

MYTH BUSTERS – Part III

Busting the Myths that many followers of Christ may have

Jude 1:3 & 2 Timothy 3:12-4:4

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Review:

1. Truth → **What is Truth?**

- a. **Jesus** is the Truth – the Living Word of God
- b. **The Holy Bible** is the Truth – the written Word of God
- c. **Accurate** Reporting of the **Actual** Facts

Jude 1:3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write **appealing** to you to **earnestly contend** for the faith that was **once for** all delivered to the saints.

John 8:31-32 (31) So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue (**ABIDE**) in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; (32) and you will **know the truth**, and the **truth** will make you free."

2. God hates man's traditions that confuse people about His Word or make it seem VOID and EMPTY.

3. We are not suppose to worship God according to PAGAN traditions or customs. (Deut. 12:29-32)

4. We are to reject any false or distorted gospel – we are to receive only the TRUE Gospel. God calls those who proclaim a distorted or false gospel - **CURSED**.

Gal 1:6-9 (6) I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; (7) which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. (8) But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! (9) As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

And we are not to have anything to do with those who proclaim a false gospel

2 John 1:10-11 (10) If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; (11) for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

Bad Marriage → Myth Producers

1 Tim 4:1-3 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will **fall away from the faith**, paying attention to **deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons**, (2) by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, (3) men who **forbid marriage** and **advocate abstaining from foods** which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

1. Doctrines/teachings of deceitful spirits and demons
2. Forbid Marriage
3. Forbid Certain foods at certain times

BAD-Marriage:

Rev 2:12-15 NASB "And to the angel of the church in **Pergamum** write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: (13) 'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. (14) **'But I have a few things against you**, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a **stumbling block** before the sons of Israel, **to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality**. (15) 'So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the **Nicolaitans**."

Thyatira:

The district of Lydia, and the city of Thyatira in particular, were famous for **purple** dyes. So Homer:

"As when some Carian or Maeonian dame
Tinges with purple the white ivory,
To form a trapping for the cheeks of steeds."
Iliad, iv., 141.

An inscription found in the ruins of Thyatira relates to the guild of dyers.

PURPLE and SCARLET → symbols of wealth and opulence.

Rev 2:18-20 NASB "And to the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this: (19) 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. (20) 'But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman **Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophetess, and **she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols**."

1. Teachings that lead people astray from the Truth (or cause a stumbling block for those seeking...)
2. Teaching idolatry is O.K.
3. Blending Paganism with Christianity
4. Separation of Clergy and Laity → (Nicolaitans) *the laity are just lower class dumb folk*

Jezebel -> Babel -> Babylon → Bad Marriage between Ahab and Jezebel (most wicked woman in the Bible)

1 Kings 16:30-33

(30) Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him. (31) It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he married **Jezebel** the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him. (32) So he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria. (33) Ahab also made the Asherah (*groves* KJV). Thus Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

Pagan Trinities...:

Sun God Worship → Sun God (Ba'al/BEL – his wife (Ashtoreth) – and his male child (Tammuz)

Asherah → Astarte or Ashtoreth (the **root** of where we get the modern name of **EASTER** from)
She was also Called the “Queen of Heaven”

Nimrod, Semiramis & Tammuz →

Nimrod → **his Kingdom (first king after Noah's flood) included Babel (Babylon)**

Nimrod became Ba'al (the Sun God), Ashtoreth (the wife of the sun) & Tammuz (the son of the SUN –
birthday → December 25th)

Osirus, Isis & Horus (Egypt)

Agdistis, Ishtar/Innana, Attis (Easter Europe and parts of the Northern Middle-East)

Zeus/Jupiter, Aphrodite/Venus, Cupid (Europe / Greece / Rome)

Venus => Aphrodite... from which we get Aphrodisiac

Ishtar/Easter/Eostre/Venus → her symbols are **Rabbits** and **Eggs** – Female Fertility gods

Ba'al & Ashtoreth → **Jezebel** was the most wicked in her worship of **Ba'al** and **Ashtoreth (Easter)**

It all Goes Back to Bablyon – to Nimrod's **Babylonian Mystery Religion**

Sun God Worship → Sun God – his wife – and their male child who was reborn every Dec. 25th

Now let's see how God views Bablyon – whom He calls a Harlot

The Harlot who sits of the Beast: (marriage of pagan Religion and Government)

Rev 17:1-6 NASB (1) Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the **judgment** of the great **harlot** who sits on many waters, (2) with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality." (3) And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. (4) The woman was clothed in **purple** and **scarlet**, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold **cup** full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, (5) and on **her** forehead a name was written, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." (6) And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly. (**Greatly Astonished**)

Rev 17:18 "The woman whom you saw is **the great city**, which **reigns over the kings** of the earth."

Rev 18:2-5 (2) And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of **demons** and a **prison of every unclean spirit**, and a prison of every **unclean and hateful bird**. (3) "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality." (4) I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "**Come out of her, my people**, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; (5) for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities."

1. Harlot-Woman is Mystery Babylon
2. Rides on back of Anti-Christ's Kingdom (Marriage of the "false" Church and STATE)
3. Commits Spiritual Immorality with Governments / Kings of the Earth
4. Drunk with the Blood of the saints – martyrs of Jesus Christ (just read FOX'S Book of Martyrs...)
5. She is both a Religious Institution and a City (Which world-religious institution also has a seat in the UN and has its own City that is also its own Country???)
6. Full of riches and opulent clothing (along with a Golden CUP that is lifted up during religious ceremonies)???
7. GOD is calling HIS People out of that Bablyonian/Pagan Religious system...

Question:

With all of this prophetic evidence – who or what do you think God is talking about???
No need to Answer now...

HINT → HINT

Look at **1 Peter 5:13** (gives a bit of a hint)

She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

He was writing this from ROME which HE Calls Babylon... and calls Bablyon → SHE

Scripture will always interpret Scripture...

Lessons:

1. We must always look to God's Word to evaluate our traditions, customs, and practices – if Christ's Name is associated with it...
2. We should never compromise God's Word even if it might be convenient or help to stop persecution. The results can affect future generation adversely
3. We should never allow idolatry and/or spiritual immorality within the church.
Mixing Paganism with Christianity is EVIL

Questions:

1. Do you love man-made – paganistic traditions more than you love God's Word?
2. Do you love the praise of people more than the praise of God?
3. Do you love the approval and acceptance of people more than the approval and acceptance of God?
4. Who or What do you live for? God - OR - other people, family, peers, comfort, comfortable & fun traditions
5. Are you controlled by your **fear of people** (peer pressure) OR **the fear of God?**