have blinded themselves by thumbing their noses at God. They salute the U.S. flag, pledge allegiance to it, and turn their backs on God. They go to churches and political rallies to salve their consciences but don't seek God's remedy for America's plagues. They don't like to think about what is really happening to America. They don't inquire as to why families are failing, or why kids can no longer tell right from wrong, or why they cover their bodies with tatoos and piercings and wear clothes to make themselves look ridiculous. The elders never ask these questions because they don't want the answers. The kids are lost because the elders chose to go off course and have lost their way. The problem is systemic. It is like a train wreck that just keeps going and going, ruining more and more and can't slow down.

Then there are those who actually try to see ... who try to analyze what is happening, but just can't figure it out. This, too, is a mark of America's plagues.

In Revelation 15:8 we are told about a time of “the plagues” when the temple would be filled with smoke. This is a symbolic picture of an inability to find truth. It depicts a situation where people go into the temple to learn truth, but

the temple is filled with smoke preventing the people from seeing or learning. This is happening today in America. In other words, for some people it is too late. Their ship is going down and nothing can save it.

The parable of the ten virgins (Mtt. 25) explains it very well. Five virgins went out and acquired oil for their lamps while oil was available and it was still daylight. The other five virgins neglected to get oil, and when darkness came they had no oil. They tried to beg some oil from the other five virgins, but they only had oil for their own lamps. For the neglectful five virgins it was too late ... much the same as it is now too late for many Americans. Even if they make an effort to look for truth, the sad fact is that they don't know how or where to find it. They go to churches, or to news programs on TV. There they find only confusion and misinformation. They are left trying to peer out of the hole they and their ancestors have dug for themselves. The result is that they are unable to make sense of their world. It is sad to watch, and it is rampant in America today.

Those of us who have eyes to see and ears to hear are blessed. God gave man a brain ... but it only works right when it is in tune with God. By giving us sound minds and spirits Christ saves us from the plagues of blindness and confusion that surround us. We can see reality for what it is. We should be very thankful!

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

36 *While you have light, believe in the light, that you may be the children of light. These things spoke Jesus, and departed, and did hide Himself from them.*

37. *But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him:*

38 *That the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, Lord, who has believed our report? and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

I'm often asked by folks why the Lord chose to reveal his truths to them and not to others. I tell them that they have it a little wrong.

The truths of God are available to all people just as rain falls on the just and the unjust. Its not as though He makes it available to only a small number. As sunshine falls upon all, truth (light) shines upon all. But most people, like cockroaches, run for cover to hide from the light.

The fact that the light of Jesus shines upon us is reason for rejoicing. Be thankful! Let truth work to your benefit. I understand, and I too experience, the sadness and pain of watching the blind destroy themselves. It's difficult to watch.

But God's ways are above us. He knows what He is doing ... and He blesses those who don't reject the light.

On the other hand, He sends confusion to them who hate the light:

11. *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

12. *That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but have pleasure in injustice.*

2 Thess. 2:11-12

THE REMNANT: GOD'S "LITTLE FLOCK"

God's flock has always been little. It appears that only a few stand out to be true leaders and visionaries. Even when Israel was a nation God referred to them as "few." Moses told Israel in Dt. 7:

7. *Yahweh did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all people:*

When you find yourself thinking that Christ's followers appear to be outnumbered by the bad guys, remember what Jesus told his little flock:

32. *Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingship.*

Lk. 12:32

Peter gave this encouragement to the ecclesia:

9. *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

1Pet. 2:9

And Paul said this to the ecclesia in Corinth:

1. *Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;*

6. *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Cor. 4:1, 6

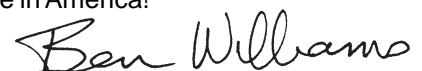
Yes, the wicked in high places are doing their thing. And the lost in low places are in captivity ... and don't know it. That's how it has always been. Its nothing new.

However, we are separate (holy), different and free. Thank God for that. We are the remnant – the few who aren't impressed or drawn by the bright lights and false promises of the Beast System.

It cost Jesus a tremendous amount of pain, torture and even his life to free us and provide us a new Kingship. When Jesus frees us we are FREE INDEED.

36. *If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.* (Jn. 8:36)

Pray for repentance in America!



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