## Are We Cleaning up the Wrong House?



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Babylon—any society or group in a society considered as corrupt or as a place of exile by another society or group.

America has become a modern-day Babylon. What was once "the land of the free and the home of the brave" has fallen into captivity. We have been conquered, not by a foreign army, but by a foreign ideology.

"Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers." Isaiah 1.

America is no longer a Christian nation. The sooner we admit this obvious truth, the more clearly we will be able to see the way out. Although many of us fight to restore the Christian values upon which this nation was founded, our headaches would diminish if we would come to the realization that America is under judgment.

That doesn't mean we shouldn't continue to fight, but we must face the fact that America is becoming an ever-pagan nation ruled by ever-more pagan leaders. Other than a sprinkling of salt here and there can you name even one strong Christian in

a position of power in the United States government? I fear you can't.

Our nation has been "overthrown by strangers." How else can you explain the choice for the leader of this once Christian nation being a battle between a Mormon and a pseudo Muslim-liberal Christian-humanistic-communist-witch's brew of an American/Indonesian dual citizen?

Yes, my friends. Christians have been led captive into Babylon and because of the judgment that is upon us the only choices we have are evil. Evil is evil. There is no "lesser" evil. Evil men will do evil things.

But how did we get in Babylon?

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon." Jeremiah 29:4. The Lord is the one who put us here. It is another sign of judgment on America. A Babylonian nation will select Babylonian leaders.

As much as my heart breaks to say it, America today cannot be ruled by Christian leaders. The pagans have us outnumbered. America is awash in sin.

Sin has flooded the nation because it has flooded the church. Even though nearly 80% of Americans identify as "Christians" we know that they really aren't Christians. It is merely their religion of preference when filling out the census report. Calling oneself a Christian today is meaningless.

And that includes those sitting in the pews. If they were really Christians they would hate sin, flee idolatry, immorality, and hate that which is evil and cling to that which is good.

Pastors are money driven, and they won't speak against sin.

Folks love to rail about how un-Christian our Presidential candidates are, while looking the other way at the hireling in the pulpit selling out the sheep for a few silver coins.

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude (I suggest you read all of Jude. It will explain the condition of the church.)

I am always amazed that every four years, and especially so this time, Christian's get all in a huff over evil. We use our vote for President of the United States as if we were selecting a Theologian-in-Chief. Suddenly our choices become sacred, and a "matter of conscience". While all we ignore the real problem in America.

The problems in America can be pin-pointed at the pulpit. Why is it that we demand "Godly leaders" for America, while ignoring the un-Godly leadership in the pulpit?

We get ticked when candidates support gay marriage while thousands of pastors, and their flocks, openly embrace what God calls an abomination.

Whole denominations of Christianity have turned to pagan beliefs, rituals, and apostasy, while we "good Christians" scream about the spiritual condition of the men vying for Commander-in-Chief. We expect from our politicians what we do not expect from our Christian leaders.

In Jeremiah 29:10-14 the Lord tells us that it will be a long captivity...70 years...but that He will not forget His people who remain faithful during the captivity. We need to be in this for the long haul...for the sake of our children and the sake of the Gospel.

Are you preparing yourself and your family? Are you training them in the ways of the Lord? Will your family be among those

who "endure to the end?" The White House reflects the school house, the church house, and your house.

Judgment begins first in the house of God.

Our political candidates have made known their positions on the moral issues of the day. Sadly, many standing in the pulpit have not.

I wonder how most pastors would square if they had to publicly state and defend their positions in front of a congregation they were endeavoring to be elected to lead.

Heck, many pastors are leading congregations and are afraid to clearly state their positions on issues for fear of dividing the flock. That isn't leadership. That is pandering in much the same way candidates for office do.

We want a "Christian President" to rule over a nation where the majority of the citizens are only Christians according to the census form.

America is modern day Babylon. True-Believers are in captivity in this pagan land.

Can we be honest here? We are selecting pagan leaders to rule over a pagan nation. We murder unborn children, we dishonor the marriage bed, we covet, we lie, we steal, and vote for candidates who do the same. Pagan nations have pagan leadership. America's answers are not political... "strangers devour it in your presence."

Before we demand theological purity from our Presidential candidates perhaps it might be appropriate to look at our own dirty laundry. Let's start with the man in the mirror.

Are our government leaders forcing you to put your children in the pagan schools? Do you know anything about the spiritual beliefs of the teachers who indoctrinate your children every day? Do you demand that your children's' teachers share the same values that are taught in your home? Do you apply the same standards to your child's teacher as you do the Presidential candidates? A child becomes like his teacher. Which will be most destructive to your child...the man in the school house or the man in the White House?

Do you sit silently in your church while apostasy runs rampant merely because your family has been members there for generations? Do you sit in an apostate denomination because you were baptized there? Do you attend a church, despite the doctrine, because you enjoy the "worship," or they have a "great youth group," or "so many of your friends" attend as well? Do you sit silently in the pew as the leadership takes the congregation farther and farther from the truth because you don't want to make waves? Are you more Biblically literate today than you were five years ago? Which will have a greater impact on America's spiritual life...the man in the church house or the man in the White House?

Do you lead family devotions with your children? Do you regularly pray and read the Bible with your spouse? Have you discussed spiritual issues with your children or do you leave that to the "youth leader?" Have you removed the influence of TV from your impressionable children? Have you checked their i-pods to see what they are listening to? Have you checked out their Facebook page? What do you know about their friends? What do you know about their teachers? Have you checked out the textbooks that are framing their worldview? Which will have a greater impact on your children's spiritual life...the man in your house or the man in the White House?

Perhaps we are worried about cleaning up the wrong house.

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