

## I. The Importance of Systematic Bible Study

So far, we have started coming through five mysteries, and I hope by this time you can see how important they are. Every one of these mysteries brings with it a tremendous spiritual concept, not only by subject material, like last week we looked at the Rapture of the Church. You saw how immense that study is, how that entails everything through the Bible. If you are going through and laying this stuff out week by week, you are beginning to see and understand how the whole thing kind of goes together.

The Bible is a book that is a composite of many things. I used the example last week of that gigantic steel cable that you see on expansion bridges. Though from a distance it looks like it is 15, 20, 25 inches thick, when you study it up close, you see that it is made up of individual one or one and a half inch cables, maybe 200 of them. The strength lies in each individual cable wound around another cable, which in turn, when you get all the cables wound together, produces the big cable. I told you that is the way the Bible is. The key to learning the Bible is unraveling those one-inch cables one at a time, looking at it, examining it, understanding it, and then putting it in perspective with all the other pieces of that cable. The Bible is just that simple. My job is to help you unwind those cables, and your job is to study those cables individually and then see how they all cohesively work together.

If there is anything that begins to show this, it is the study of the systematic material that we are coming through. I told you when we started this that God runs by a system of sevens. Everything He does, He does by sevens. So you are going to find throughout your Bible a whole systematic study built around the number seven. You are going to find seven mysteries; we are studying those right now. Probably when we are done with the seven mysteries, I will come through the seven judgments in the Bible. When I come through the seven judgments in the Bible, then we will come through the seven baptisms in the Bible. We will be constantly for the next year or two laying out this systematic study. Adjacent to that, we are going to add to it, for those that so desire, when we start in March, that biblical concept of how to lay out the Bible, how to learn the Bible, or how to study the Bible. That will all be in with what we are doing now. So there is absolutely no reason for you not to begin to learn the Bible.

If you are someone that is just starting into this, we have just the plan for you, which is discipleship, and that will lead you into this next plan. Many of you are far enough along in discipleship, or you have already finished discipleship, or you have been around long enough that you can still get into this program, and it will work for you. What I am trying to do is to get some men and some women who really have an understanding of the Bible. I am not interested in people who just know it without being able to explain it. I have to have men and women who understand, and most of you are well on your way to doing that. It does not happen overnight. It happens by a systematic study of our spending time together, keeping the right things motivated in your life, keeping you focused on the right things, and then helping you grow by it.

By now, as we have come through five of these mysteries, you can see how they all go together. They are absolutely vital when learning your Bible. This is why when we used this verse when we started, and we made reference to it, I think probably every week in 1 Corinthians 4:2, that we are told that as a pastor and as Christians, we are to be stewards of the mysteries of God. In time, I would like to see these particular lessons that I am teaching right now given to you, made into a lesson. Here is what I want to do, and I really believe this is possible: I only want to teach something like this one time. We have a problem because I am to be a steward of it, and I do not necessarily four years from now want to come through those seven mysteries again, but we have to find some way that we continually do that. How do we do that? We put together, through the process of this year, next year, and the next couple of years, all this material in lesson forms, and you will be the one that will teach it to somebody that comes down the line. The bottom line is, you have to know the material. I am not interested in somebody that can just get up and spout off some stuff that you do not know what you are talking about. I have people like that in life all the time. Somebody in this crowd is going to have to take the Word of God serious enough that you start ferreting out everything that you can get, and that you start taking that Bible to the point where you begin to put it together from end to end and everything in between. Some of you who have been around for a while have the ability to do that. Whether anybody does that yet or not is to be seen. I do not want to be the only Bible teacher around here, but I am unwilling to let anybody teach the Bible who does not know the Bible. You are going to have to learn it on your own, and that is the process. I can give you everything in the world. I can give you the material. We can do the tape library. We can do all this stuff in lessons. I can teach it until it comes out of my ears. I can spend every day, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, teaching you the Bible. If you do not do anything with what I give you, it is not going anywhere. If it does not change you on the outside, then I doubt very seriously that it is getting through on the inside. That is just the way it is.

## II. Introducing Mystery Babylon the Great

Now, take your Bibles this morning and, as I said, turn to Revelation 17:5. We are to be stewards of these mysteries, and these are things that we need to continue to go through and talk about.

*Revelation 17:1-9*

*1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:*

*2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

*3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

*4 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:*

*5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

*6 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.*

*7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.*

*8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*

*9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.*

Now, Father, we thank You and praise You for the Lord Jesus. We love You. We ask You, Father, to take this morning, and Lord, there is so much material here I have to do today. Lord, I pray that You will orchestrate it in my own heart, in my own mind, that I will come out clearly, that I can put all the pieces together. Lord, I look at this and I think to myself, "How in the world do you lay out all of this stuff in just the short time that you have?" But Lord, help me to do it today. Help me focus on the things that need to be focused on, and back off the things that I do not need to spend a lot of time on. Then, Lord, I pray that the Holy Spirit of God, that You will lead me and guide me in everything that I say, that the Word of God, Lord, that it will not be my preaching or my teaching this morning, but it will be the Holy Spirit of God speaking through me, to edify the hearts of these people.

Lord, I pray that You will raise up young men and young ladies in this church that will take the Word of God seriously. It is one thing to get excited about it. It is another thing to carry it under your arm and come to Bible study and listen to all the great things, but it is something else to spend that quality time every day of your life, every week of your life, doing what you need to do to learn the Word of God. That is where the difference comes in. Lord, I cannot make somebody do that. I can only put out the Word of God and pray that the Holy Spirit of God will find in these last days a young man that will want to stand up to be a man with the Word of God in his life, a young lady that will want to stand up and be a soldier for You and learn the Word of God. Lord, we need men and women that can grow to the place where they can teach, that they can lay out these great concepts. I do not need it laid out wrong. I need it laid out right. I do not need somebody that comes to the Bible and their emotions get in it, and because they do not follow the foundational solid practices of how to put the Bible together, they confuse themselves and everybody else. I do not need that. Lord, I need men and women that will stand on the Word of God that can expound and lay out to me that book. We will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name, for His sake we ask it. Amen.

May I make a suggestion to you today? You can do whatever you want to do. I suggest that you just kind of fold up your little notebooks and pieces of paper and put them away right now. I will

tell you why: I cannot speak that low and slow, and you certainly are not going to write as fast as I am going to speak. Here is what I suggest you do: I suggest that you just sit back, keep your Bible open, buckle your seatbelt, and go on this ride with me, and then get the CD and go back through it and put it together later. Here is what I am afraid of: I am afraid if you try to do both, you will miss some things. This is going to be a very complicated message today, very complicated. I have fretted over this thing all week, and only fretted over it in the sense of I do not know how to do it right because there is so much material. This is one of these messages that is going to be very sober. It is one of these messages that can be very easily taken the wrong way. It is going to be a message that, like many things in the Bible, not just this message, but many things in the Bible we teach, I look at them as defining messages. There is no question that God gives people truth, and what people do with that truth really determines where they go any farther with God. This is going to be a message about truth today. This is going to be one of the hardest messages that you will ever hear, not because I am going to preach it hard. I do not think I am going to preach at all today. I am just going to walk you through some things. It is going to be a tough message because it is going to be hard to accept.

Let me tell you why it is going to be hard to accept. It is going to be hard to accept because, and I know this is not true of everybody, but it is going to be hard to accept in here because you are so bombarded with everything that is wrong today. Truth is a foregone concept today in America, and unfortunately, it is the same way in the lives of God's people. This study that we are going to take about this woman who is Babylon mystery religion, the Mother of Harlots, is absolutely key if you are ever going to figure out not only the Bible but history. I am going to tell you right now, boys and girls, if you think you are going to learn the Bible without taking a lot of your time and investigating history and learning history, you are going to be nominal at best. When you get into the Word of God, you are going to have to decide if you are really going to learn it.

I say that fully knowing that there are some of you moms here that I am not suggesting that you let your kids go. I fully understand that there are different levels in every church. I understand that some of you women will never come to the point where you will ever get it to the depth, and that is okay because you have other responsibilities, and you will learn a lot about the Bible. You will be very valuable in working with people. But I do not expect everybody to get to the level that I am talking about. I need to make that clear. I do not want to put an undue burden on anybody. I know that with your family and where you are at, and husbands with their wives, and wives with their husbands, I understand that not everybody is just going to get to that level. Do I believe that everybody can? Sure. Will everybody get there? No, obviously not. Does that make them a bad person? No, because you are the only one that has to decide how much you are willing to adjust your life and your situation to get all that you have to get. When I am talking about learning the Bible, I am talking about more than just that book that you are holding in your lap, because everything in life, everything in history, everything in the world revolves around that book. If you try to take one without the other, you are going to come up short. This mystery that we are going to talk about this morning is a mystery that clearly pulls both together. You will see it when you leave this morning. You were told many times, and I have said this many, many times, and I will continue to say it, that history in the Bible and history in the world is simply, in its basic form, nothing more than God moving in a direction to do His plan and then the devil

moving to stop that plan. I am going to make it real simple today. As I said, this is just another strand of cable that makes your Bible what it needs to be.

### III. The Two Concepts of Mystery Babylon

First of all, I want us to look at this title. This title is very instructive, and you need to see this title and understand that there are two concepts that we are going to build off of.

- 1.) Mystery Babylon the Great
- 2.) The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth

Whoever this woman is that is likened to a whorish woman, she is connected with Babylon. I do not know if you know this or not, but the first city in your Bible before the flood is built by a man that is a type of the Antichrist, and he is connected with Satan. His name is Cain. You will find that in Genesis 4:17. Cain starts a line in your Bible, and by the way, the name of the city that he builds is Enoch, very instructive. We do not have time to get into that. That would be a very good Thursday night Bible study question, but I do not have time to get into all this today. So I have just got to stay with the line here that I have. Cain now represents very clearly the line of Satan in your Bible. There is no question about it. Cain, the Bible says, is of that wicked one. Cain is a man that when he shows up, he shows up being totally used by Satan for the one purpose of destroying God's plan. You will find not only Cain, but you will find his descendants are very active, and they have one thing that they try to do, and that is to stop the plan of God. Cain and his followers down through history, they have one goal, and they are a tool of Satan by which they step in front of and stop the plan of God.

The second city after the flood that you find in your Bible is built by another man in the line of the Antichrist, and he is also in Cain's line. His name is Ham. The first city built before the flood in your Bible is built by Cain, and the first city after the flood in your Bible is built by a man in his line, found in Genesis 10:10, and it is Babylon. So you are going to find that the first thing we see that you have to understand is that wherever you find Babylon, Babylon from the very beginning in your Bible is bad. You have to know this: Babylon represents a city. Babylon represents a culture. Babylon represents a political structure. Babylon represents a military structure, and Babylon, most important of all, represents a religious structure. You have to know that.

So when we find in Revelation 17 and 18 the destruction of this Babylon, which is at the end of your Bible right before the Second Coming of Christ, and we find Babylon showing up in Genesis 10:10, which is the first Gentile kingdom in your Bible in the line of a man who was connected with the Antichrist, who was in a line of Cain, we know then that what we have in our Bible is a study from beginning to end of this political, religious, military city which is going to come all the way through your Bible. Very simply put, this mystery of Babylon the Great is simply nothing more than a study of how this city survives, where it goes, what it accomplishes, and how it accomplishes from Genesis 10 to 2006. If you think that Babylon today is gone, if you think that Babylon today does not exist, then you do not know your Bible very well. What we are going to try to do today is to put this thing into perspective for you.

Now, the second part of that title, it says, "the Mother of Harlots." What does it mean by that? In the Bible, you are going to find that when the nation of Israel began to go after other gods, God likened it to spiritual fornication or spiritual adultery. We know now from our past studies that God looks at Israel as His wife, and Israel looked at God as her husband. He protected her, He provided for her, all of the things, and it sets up all the way back to the Old Testament, sets up that New Testament concept of Ephesians chapter 6. In a religious sense, you are going to see here, and I am not going to spend a lot of time on this now, we will get into it later, that the nation of Israel departs from God and goes after other gods. When she does that, she becomes involved in the religion that comes from Babylon. The religion that comes from Babylon literally destroys the nation of Israel, and we will see that here in just a little bit.

We find then by the term "the Mother of Harlots" that every false religion on this planet today, outside of Bible Christianity—when I say Bible Christianity, I am not talking about just the Baptists, you need to understand that. There are lots of people who are not Baptists that are saved. But what I am saying is this: every false religion in the world today comes from the religion of Babylon. Babylon is a specific religion today which is the mother of all other false religions. That is what we are going to find out today. That is what we are going to do, and that is how we are going to lay it out.

In your Bible, you know that Christ has a city. That city is New Jerusalem, and that city is His bride, Revelation 21 and 22. If you would come through your Bible, you would find that Satan also has a city, Babylon, that is His bride, Revelation 17 and 18. Where Christ's city, that is His bride, is His church, Satan's city, that is His bride, is also a church. As a church, and I know this is a hard reality, and this is what happens if I was preaching this message and the date was 1800, everybody would be saying, "Why do not you teach us something we do not know?" Everybody understood this. The last hundred years or so, truth has departed, and because truth has departed now, messages like this are a hard reality. If you would ask the next ten preachers in this city, anyone you want to find, if they could tell you, "Does Satan have a church? Does Satan have a bride? And does Satan have a Bible?" He would be lost beyond belief to try to be able to lay that out for you. I am telling you, as we speak, Satan, like Christ, has a church that is a bride, and Satan, like Christ, has a Bible for that church, just like God has a Bible for His church. This study, this mystery, is nothing more than the following of that church and how the devil uses it all down through history.

#### IV. The Devil's Strategy: Counterfeit, Imitation, and Deception

Here is the major problem we are up against, and this is why messages like this are hard, but this is why, in spite of that, you have to hear it and you have to understand. The biggest problem is this: the greatest trick that Satan ever pulled is to get the world to believe that he does not exist. I know that that has been successful in Bible Christianity. I know it has been successful, and I have seen it for a lot of years, and I have seen it develop for a lot of years. People, if they have any major issue with me, it will be my issue and my stand on the King James Bible. You know my position on it. If somebody comes into the church and they are not fully bought into it yet and

they have something else, I do not care. I know that in time, if you continue to grow, you will see what you need to do, and it is up to God to show you; it is not up to me. But I also know and I also understand that if I did not know that King James was the Word of God any other way, I know it was the absolute infallible Word of God because it is the only Bible on planet earth today that lays out and defines who this church is. It is the only book in the world that does that. Obviously, that is why the devil hates it.

The greatest trick the devil ever pulled is to get everybody to believe that he does not exist. The reason I know that is true is because Baptist churches today do not preach on hell anymore. That is where it is at today. I have always been against Bible colleges. I have always been against Bible colleges because, one, Bible colleges are not New Testament. You do not find anywhere in the New Testament where they are having, the local church's job is to train young men and young ladies for the ministry. When you take them into another organization, and it has nothing to do with the church, then what happened to our young people is what happens to our young people. They grow up into a system that, because it is not a church, it has not the responsibilities of the church. They lose their perspective, and the devil gets into details.

I have looked at the curriculum of over 300 Bible colleges over the years. Never one time did I ever see a class in any of the mainline Bible colleges on the devil's work in manuscript evidence. Never one time in over 30 years of looking at the material have I ever saw a class taught on the devil and his work in church history. Bible colleges have come to the place 30 years ago that they thought the devil died. They thought when it came to the church and the Bible and God's church, the devil just said, "Oh, I am too busy doing other things to mess with that." Consequently, because their emphasis never was on the second most powerful force in your Bible, the first force being God. You know who the second most powerful force is in your Bible and history? It is the devil himself. How could you ever teach anybody about the Bible and the Bible with teaching one but not teaching the other? You cannot. Because they did it, they have raised now a generation of preachers, excuse me, four generations of preachers, that have no concept of what the devil does, how he operates, or what he is going to do.

I tell you over and over and over again that the two greatest chapters in your Bible on the devil in the Old Testament are Job 40 and Job 41. The two greatest chapters in the New Testament are Revelation 12 and 13. You know from our past studies that the whole theme of your Bible is a kingdom, and two men are in pursuit of that kingdom. One of them is the devil's son, the Antichrist. The other one is God's Son, and that is the Lord's Christ. You know the whole Bible breaks down. In fact, you do not go through three chapters in Genesis, and you find the first great prophecy in your Bible. If you want the law first mentioned, the first prophecy of your Bible is in Genesis 3:15, and it is about these two men. One of them has to deal with the seed of a woman. The other one has to deal with the seed of Satan. Your whole Bible, your whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation, is about God's church and the devil's church, and how the devil tries to supersede and get his church in the place of God's church.

I am going to make some terrible statements today. I am going to make some absolutely horrendous statements today. But you know what? I do not know what to tell you. The truth is the truth. Let me tell you one thing I am not worried about today: I am not worried about being

sued in anything that I say today by being slanderous. If after I preach this message, two or three weeks from now, I get a subpoena that I am being sued by a certain church or whoever for slandering their church, here is what I will do. Here is how it will play out: I will call John Reed. John Reed will have my back. John, I will tell you right now, here is how it will play out. I am going to play your role. We will show up for court that day, and John and I will be sitting at the bench, and the other guy will be sitting at the bench with him. The judge will say, "John, do you want to present, or counselor, do you want to present your evidence?" And John will say, "Yes, sir, Your Honor, we do." And he will say, "Well, would you bring it up to the bench here and enter it in as evidence?" And John will say, "Well, Your Honor, I just cannot do that at this time." He will say, "Well, are you not prepared?" And he says, "Oh, I am fully prepared." And he says, "Well, then why can you not enter the evidence?" And he says, "Well, the reason why I cannot enter the evidence is because it will not fit in the courtroom. But if it would please the court and please Your Honor, I would like to at least visually show you the evidence, and then Your Honor can decide how you want to enter it in." And the judge says, "What are you talking about, counselor?" And he says, "If Your Honor would please come over here to the window and look down the street here, Your Honor, there are 20 40-foot tractor-trailer trucks. Your 40-foot tractor-trailer trucks are found in the records of history from every library in the United States. Your Honor, they are not religious books. Your Honor, they are secular books written by a wide variety. Your Honor, over half those books are written by the church that the other party says that we are slandering. Your Honor, I would like to enter these 20 trucks, 40-foot trucks packed to the top, as evidence, and you are going to have to go triple on some of these, Your Honor, because we have a lot of them.

You know the greatest defense against slander? It is the truth. The reason why what I am telling you this morning and what I am giving you this morning—somebody said, "Well, you know what, you Baptists, you are against all the other religions in the world." No, not at all. You are wrong. But I am interested in truth. What we are going to do today could be proved in any court of law in 15 minutes with not one shred of evidence ever written by any Baptist. This is not a Baptist issue. So I want you to get that clear. This is a historical issue. This is not a sermon this morning. I am not preaching to you. I am presenting you a documentation. That is all I am doing. I am not even preaching. I do not think I am going to preach. I am just going to document and give you a—I mean, just close your eyes, sit back, and think you are on the Discovery Channel. That is how it will work.

In your Bible, you have two systems that are laid out very clearly. The first one is in Proverbs chapter 1, and the Bible talks about a wise man. That wise man will be a man that gets the Word of God, follows the Word of God, and stays true to the Word of God. Then you will have in Proverbs 2:12 the counter to that, an evil man. An evil man will represent the political, the military, and the science, and all of the structure of the world that goes against God and the Bible. Everything that unsaved man ever came up with, every government, every political structure, every military power, every scientific institute, whatever the case, they fall into that evil man category. The evil man is always against the wise man because the wise man represents God, the evil man represents the devil. In fact, the evil man personified in the book of Proverbs

is the Antichrist. We do not have time to get into that. That is another good Thursday night question.

Then you have also in the book of Proverbs, the other half of the system. You have a virtuous woman in Proverbs chapter 31. That virtuous woman is connected to the wise man. That virtuous woman is a woman that has lived by the principles of the Word of God, a picture of the church. She has lived by the principles, loved the principles, and therefore the Bible says she is virtuous. Of course, the other counter to that, found in Proverbs chapter 5, Proverbs chapter 7, and Proverbs 2:16, will be the whorish woman. The whorish woman in the book of Proverbs, throughout your Bible, will always represent religion, in particular, Babylon religion.

Here is what you have: the evil man in your Bible will represent the political, he will represent the scientific, the military side of things in history that are always against God. That will be nations, political systems, political corruption, and all the stuff that goes along with it. All the "ologies" of man—psychology, psychiatry, all the sciences, all the "ologies" of man—fall under the evil man. They exist for one purpose: that is to destroy truth in your life and hide the Word of God from you. The evil woman will always represent religion, always represent religion. That is why in all the false religions that you are going to study down through history, they will all have female deities associated with them. They will all have Christ, and they will all have a woman that is equal with Christ. It is just as simple as that. You are going to see it in a moment.

Because of this and all that we have here, then what you are up against is the fact that this mystery is absolutely lost today. Sometimes people do not know it. They do not understand it. In fact, I have said this before that the only thing that is going to keep the body of Christ, the church of Jesus Christ—the only thing, it is so messed up and shot through and so absolutely lost—the only thing that will keep, in my mind, by my thinking the thing through, the only thing, is my own personal opinion. The only thing that will keep the church, the body of Christ, from lining up with the Antichrist is the Rapture of the Church. The body of Christ today, for the most part, could not discern the evil man from the good wise man and the virtuous woman from the whorish woman if they stayed up all night with a laser beam and a flashlight. They have lost the concept, and consequently, this is why this message is going to be so hard for many of you. The mystery is simply this: How does the devil control the world from Genesis chapter 1, 2, and 3 right up to 2006? The answer is, he does it through religion.

Here is the background we have to get to, and you have to see this before we get into the meat of this thing. The devil works and the devil survived down through history three ways:

- 1.) He does it by counterfeit.
- 2.) He does it by imitation.
- 3.) He does it by deception.

He counterfeits things. He imitates things, and because he looks so close to the original, people get deceived by it. I had a man one time that was a friend of mine that worked for the Treasury Department. I have not seen him for years, but I always enjoyed talking with him, and he worked in the counterfeit section. He would tell me stories of how the people would try to counterfeit money. I would just be enthralled by his stories because some of the absolutely ridiculous things

that people would pass off for real money, and yet some of them, it became an art that they crafted the plates that were absolutely almost undetectable. Of course, the federal government does all kinds of things that throw them off: the paper and different things that they use, and the colors that you cannot get, and all that stuff. I asked him, "Wow," I said, "How do you keep up on it, Jim?" I said, "How in the world do you keep up? I mean, there is always somebody out there thinking ahead of you." I said, "How do you stay up on all the counterfeit techniques that you are able to study all the different techniques?" And he says, "Well, that is not how we do it." He said, "We could never do that." He said, "You misunderstand. We do not teach our people all the different counterfeit traits and then how to look for all the different phonies. What we do is we tell them to study a real, 100% honest-to-goodness hundred-dollar bill. Study what is real, and study what is real, and study what is real, and study what is real, and when something that is phony shows up alongside of it, it will stick out like a sore thumb." That is how they do it, and I say the same thing to you: you study what is real, you study what is real, you study what is real, and everything in life that is phony shows up alongside of it.

Now, I cannot take responsibility that you have not studied what is real. I know that everybody, and that is not a criticism, I know that some of you are just getting into it, and some of you are on your way to studying what is real. But my point is this: you will never point out the phoniness of anything until you understand what the real, genuine article is, and that is just simply the way it is. So we know that the devil, he counterfeits, and when he counterfeits, then he imitates, and when he counterfeits and imitates, it looks so good to the real thing that because people do not know what the real thing is anymore, they get deceived. That is why I say it: if we were teaching this documentary back in 1800, it would not even be an issue here. That is why everybody knew what the real thing was. It is only from 1800 to the day that we live in that God's people, in those few short years—I know it sounds like a lot of time—in those few short years have lost what is real, and therefore they are being deceived by what is not real.

Now, the devil, he counterfeits, he imitates, he deceives. The Bible says in Job 41:12, one of those great chapters back there that lays out the devil, God Himself says about the devil, "I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion." What are parts? Parts would be the nations. It would be the people. It would be the structure of things that the devil uses. What is his power? That would be his religion. That would be his political motivation. That would be his military power. That is his power. What is his comely proportion? That is that what he is doing looks really good. Comely means ordinary. Comely means it looks good. Comely means like one in a series. Comely means that they all look alike. The Bible says that God will not conceal the devil's parts. God will reveal the nations and the people that are connected with him. He will not conceal his power. He will define the religions, the political motivation, and the military power. The Bible says no matter how good the devil makes it look, and now I am preaching, no matter how good the devil lays it out and how concise he imitates it and he counterfeits it, the Bible says God will show you the difference. Proverbs 16:25 says simply this: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." See? It looks so good. It looks absolutely perfect. It looks like it is the real article, but when you put it alongside the real one, it is not.

Now watch how simple this is. The devil's job is to counterfeit. His job is to imitate. His job is to deceive. The Bible's job is to reveal the devil's parts, power, and comely proportion. In that simplistic concept, there is only one way for the devil to survive. There is only one way for him to survive up against God. That simply is, he has to get rid of the genuine article that reveals who he is. That is an oversimplification, but simply this: what the devil wants to do, and what he has done, is he has simply, in Bible-believing churches, he has replaced—oh, this is tough. If you are listening to this and somebody gave you this tape, I know right now you are going to get a bad case of diarrhea, but I am sorry. Here it comes. You probably need it. Here it comes. What he has done in Bible-believing, forget everybody else, what he has done in Bible-believing Baptist churches who are meeting around this city today, around this state, and around this country, who are singing songs to the praise of Jesus, who are talking about all the great things that Jesus does, who are doing everything that is supposed to be done—what the devil did in Christ's church was take his Bible and get it into God's church. Now, how do you think God looks at that?

You know the beauty part of that is, you say things like that, and somebody says, "You know what the funny thing is? You could not defend your position if your life depended on it. You are as lost as a golf ball in high weed, pal. You have no idea. You just do not like what you hear. It offended you." You know why it offended you? Because maybe you have your own deceits in it yourself. Nobody likes to be deceived. Maybe you have families that are deceived. Maybe you have people in your life or your friends that are deceived. Maybe it is just the fact that, "My God, if somebody knows you believe that, people are going to get upset with you." Hey, you know what? Truth is truth. I mean everything I am saying. Look out the window, Your Honor. Six 20-truckloads. You have no leg to stand on. But you see, that is where we are at. We do not like that. We do not like truth. We do not like hard truth. Somebody was telling me the other day about the Sodom and Gomorrah deal. You know what? She saw a thing on TV about Sodom and Gomorrah, and they are telling the whole world, "Everybody, God did not destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of homosexuality. He destroyed it because of there not being generous people." Is that right? Now, yeah, it is wrong. It is wrong. But how many people would like to hear that? How many people would like to hear that? How many people would just like to go out of there saying, "Wow, I feel better about that. I just, I just, I never did understand how God, who is such a loving God, who would keep people who just because they were born that way, who come up and just wanted to embrace an alternative lifestyle. I just never could understand. Now I know he did not kill them for being perverts. He just killed them because they were not generous." You are all laughing. But you know why you are all laughing? Because you have a little nudge of truth in you. You are laughing. The rest of the world out there are saying, "I want to order that video. I really like that. I needed that. Boy, that makes me feel good." You know why? Nobody likes anything that is controversial today, especially God's people. They do not want to get involved in controversy. I am telling you, the only way the devil can survive is to take his Bible, get rid of God's Bible, and as best as he can in the world, he tries to get his church to be the true church, and where he knows that will never work, he says, "All right, keep your church, just take my Bible." If you do not understand that truth, let me tell you something: you are not going very far in life with the child of God. You say, "Maybe not right now, but four or five years from now, you will be watching the same TV program and saying, 'Boy, I really like that.'" You are on your way down.

Here is the mystery: how the devil replaced God's church and God's Bible with his church and his Bible.

## V. Historical Progression of God's Plan vs. Satan's Opposition

Let us get a quick historical perspective, and then we are going to move right to this. You need to see this. The historical perspective is this: Genesis chapter 1, 2, and 3, you know what happened. God sets His plan in order. Watch the event, just like I talked about. Genesis 1, 2, and 3, God puts His plan in order. Let us make it real simple. Genesis 1, 2, and 3, God puts His plan in order. Genesis 4, 5, and 6, the devil steps in to stop that plan. And he did. He shows up in Genesis chapter 3. What did he do in Genesis chapter 3? God had given Eve His exact words, and the devil said, "Eve, let me give you my words." And then the devil changed the word that God had given to Eve. See how easy it starts? Who said the Bible is tough? So in chapter 4, 5, and 6, we see the devil stops the plan. We see Adam and Eve. We see Cain. We see Cain kill Abel. We see the devil taking over. Cain's line comes on. We see the flood. We see the sons of God. Finally, God comes down in Genesis chapter 6, wipes out the world with a flood.

What happens in Genesis chapter 7? God puts His plan back in order again. Did you ever notice the commission given to Noah in Genesis chapter 9, the same commission given to Adam back there? Same exact commission. God stopped it, wiped it out, and said, "Okay, we are going to go with this thing again." And He kicked that thing into power. Off it goes, and bang, you are not down there. Two chapters, and the devil stops the plan again. You know how he stopped the plan again? Genesis 10:10, where he stopped the first time with Cain. He stopped it a second time with the second city, Ham. Here we have the first mention of Babylon in your Bible. From Babylon is where all this stuff starts. You know what Genesis is from Genesis chapter 11 to Genesis chapter 50? It is so easy. I just gave you a whole new slant on the book of Genesis if you are paying attention. Genesis chapter 1, 2, 3, God puts His plan in order. Genesis 4, 5, 6, the devil stopped that plan. Again in 7, 8, 9, and in order, chapter 10, the devil stops it again. And chapter 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, right on down through the last chapter in Genesis is nothing more than God building up His nation of people and the devil building up his nation of people. It is as simple as that.

Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, you know what you have? You have the calling out of God's nation. Where are they going? Where did God call them out to? Somebody says they are going to the Promised Land. That is true. Somebody said they are going out there to Canaan's land. True. Did you ever wonder why it was called Canaan's land? Did you ever stop and consider that? Probably not. Canaan is in a line of Cain. Why in the world did God call His people out to the land of Palestine, the land grant given to Abraham? Why did God call it Canaan's land? Why did He call it Cain's land? I will tell you why. Because while Israel is down there in Egypt 430 years, and God is building them as a nation, you know what the devil is doing? He is taking all his crowd and he is putting them down there because he knows where God is going to take them. He is putting all the descendants of Cain down on the land. So when they come out and they start to go to that land, when they get to those borders, those spies come

back and they say, "Whoa, you ought to see what is over there. There are giants over there. We look like grasshoppers in their sight." Cain comes from Cain, and they settle right in the middle of God's land. For 400 years, while they are down in Egypt, the devil puts them down there, fortifies them, and he is going to make sure that when God's nation comes out of that place called Egypt and heads to that Promised Land, he is going to keep them out.

What is your whole Bible about? Your whole Bible is about Israel for the next 500 years having to deal with these nations that surrounded Israel and are used by the devil for one purpose: to wipe out the nation of Israel. Hey, nothing has changed today. In 1948, you know what happened on May the 11th? Israel signed the thing that made them a nation. At midnight, they signed it. At 12:01, they were attacked. You know what they were attacked by? They were attacked by the Arab League. You know who the Arab League was? They were the seven nations. You know what seven nations they were? They were the same seven nations that Joshua faced when he went into the land back in the book of Joshua. Not a thing changed. You know right now we are looking at Iran. Iran is going to start, and if they have not already, very quickly, they are going to have nuclear weapons. They are going to have nuclear weapons for one reason: they want to wipe out Israel. They will never get a rocket that will come to us, but they will get a rocket that will go to Israel. They are in existence for one reason: they want to wipe out the nation of Israel. You have now, just in the last couple of weeks, in the Palestinian territory, you have Hamas now in power. Hamas is against the nation of Israel. They live every day and breathe every day to destroy the nation of Israel. Somebody looks at that and they say, "Wow, look what is going on." Hey, my friend, go back to Genesis 15:18-21. God told Abraham before he ever took one step who the nations were going to be that were waiting for him, and those are the nations that are waiting for him today. Now, if you do not know that, I do not know how to help you. I am trying to help you.

They fight these nations in Joshua. They fight him in Judges. They fight him in 1 Samuel, and they fight him up to 2 Samuel. David comes on the throne, and when David comes on the throne, he wipes out the last of the Canaanites out of the land. When David comes to power, he wipes out the last of the enemies of Israel that the devil put in there back there when they were in Egypt. They are gone. He kicks the last remnants out: the Philistines, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Jebusites, all of those nations. He kills the last remaining remnants, and then Solomon comes to power, and when Solomon comes to power, there are no enemies left to fight. David has subdued them all. Here is a great principle: then we enter into 40 years of rest in Israel where there are no nations to fight.

## VI. The Rise of Baal Worship and its Characteristics

Now I want to tell you something, and you better get this. Once you understand that history from Genesis to Revelation is nothing more than about these two men, Christ and the devil, and their seeds, once you realize that, everything else in the Bible goes together, and all the stuff you hear on CNN, ABC, CBS is absolutely worthless. Once you realize that what you are dealing with here is Satan by imitation and deception, and God revealing those things so we and Israel do not get caught in the trap, once you see and understand that, then you realize that down through

history what you want to look for next is you want to find where the devil switches from one to the other. Where he goes from the political, the military, to the religious. And anywhere he goes from the religious back to the military. You see, that is what throws everybody off. When you do not have the Bible, you do not know the Bible. It is like going to a football game and not knowing the players. You see all these guys running up and down with numbers, and you hear somebody running down there, and you think he is a good player because he just made 500 touchdowns. But until you buy the program that says what he is, where he is from, where he went to school, get his stats, get his performance record, then you say, "Wow, he is a good player. First-round draft choice out of wherever, wherever, right?" That is your program of life right here. It tells you who the players are. It tells you what school they graduated from. It tells you what pick they were in the devil's or God's draft choice. The whole thing.

So when you look at that, you begin to see that what you do in history is you find. Now here we are. Up to this point, they come out of Egypt after 400 years. Joshua takes them to the land, and they have to fight those literal, visible nations of Cain. David kills the last one. There are no more nations to fight. Solomon has 40 years on the throne by which he never has to fight a person. So when the devil knows that he cannot use a nation to destroy the nation of Israel, this is the first switch in the Bible, and now he goes from the military political side of all these nations, and now he switches to the religious side. What he could not do to destroy Israel through all the armies of all the other nations, he now destroys Israel through their religion. Enter Baal worship from Babylon.

Baal worship was always in existence. The devil, through his counterfeiting and imitating and his deception, uses what works for him best. All these nations that we have talked about were all in Baal worship. But you never saw Baal worship come to the forefront. Baal worship was the worship of Satan, and they were his nation. But he needed the political armies to smash Israel, not the religion. Once David wiped out the nations and there are no armies left, he just changes gears and brings in the religion. Great lesson, another good Thursday night question. The most susceptible time you have to Satan and being messed up in your life is when you are out of the battle. I have a message sometime I will teach you called "David's Fatal Furlough." The Bible says in David's little story back there, there was a time that the kings went to war. David stayed home. Enter Bathsheba. Here is your "get out of the fight."

Now we come to the key spot in history, and we look, we see what Baal worship is. Before we go any farther, I want to define Baal worship for you. Baal worship starts in Genesis chapter 10 with a man named Nimrod. Nimrod's name means "son of rebellion." He is the first type of Antichrist in your Bible. Baal worship is the worship of the sun, as the sun god. You are going to find that connected with the worship of the sun god was the worship of bulls, hence the word Baal. Baal means "bull." Here is basically how it worked: they thought the sun was the principal author of life, that all life came from the sun, so they made that the male deity. They saw the moon, and the moon follows the sun around the sky, therefore and reflects the light of the sun, therefore they made her the female part of the deity. All this leads to the deification of the sun, the moon, and the planets, and then because of the sun and the moon and all the things that go along with that, you find that the female counterpart is likened to Asterisk or Venus, goddess of

love, depending on which country and what version of Baal worship you have. They all bring in sexual activity into the religious service.

Now here is how it works. Nimrod, who the Bible says was a mighty hunter, he actually lives and he dies, and he leaves behind a wife named Semiramis, who after his death has a baby boy, which she claims she has as an immaculate conception by the gods. She claims this boy is Nimrod reborn, who has been supernaturally conceived by an immaculate conception. She says that this reborn Nimrod, who was the son that she had from the gods, is now the promised seed. She now says that because Nimrod has now become the sun god, we need to worship the sun god through his son and through his mother. So we find the first female deification, we find the first son and the first mother deification of the mother and the son that you have to worship to get to the god. See where this is going?

Now it gets better than that. Nimrod, though dead, has become the sun, and we worship him through his mother and child. We come to the book of Judges. The book of Judges kind of brings us through, and my, my, my, Baal worship has certainly developed. Now we are worshipping the sun, we are worshipping all kinds of female deities, now we are in virgin-born children. You think the first virgin-born child recorded in history was Jesus? Well, He literally was the first virgin-born child, but there have been many counterfeits before He ever showed up. Nimrod and his little deal back here with his mama, then you have Isis and Osiris by the Egyptians. History has got no less than 50 women who have claimed to have an immaculate conception and brought forth a child by the gods, and that god becomes the son of god, and because that woman brought forth that child from a sun god, she becomes the mother of god. See how nice it works?

At the time we get to the book of Judges, and you can look this up in the Bible, Baal worship now has priests. You will find them in Judges 17 and 18. These priests who are running around like to be called "father" by their parishioners. You will find it in Judges 17:10 and Judges 18:19. If you are listening to this tape, before you run out and scream and cry at heresy and take your clothes off and howl at the moon on a full moon night, read Judges 17 and 18, Judges 17:10 and 18:19. Do not take my word for it. Before you blow your brains over the wall because you just cannot stand truth, look at truth for a moment. These men who are called "father," who are priests of Baal, worshipping the sun god, who have female and male deities that they worship together as part of their service, they wear a special suit of clothes. They are black clothes with a white collar that represents the purity of the sun versus the whole thing is found in Judges 17:10. Their special suit of clothes identify them as the priests. So you can see that there is a difference between the priesthood and the common people. These priests, Judges 17:5, have a house, a church, a temple where all the people meet. It is called a house of gods because as you walk down this temple, it is filled with statues of all the gods that you give reverence to, and these gods are aged in worshipping the true God. This is all in Judges.

Now, at the center of this worship is human sacrifice. At the center of Baal worship, the main concept of Baal worship is human sacrifice. You will find in places like Psalms 14:4, Psalm 16:4, Daniel 7:5, Hosea 13, Micah 3:1-3, Isaiah 6:9-13, Psalm 44:19-22, Psalm 44:11, Deuteronomy 32:31, you will find numerous references to somebody drinking somebody's blood in a drink service offering to their gods. You will find somebody eating somebody's literal body in their

worship service. Baal worship in the Old Testament was about as black and bleak and about as ungodly as anything you could ever get into. Baal worship in the Old Testament was simply run by these black-robed priests called "father" who worshiped a female deity and her son, who demanded human sacrifice, and the human sacrifice, they drank their blood in a cup and they ate their body as a reference to or as a worship's part to the sun god.

Now we have the word "cannibal," and people speak the English language today, but people do not know the English language, and that is unfortunate. The funniest thing in the world to me is a person who says, "Well, you know what, I just do not like the King James Bible because of all them words that nobody understands." When somebody tells me that, I know right off the bat—now I understand, give it a break that some people are just very young in their Christian faith. But I have had men who knew better tell me that. I have had women who knew better tell me that. You know what that tells me about you? That tells me you are one debauched person. You know why that is? Because the English language in 1611 was the purest form of the time that the English language ever was. That is why Shakespeare was written in the quote-unquote Elizabethan English is a classic today. Not because of "Oh, Eureka, I knew him well," but because of the language that it is written in, that is the purest form of the English language that made it a masterpiece. The English language today is an absolute abscess of the true language. For you to love the unpure language more than you love the pure language says something about you, pal, and you not taking the time to figure it out. You no more know about who wins what ball game and what the scores are. Some of you know how to make meth better. Some of you know how to steal a car better. Some of you know how to do everything in the world better than you know your own language that God gave you. Then you wonder what your problem is. The problem is you are living in a toilet bowl which very soon is going to be flushed. But until it is flushed, we are in the middle of corruption. For somebody to make an absolute asinine statement, "Well, I just do not like a Bible that has a"—let me translate it—"a Bible that has a pure language because I like the filthy old language that I live in today." What a statement. What a statement of ignorance. I had a lady tell me that one time. I looked at her like she said something. I looked her back in the eye and said, "Ma'am, I said, you embrace stupidity as if it was a virtue. Why is that? I do not understand that." I have one language I speak. I know a little Spanish: Nacho Belgrande, Macho Villa. I know a little Spanish. I know a little German. But my language is English. I learned that if I am going to read a Bible that God wrote and written, bang! I love English. When God wrote that book, I liked it. I did not say I was an English major. I am an English private. But I understand why God did what He did when He did it. I am not such a fool that I think that this language that we have today has anything to do with the purity that when God wrote that book. Now I am not saying we all go back speaking that way. I am just saying I need to understand the difference between the two. I need to understand it because a pure God would write a pure book in a pure language. It is as simple as that.

When you come back through here and you see this, you find the word "cannibal." The word "cannibal" is a combination of two words. "Canna" is Latin for "meat." "Cannibal." The "bull" is "Baal." The word "cannibal," someone that ate a human body, goes back to its English concept to Baal worship in the Old Testament. Meeting meat for Baal equals cannibal. Now, why do you not know that? I do not understand. If you have been saved five years or more, why do you not know

that? I mean, do you not think that is just a little important? You know what you have by the time? I am telling you, when the devil decided to change gears, and Solomon, when he came to the point where there were no more battles to fight, and the devil knew that he could not defeat Israel anymore by nations, he brought in Baal worship, and when he brought in Baal worship, it destroyed the nation of Israel. By the time we get to, and you can read it for yourself, I will take my word for it in 2 Kings chapter 23. By the time you get to 2 Kings chapter 23, when Israel is on her way down, you know what the official religion of Israel is? It is Baal worship. God is not anywhere to be found. God is not mentioned. God is not loved. The Word of God is out the window.

Here is what you have when Solomon falls down, and we are going to see it in a moment. By the time we get to 2 Kings 23, here is what the nation of Israel, God's people, and I am preaching now, the greatest nation on the face of this planet, here is what they are into: the temple of God where the Holy of Holies were supposed to be, where God met with men, is now a temple for Baal. They have an altar with a sunburst. Black-robed priests called "father" do their ministry and do their work. Oh yeah, read it for yourselves. The temple is the center of the religion. You will find that as you come down through it and study for yourself up through here, another little offshoot of this temple is where the sodomites are. You know what sodomites are? They are queers. All the sexuality has now become part of the religion, an accepted part of the religion. Hello! We are in Deuteronomy, Leviticus. If you had a man that was a queer, a straight guy, you killed him. It was not an alternative lifestyle you chose. It was an alternative way you were dead. They stoned him. They dug a hole, put him down, and said, "Hey, try this on for whack." They killed him. No, I know that is not popular today, and we think that it is acceptable today. Hey, you know what? This is not a message. I am just giving you a documentary. Look it up for yourself.

So you had a section where the sodomites were. You know what sodomites do? The law in the books today called sodomy, it was based on this verse and based on Sodom and Gomorrah. Then you had men that were connected with this religion who were called temple prostitutes. Their job was to maintain the main focus of the worship because remember now with the sun and the moon and them chasing each other around and the god of love and Asterisk and Venus. You know Venus in blue jeans? Well, you see her downtown selling pencils on the street because she lost her arms. The temple prostitutes are there. As you come to the church service and you worship God, you have sex with the temple prostitutes. If that was not your fancy and, oh yeah, read it for yourselves. If that was not your alternative lifestyle, then they had another section off of that is where the animals were. You could have sex with your individual particular animal. Now you think that is weird? Let me tell you something. I saw a thing in a magazine a couple of weeks ago. It talked about that all you have to do is get on the internet and type in "sex with animals." Not only are there websites that talk about it, there are whole clubs that get together for the purpose of having sexual relationships with animals. They will tell you the different kind of sheep or whatever the case may be that will—right out in Utah just a couple of months ago, there was a guy that died because he went to a ranch in a club that you could have sex with a horse. Now we have come a long way from Gene Autry and Yippee-Ki-Yay.

You had sex with the animals, you paid a fee. You had sex with the temple prostitute, you paid a fee. You had sex with a sodomite, you paid a fee. That money came back in and funded the new building program or the expansion of the ministry, whatever the case. Now, part of the sex with the temple prostitutes was to produce children. Let me read for you.

*1 Kings 11:1-4*

*1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;*

*2 Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.*

*3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.*

*4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.*

You see what he is doing? When he did not have a war to fight, he is the leader of Israel, the wisest man that ever lived. When he did not have a battle to fight, he starts bringing all these women here from all these other nations when he was told not to. Let us see what happens.

*1 Kings 11:5-6*

*5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.*

*6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father.*

There she is, goddess of fertility. See? The goddess of the Zidonians. Ashtoreth, by the way, is what you just cannot wait to get to on Easter morning. Easter is the word for Ashtoreth. There is no New Testament Christian anywhere in the New Testament that ever went anywhere to worship Ashtoreth at 6 o'clock in the morning, let alone worship him at 3 o'clock in the afternoon or 10 o'clock. That comes in a little bit later. That is part of Baal worship. Now here you have it. You have the churches with the devil's Bible. What do you think God feels about when you go to church on Easter morning and you think you are worshiping God, and God looks at it and knows exactly who you are worshiping? What do you think about that? Does that bother you at all? Or are you just too focused on, "Well, I cannot leave that church. My grandpa put that first pew back in back there, and it has got his plaque on it and his name on it, given by my grandpa, and I am not leaving. I do not, that is my church." "Well, my grandpa, he put the commode back here when we were building this church, and I am not leaving." Well, take the commode with you. Probably an American Standard anyhow.

We see that this whole thing breaks down, and he says that when he is old, his first five sons of God went after Ashtoreth, the god of the Adonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the

Ammonites, and Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord and went not fully after the Lord as did David. The whole thing collapsed. Now you know what they do? They replace God, they replace the temple worship, they replace the priest with the black-robed "father," they have the female deity, they have the temple prostitute, nuns, and they have everything ready to go. And now what they are doing is having—oh yeah, I know you do not like that, do you? I know you do not like that. You know what your problem is? You do not do anything but take drugs. You drink beer. You eat big fat pretzels. That is your job. You never took the time to find out that in Spain in 1863, you had a Roman Catholic monastery over here and a nuns' convent over here, and when they tore it—go to the library—when they tore it down, they found a tunnel from one to the other and 400 baby skeletons. Do not you tell me bugwit. I compared it with the real thing. The fact that you are a dope head druggie who is off in La La Land, that is not my problem. I am telling you. The fact that you like to fornicate your life away outside of marriage is your deal, not mine. I am interested in the truth. Skeletons. Do not you tell me bugwit. I compared it with the real thing. The fact that you are a dope head druggie who is off in La La Land, that is not my problem. I am telling you. The fact that you like to fornicate your life away outside of marriage is your deal, not mine. I am interested in the truth.

Here is what happened. They went into the temple. They had sex with the temple prostitutes. Those babies then were born, and they took those babies. When you read it in the Bible, called the fire of Molech, the valley of Hinnom, passed through the fire. They take those little babies. The fire of Molech was a big bronze god that was after the god Molech, the fire god. It was about 40 feet tall, made out of bronze with a hollow stomach, mechanical hands. They built a fire in his stomach, let it get burning and raging fire. They took those, and the whole brass thing was red hot. They took that little baby and they put him in the arms of Molech. While they beat on the drums, they cried out the screams. While they all danced around and gave homage to all their gods, they cranked those hands in, and that baby was dumped into the belly of that brass god. That is what the Bible says, "Do not let your children pass through the fire of Molech." The whole system was demonic. The whole system was corruption. The whole system was about human sacrifice, drinking of blood, eating of bodies, and then taking the little babies, sacrificing them to their god.

## VII. The Shift to Roman Catholicism

We see during this time the devil shifts from the military, political, to religion. He knows that you can wipe out a nation, but you cannot wipe out a religion. The rest of 1st and 2nd Chronicles, from this point on, is Baal worship just absolutely destroying the nation of Israel. Israel slides into apostasy, ungodliness. They reject the God of Israel, the Bible of Israel, and Baal worship comes in. I will tell you what, the rest of reading those books is nothing more than the debauchery and the filthiness and the ungodliness. God sends the minor and the major prophets to them to try to bring them back to God, but they are totally gone. They have rejected God's Word, they have rejected God's concept, and now they have completely amassed themselves into the unbelievable ungodliness of Baal worship.

You know what happens in 606 and 721 BC? Time for the Gentiles to start. Nebuchadnezzar, God has had enough. Nebuchadnezzar comes down, takes them captive, wipes out, destroys Jerusalem. Then here again, the devil shifts his plan, where now he was doing religion, now he is going back to the nations. All religion is still there, but his main focus now is going to be political and military. For the next 300 years, up to the time of Christ, what we have now is nations. Baal worship, Baal-honoring nations. We have Nebuchadnezzar, 606 BC; Persia, 536 BC; Greece, 330 BC; and Rome, 300 BC, which brings us right up to the first coming of Christ.

When we come to the first coming of Christ, the devil shifts from religion as the main tool back to the political and military. All that time he runs through the nations. He runs the world through nations. They worship him, and religion is behind the scenes. Now it is the political, and he absolutely, through the armies and through the military power. This is the time of great military conquest. You saw the movie Troy; it is during this period of time. The movie Alexander the Great during this period of time. This is the battle of the great Roman battles, the battle of philosophy, and all of those concepts. All those great historical battles take place during this time period when the devil now has backed off from religion and has taken over the world control again through nations, political, and military.

From 33 AD to 300 AD, the devil now takes it militarily. We have the first coming of Christ. We see it. Rome is in power. She has control of the Promised Land. The devil again, through counterfeit, imitation, and deception, has destroyed the whole concept. When Christ dies, the devil begins to see Christianity is coming on the scene. For the first 300 years after Christ went back to heaven, the devil tries to wipe out Christianity with the military and the political. Rome is in power. Rome takes Christians, puts them down in the Colosseums, let the gladiators hack them to pieces. They take Christians, put them down in the arena, let the lions and the wild animals tear them apart. The Roman emperors used of true Satan, and they all worship Baal, all worship the same thing, but that is not their focus. Their focus is military power. What they do, they are in control, and they take these Christians by the hundreds of thousands, and they kill them down in the arena. I mean, Nero, one of the most pagan, demon-possessed Roman emperors that ever saw in his life. He loved the chariot races, and he was so busy during the day that he could not hold the chariot races during the day, so he decided to hold them at night. Back then, they did not have electricity. They did not have a way to light the racetrack. So you know what he did? He got a great idea. He took your heritage, Bible-believing men and women who believed exactly what you believe. For three or four days before his scheduled race, he soaked them in tar and pitch while they were alive. At the right time, he strapped them to light poles all around that thing, and because he had soaked them in pitch and tar, they burned longer. While they were alive, he lit them on fire, and while they were burning to death and after they are dead, he watched the chariot races at their expense. "May we have the stadium lights on, please." You know what? Some of you could care less. Some of you will not even think about that past this afternoon. Some of you will not think about it past what I just said. You are out of it, man. You are on your own. It shows.

Well, the devil learned something. Here is where he switches again. He knows now that Rome, which is the military political power, is about to collapse on itself. She has been in existence now

for almost 400 years, and she is so messed up and so ungodly that the whole system is breaking in and turning on itself and collapsing. He knows that in just a few short years that the Germanic hordes are going to come out of Europe and going to sack Rome. He knows that a guy by the name of Attila the Hun and his son down the line, a little bit later on, are going to come in and wipe out Rome. So what does he do? He switches again. He switches again. In 300 AD, we see how the devil makes probably the most masterful switch that you ever saw in your life. In 300 AD, here is what he does: he takes and he changes one more time from the political to the religious, from the military to the religious. He does it through one of the greatest emperors that the world has ever seen, if you like demon-possessed, sex-crazed, hell-bound emperors, the Emperor Constantine.

You know what? I told you earlier that the problem in this world today, and why I have no respect for Bible colleges and most people that teach the Bible, is simply because if you read the books in church history by Philip Schaff, by the way, which is seven volumes, which is the standard teaching in every Bible college on the face of this planet today, or Newell's book, which is two volumes, or any volume out there, when it comes to Constantine the Great, they think that he is the greatest king since Billy Graham. They think Constantine was the greatest spiritual influence in the world. Constantine was nothing more than—well, you be the judge, just let me tell you the story. Constantine is in charge of all of Rome. He is the emperor. His headquarters is in Constantinople. Back then it is called Byzantium, modern-day Istanbul today in Turkey. He is looking at all of this, and he knows the handwriting on the wall. So you know what he does? He says, "You know what? I am going to go out here and fight this battle." So in 313 AD at the Battle of Milvian Bridge, he is outnumbered greatly. He goes to bed that night, and he has a dream. He gets up in the middle of the night, and he walks out of the tent, and he sees in the sky a big cross. A voice says, "With this sign, thou shalt conquer." Well, he has had a vision from God, see. So what he does is he runs down the street, and he gets all of his people together. They paint crosses on the shields and on the horses and on their helmets and on everything. He says, "Boy," he says, "we are going to win this. God told me." You know what? They actually win the battle. From that point on, Constantine is now Christian. So he wants to get all of it together.

Now you have to remember that Baal worship has been floating around here all the time, and it has spread its work into Christianity, and it has destroyed much of the Christian church. To make a long story short, there are two lines very clearly now in history. One of them is God, one of them is the devil. Constantine comes in. He calls the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, and he says, "Hey boys," he says, "I am a Christian now, and I want to make this thing a church. Let us bring everybody together. Can't we just all get along? Let us everybody come on into the church, bring all your traditions, bring everything." That is why all the ungodliness comes in the church. That is when Easter, Ashtoreth, comes in. That is when all the other things we have talked about come in. Well, Constantine, he sets up a bishop on the throne in Rome, and he goes back to Byzantium. Hence, we have the first pope in history. We see with Constantine the beginning of switching from Old Testament Baal worship to New Testament Baal worship. Old Testament Baal worship, New Testament Baal worship is now conveniently called Roman Catholicism. We see the same black-robed priest. We see the same concept in every aspect. We see almost overnight, almost overnight, the pagan temples now become churches. The black-robed, Baal-like priest who liked

to be called "father" now become priests. The civets, which were like the mayors of the Roman Empire, become the little parish priests. The Roman Senate becomes the bishops. The Roman Cardinals become the archbishops. The Roman Emperor, he becomes the pope. Just like that. Now the heathen beads become Christian beads, and the heathen incense becomes Catholic nonsense, and off we go. Nothing changed. Absolutely nothing changed. Roman Catholicism as you find it today is the New Testament version of the Old Testament Baal worship.

Now, if you have a problem with that, it is because, one, you do not know anything about history, you do not know anything about the Bible, and you are just going through life as blind as a bat trying to back in backwards. You do not understand the issues of history. You are told in Revelation 2 and 3 that this church is where Satan's seat is. It is where he dwells. It has his doctrine.

## VIII.Revelation 17 and the Identification of Babylon

Do not take my word for it. Come over back to Revelation 17. Now we are going to use your Bible real quickly. I want to read it in nine verses, and we are almost done. Here we go.

*Revelation 17:1-9*

*1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:*

*2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

*3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

*4 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:*

*5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

*6 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.*

*7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.*

*8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*

*9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.*

All right, let us just look at it. Verse 2 says that this church committed spiritual fornication with the kings and nations all down through history. As part of their worship, there is only one church that did that in history: the Roman Catholic Church, sorry. Verse 4, the official colors are purple and scarlet. Just happened to be the official colors of the Roman Catholic Church, sorry. Look at verse 4, "decked with gold and precious stones." The richest church in this world is the Roman Catholic Church. You do not know that? I cannot help you. She owns stock in the Rothschilds of Britain, the Hamburg Bank, the Morgan Bank, the Chase Manhattan Bank, the First National Bank, the Bank Trust, and thousands of others. It was stated in the Wall Street Journal, the Vatican is so piled, when she buys gold, she buys it in lots of millions. She has billions of shares of stock in Gulf Oil, Shell Oil, General Motors, Bethlehem Steel, General Electric, Miller Brewing Company, IBM, TWA—did not work out too good on that one. Her estimated worth in the United States alone is \$500 billion. The Vatican's pure gold supply, estimated by United Nations World Magazine, has \$10 billion in American-owned, with all of her art, her relics, her gold, and all of the things that she has, and one manuscript sold for \$1 million back in the 1800s. Total estimate, well over hundreds of trillions of dollars in her net worth. And yet, every priest in this country and throughout the country and the world does not pay one dime of income tax every year. He is exempt. You know why? Because the church has taken a vow of poverty. You say, "Well, yeah, I know," you do not read anything, you just smoke that stuff, it kind of makes your head go around in circles, does it not? It shows. Pupils are very dilated this morning, I am worried about you.

Read a book sometime called Vatican Billions. Read it by Avro Manhattan. He wrote ten of the greatest books. He is probably the greatest authority on the Roman Catholic Church. I wonder why he died a natural death. I do not understand how he did. I thought they would have killed him for sure. He wrote ten of the most wildest books that document everything that goes on in this church as Baal worship. He wrote some of the greatest material on it. He lived to be 65, 75 years old. You know what? Not one time, with all the books that he wrote, did anybody ever take him to court for slander? Anybody want to know why? He could have proved it in 15 seconds.

The devil, through Constantine, puts into effect the greatest false church and religion since the days of Baal worship. Overnight, it all just changes. From 400 AD to 1800 AD, they murder hundreds of millions of God's people in the name of God. The Polysians, the Manichaeans, the Lombards, the Cathars, the Waldensians, the Huguenots, the Anabaptists, the Dutch, the English Baptists. That is why the pilgrims left in 1600 to come over to America to escape the persecution. The atrocities are so unbelievable and so horrendous that it is hard to believe the information that you could find in any library. You know what? Most of it is recorded in the Catholic encyclopedias written by Catholic historians as they recorded the events. I am not talking about books written by Baptists. I am talking about books written by their own church.

Now see, you know what? The devil had to make his church respectable. Nobody! Nobody! This is the beauty. The Old Testament Baal worship, the central concept was the eating of flesh and the drinking of blood. The devil knew that there was no way that he was ever going into the 20th

century with our modern enlightening minds and where we are at and all of our civil rights, social rights, and everything else we have going. There is no way that cannibalism, eating your enemy's body and drinking their blood to your God, was ever going to work. So the devil changed it. So now when you go to Mass and you take the Eucharist, you have a little thing called the doctrine of transubstantiation. That black-robed, Baal-like, called "father," has the magical power to take a glass of hooch and a piece of bread. Through the actual "Eenie-meenie-miny-mo," he has the ability now to change this wine to the literal blood of Christ and this bread to the literal body of Christ. In the modern-day version of Baal worship, you do not eat the literal body and drink the blood of your enemies. You make it spiritual while you eat the literal body and you drink the literal blood of Jesus Christ. Cannibalism, cannibalism in either case. In her case.

You know what? I feel sorry for someone who, bless their hearts. This is not a message against Catholic people. I have a lot of friends that are Catholic people. My wife has a lot of friends with Catholic people that she works with. I think that the fact that they have been deceived is absolutely unimaginable. The thought of them going to hell because they bought into an Old Testament Baal worship system is more than you can bear sometimes. But boy, I will tell you what, that is exactly what she has done. If you think that the Roman Catholic Church does not believe that that wafer does not become the literal body and that blood does not become, or that wine does not become the literal blood, you do not know anything about Roman Catholic religion. If they spill that wine on the floor after it is His blood, if they drop that wafer on the floor, that is why they put that chalice under their mouth so God does not fall on the floor. Because if God falls on the floor, there is an eight-hour procession to pick God up and get His blood up off the floor. They take it real seriously. The fact that you do not know that, children do not even know what your own religion teaches, shame on you.

Down through history she marches, making nations, kings, drunk with the wine of her fornication, setting up her total church-state systems, taking control of the world, and through these systems from 400 AD right up to today in 2006. You know what? The proof of the pudding is that every world dictator from 400 to 2006 has been Roman Catholic. How do you explain that? I mean, when you start opening up all these 20 tractor-trailer trucks sitting out here, brother, you have some explaining to do. Napoleon, Roman Catholic. Kaiser Wilhelm, Roman Catholic. Franco of Spain, Roman Catholic. Lenin, Trotsky, Karl Marx, Stalin, who killed 24 million of his own people, all connected with a Western branch of the Roman Catholic Church. Adolf Hitler, Roman Catholic, said, "I am a son of the church and will remain a son of the church," was put in power by the Catholic League in Germany in 1933. You know where the first concentration camp came? It came in 1933 with Hermann Göring, Roman Catholic. You know who ran it? Eichmann, or excuse me, Eicke. Eicke was a Roman Catholic. Dachau, right outside of Munich. Then you have Himmler, head of the SS, Roman Catholic. Sepp Dietrich, his personal bodyguard, Roman Catholic. You have Martin Bormann, Goldman, Hess, Speer, Roman Catholic.

You know what? You think what is going on in the Middle East today, you could think it had nothing to do. You know where Hamas came from? You know when Saddam Hussein came to

power, he came to power through the Ba'ath Party. You know who started the Ba'ath Party? It was Haj Amin al-Husseini. You know who that guy was? In 1920, the English set him up as the Grand Mufti of Arabia. When World War II broke out, he hated the Jews so bad, he joined Hitler. He joined Hitler's SS. Hitler's SS was set up after the Jesuits in the Roman Catholic Church because all of Hitler's enthrall and everybody was under belt buckles. You know what it said? It said, "Gott mit uns." You know what it means? "God is with us." Hitler thought, sure, God was on his side. You know why? He is a good Roman Catholic. He killed 6 million Jews, 20 million Russians. God knows how many millions Poles and Slavs, and you know what? Never excommunicated from the church. During those times that the concentration camp, Pope Pius X was in power, not one outcry against what was going on in Germany.

You want even better than that? Open up that third truck. At the end of World War II, Josef Mengele, Angel of Death, Roman Catholic. You know what he did? When he dropped them off at Auschwitz—I am running over, folks, should I just stop now or you want to hear the rest of this? Auschwitz, death camp. They brought in those Jews from all over Europe, and they got them off those trains. Little kids, little babies, moms and dads, been on a cattle car train locked up without no food and water for three or four days. No bathrooms, no nothing. Cannot even sit down. They are packed so tight all they can do is stand up, and you ought to see the pictures of them with those little windows trying to get a little bit of air. No water, no food. Four days coming from where they came from into Poland. They get off that train, all the SS guys are standing out there. They have them guarded with dogs, machine guns on the roof, riflemen all around, and they run them down through there, and there stands the one man to decide whether you live or die. His name is Josef Mengele, the Angel of Death. Josef Mengele was a medical doctor, and he was given to camp internees their first medical examination. If you were old, he stood there with a riding crop, and if you were old, he flashed it. You went that way. If you looked like you could work for four or five months, he flashed his crop. You went to that crowd. When moms came down with their little children, he flopped it this way. The kids went here, the mothers went here. When old grandma and grandpa came down, too old to work, he flipped them over here. When two kids came down that were twins, he really liked twins because his medical experiments he did in genetics. So when the kids come down, he put the twins over here. You know what he did? He wondered what made twins. He saw and studied about Siamese twins. So he thought, you know what, if people are born connected together, I wonder how they function if I would sew them together. So he did. He was so possessed with Himmler's concept of a pure race that he thought he actually could change little Jewish kids maybe into Aryan kids. So you know what he did? He wanted to change their eye color. So he took a hybrid anikita with dye and put it in their eyeball to try to change their color without an anesthetic. He dissected Siamese twins without an anesthetic to see what made them the same. He is one of the most horrendous monsters this world has ever seen. When he flashed his crop this way, you went to the gas chambers. Mom and dad never saw the little kids again. Grandma and grandpa, they were told it was showers, and they went into the showers, and somebody on top put a Zyklon B canister in there, and cyanide came down, and everybody ran to the front door, and the people in front got crushed by the people in the back, and after 30, 40 minutes, when the screaming came down, they opened up those doors, and those bodies were piled up to the ceiling.

Josef Mengele never got tried at Nuremberg, nor did Eicke. Nor did Eichmann. Eichmann was the one that put together the final solution of the disposition of the Jews in Europe. Not a one of them. Walter Rauff, he came up with the extermination mobile gas chamber. Oh yeah, man. It was not good enough to kill them in buildings. They put trucks and put them in the back of trucks, sealed the trucks, drove around town with a gas pipe coming back into it, and just drove around a nice country road, and everybody quit yelling and screaming in the back. Open up the third tractor-trailer. Bring me that file on Odessa. You know what Odessa is? Certainly you do not, but you know what meth is, do you not? You know what marijuana is, do you not? You know what Miller Lite is, do you not? You know who is going to win the Super Bowl, do you not? Open up that third truck. Bring me the paperwork on Spider. You know why they never got Josef Mengele? You know why they never got Walter Rauff? You know why they never got Eichmann? Well, the Jews finally did get him. You know why they never got him? And you know why they all went down to South America? I will tell you why. Odessa file and Spider file, a way to get these SS criminals out of Europe who were all good Roman Catholics. You know how they got them out? They got out through the Vatican with forged papers from the Vatican that dressed like priests that put them into Central and South America to help other Roman Catholic governments control their people through the same techniques. The fact that you do not know that just tells me you are nuts. It was in the Kansas City Star six months ago. But who cares? Who cares? Oh, wow. Oh, look at the pretty colors. Who cares? Just buy another round for everybody. Get that buzz, man. Who cares? Who cares?

You know what we have, the problem in the Middle East we have right now? I will tell you why. Haj Amin al-Husseini, in 1920, the British set him up as the Grand Mufti. When he ran back after World War II started, he runs right back and becomes one of the Catholic crowd under Himmler. They make him an SS-Standartenführer. That is a general. He gets together because they both hate the Jews. You better learn this lesson. Two different religions believe totally two different things. Actually, they hate each other, but they all come together for one common goal: one is to kill the nation of Israel. Better write it down. 1939. Hitler set up his SS after the Vatican Guard. I have pictures in my library at home of SS officers. Every one of them had to swear an oath to Adolf Hitler. They take their Standarten, those flags, they cross them, and they put two fingers on the Standarten, two fingers up, and they swear allegiance to the oath of Adolf Hitler. Any National Geographic on the Vatican, you will see the Swiss Vatican Guard doing the exact same oath, doing the exact same two fingers on the Vatican flag, doing the exact same thing. That is what you are up against. Husseini worked with the SS. When Germany got defeated, he goes back into the Middle East. He starts the Ba'ath Party with the same concepts he learned from good Roman Catholic SS, Himmler, and he is the grandfather of Saddam Hussein. The splinter from that is Hamas. You do not have something that is Middle East. You have something that came out of Germany in 1939 under the Roman Catholic totalitarian system. You watch. If they got together for the extermination of the Jews back then, the Catholics and the Muslims, buckle your seatbelt, baby. They will do it again. They will do it again. The fact that you do not know that is you have been sniffing glue. Did he do that anymore? I am dating myself. Though I did see some spray paint on some of your noses that worried me a little bit coming in this morning.

You know what? Mussolini, Roman Catholic. In Vietnam, it was Diem. Diem slaughtered the Vietnamese people, and he wanted to put an end to Hinduism. You saw those priests, some of you do not even know they were born there, but back in the Vietnam War, those Buddhist priests were burning themselves in the street, putting gasoline on them and lighting themselves up in protest. You know what they were protesting? They were protesting Diem, who was a Roman Catholic who was persecuting and shutting down and persecuting the Hindus because of the fact that he was Catholic and wanted to be in Catholicism. You know where Diem got in? Diem was trained in the United States in a Jesuit university and then put in power by our own CIA. Now why do you not know that? Noriega, Castro, I mean all the drug cartels, the mafia, the godfather, it is all the same. There is not a Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran in the crowd. The world's most bloodiest killers were men that were connected with the most bloodiest killing church in the history, and they all worship and believe the same thing. Revelation 17 and 18 reveals the mystery of Babylon is Old Testament Baal worship back here in Genesis 10 coming through either religion, political, military, science, and religion, and winding up in 2006, Revelation 17 and 18 ushering in the Antichrist, just like it was the religion of all the other 18 types of Antichrist all throughout your Bible. Get it! Get it! Get it! Genesis chapter 10 took place in 2348 BC, and here we are 2006 AD, and the system is alive, and what God wants you and me to know as a Bible-believing child of God, that process. Because if you do not understand, and boy, I just gave you a thimbleful this morning, man, how much I had, and I am sorry about the time, I do not know what to say. Be a Episcopalian next week, I do not know what to tell you. They are a lot shorter, you can get it in 10 minutes and be on your way, whatever you like to do. But I am telling you, you have to get it. It is the key to history and your Bible of figuring out what is going on around you.

## IX. Conclusion

I am done, let us pray. Father, we thank You and praise You for the Lord Jesus. We love You, Lord. Lord, I ask You today to take, I know it has been a hard message, it has been a message, Lord, that has just been on my heart all week of how to lay it out, how to put it across. Lord, I am sorry for the time, but I do not know what else to do. We have so much time that we give to everything else, but yet when it comes to You, you know, we just have to wind our watch, get out of here, the roast is going to burn. Lord Almighty, help us, let the roast burn. God help us to see that there is truth to learn and things we have to know. Help us, Father, help us to understand these great pinnacle concepts of the Bible. Lord, help us to put it into our hearts and into our lives the things we need to know. We love You, Lord, and we thank You and praise You for all that You do for us. Help us to always judge the counterfeit by what You have given us that is real. Lord, we love people that are on the same. We want to see them come to Christ. It has not been a message against people, but it has been a truth that the devil has his church, he has his religion, and he has his Bible. It is a counterfeit and an imitation and a deception of God's truth, of God's church, and God's Bible. Help us, Lord, go here today committed to learn, committed to put those things into our hearts and our lives and become everything God wants us to be. We will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name, for His sake we ask of it. Amen. Make sure you mark your mark.