Exposing the Roots of Paganistic Myths and Beliefs in Modern Christianity

Jude 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:12-4:4 & Rev. 17 & 18



Review:

1. Truth → What is Truth?

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MYTH BUSTERS – Part III Review: Truth → What is Truth? The Holy Bible is the Truth – the written Word of God

<u>Review:</u> 1. Truth → What is Truth? c. <u>Accurate</u> Reporting of the <u>Actual</u> Facts

Jude 1:3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary

Jude 1:3 ... to write <u>appealing</u> to you to <u>earnestly contend</u> for the faith that was <u>once for</u> all delivered to the saints.

John 8:31-32 (31) So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him,

John 8:31-32 (31) ... "If you continue (ABIDE) in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;

John 8:31-32 (32) and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Review: 2. God hates man's <u>traditions</u> that <u>confuse</u> people about His Word or make it seem <u>VOID</u> and EMPTY.

(Mark 7:1-13)

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

Review: 4. We are to reject any false or distorted gospel – receive only the TRUE Gospel. (Gal. 1:6-9)

Review: 4. God calls those who proclaim a distorted or false gospel -<u>CURSED</u>. (Gal. 1:6-9)

MYTH BUSTERS – Part III 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; MYTH BUSTERS – Part III Gal 1:6-9 (7) which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

MYTH BUSTERS – Part III Gal 1:6-9 (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!

MYTH BUSTERS – Part III Gal 1:6-9 (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!

Review: 4. And we are not to have anything to do with those who proclaim a <u>false</u> gospel (2 John 1:10-11)

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

A Prophetic look at the beginnings of the mixture of paganism with Christianity

1 Timothy 4:1-3:

(1) But the Spirit <u>explicitly</u> says that in <u>later times</u> some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to <u>deceitful</u> <u>spirits and doctrines of demons</u>,

1 Timothy 4:1-3:

(2) by means of the <u>hypocrisy of liars</u> seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

- 1 Timothy 4:1-3:
- (3) <u>men who forbid marriage</u> and <u>advocate abstaining from foods</u> which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

- 1 Timothy 4:1-3:
- 1. Doctrines/teachings of <u>deceitful</u> spirits and <u>demons</u>
- 2. Forbid Marriage
- 3. Forbid Certain foods at certain times

Rev 2:12-15 (12) "And to the angel of the church in <u>Pergamum</u> write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:

Rev 2:12-15 (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,

Rev 2:12-15 (13) ... My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

Rev 2:12-15 (14) 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the <u>teaching</u> of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to

Rev 2:12-15 (14) ... put a <u>stumbling</u> <u>block</u> before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to <u>idols</u> and to commit acts of <u>immorality</u>.

Rev 2:12-15 (15) 'So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

Rev 2:18,20 (18) "And to the angel of the church in <u>Thyatira</u> write:...

Rev 2:18,20 (20) 'But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she <u>teaches</u> and <u>leads</u>

Rev 2:18,20 (20) '... My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.'

Rev 2:12-15 & 20:

- 1. Teachings that lead people to stray away from the Truth
- 2. Teaching idolatry is O.K.

Rev 2:12-15 & 20:
3. Blending <u>Paganism</u> with Christianity
4. Separation of <u>Clergy</u> from the Laity → the laity are just lower class dumb folk

Rev 2:12-15 & 20: Jezebel -> Babel -> Babylon → Bad Marriage between Ahab and Jezebel (the 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.

1 Kings 16:30-33 (31) It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him (Ahab) to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,

1 Kings 16:30-33 (31) ... that he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him.

1 Kings 16:30-33 (32) So he erected an altar for <u>Baal</u> in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria.

1 Kings 16:30-33 (33) Ahab also made the <u>Asherah</u>. Thus Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

Jezebel -> Babel -> Babylon → Nimrod, Semiramis & Tammuz Ba'al/BEL, <u>Ashtoreth</u> & Tammuz Osiris, Isis & Horus/<u>Mithra</u>

Jezebel -> Babel -> Babylon → Ba'al/BEL, Ashtoreth & Tammuz Agdistis, Ishtar/Innana, Attis Zeus/Jupiter, Aphrodite/Venus, Cupid

Rev 2:12-15 & 20: Jezebel -> Babel -> Babylon → Ancient <u>SUN</u> god worship It all Goes BACK to <u>Babylon</u>

The Great HARLOT: Rev 17:1-6 (1) Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying,

Rev 17:1-6 (1) "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

Rev 17:1-6 (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."

Rev 17:1-6 (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.

Rev 17:1-6 (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,

Rev 17:1-6 (5) and on her forehead a name was written, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

Rev 17:1-6 (6) And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses *(martyrs)* of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.

Rev. 17:18 "The woman whom you saw is <u>the great city</u>, which <u>reigns</u> over the <u>kings</u> 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

Rev 18:2-5 (2) ... a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.

Rev 18:2-5 (3) "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth

Rev 18:2-5 (3) "... have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."

Rev 18:2-5 (4) I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not

Rev 18:2-5 (4) ... participate in her sins and receive of her plagues;

Rev 18:2-5 (5) for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Rev Chapters 17 & 18:

- 1. Harlot-Woman is Mystery Babylon
- 2. Rides on back of anti-christ's Kingdom
- 3. Commits <u>Spiritual</u> Immorality with Governments / Kings of the Earth

Rev Chapters 17 & 18:
4. Drunk with the <u>Blood</u> of the saints – martyrs of Jesus Christ
5. Is both a <u>Religious</u> Institution and a City
6. Full of riches and opulent clothing

Rev Chapters 17 & 18: 7. GOD is calling HIS <u>People</u> out of that Bablyonian/Pagan Religious system...

Question: With all of this prophetic evidence – who / what do you think God is talking about???

No need to Answer now... (1 Peter 5:13)

1 Peter 5:13 <u>She</u> who is in <u>Babylon</u>, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

Peter was writing this from ROME – which He calls Babylon. Interesting... Indeed!!!

Lessons:

1. We must always look to God's Word to evaluate our <u>traditions</u>, <u>customs</u>, and <u>practices</u> – if Christ's Name is associated with it...

Lessons:

2. We should never compromise God's <u>Word</u> because it might be convenient or stop persecution. The results can affect future generation adversely

Lessons:

- 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?

Questions:

2. Do you love the praise of people more than the praise of God?

MYTH BUSTERS – Part III Questions: 3. Do you love the approval and acceptance of people more than the approval and acceptance of God? MYTH BUSTERS – Part III Questions: 4. Who or What do you live for? God - OR other people, family, peers, comfort, comfortable & fun traditions

MYTH BUSTERS – Part III Questions: 5. Are you controlled by your fear of people (peer pressure) OR the fear of God?