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EZRA'S AHAVA

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD?

When we left Babylon some 2500 years ago, we had to stop and camp for a few days at the RIVER AHAVA. I believe our GOD is repeating the SPIRIT of that old experience for us today. Here's the story.

EZRA led us out of Babylon. Earlier, DANIEL told king Darius the Mede that the prophet JEREMIAH had much earlier prophesied that we were to be captive in Babylon for 70 years - no longer. (Dan. 9:2) Our GOD *made* king Artaxerxes believe the Hebrew prophet JEREMIAH, so Artaxerxes let us go home. (Ezra 7:11) But we had trouble on the road home and we had to stop at the RIVER AHAVA. I have written much detail about those stories in the MONARCH entitled 70 YEAR SLAVERY CYCLE, March 1990.

CAMPING AT AHAVA

What's Ahava? On the road home -EZRA (our leader) said (Ezra 8:21), "Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the RIVER of AHAVA, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a RIGHT WAY for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

8:22 For I was ASHAMED to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the ENEMY in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

8:23 So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us."

Ezra really wanted to ask for a band of soldiers to protect us from the highwaymen (robbers) on the way home. But, he had told the king that the hand of our *God* is for **GOOD** upon all them that seek him. That made Ezra ASHAMED to ask for help from king Artaxerxes.

HISTORY REPEATED

Sometimes I feel that way myself. I have told all my readers, students and friends that the hand of our GOD is for good for this ministry. Now, when things are not going like I would want, I, too, feel ASHAMED to ask for help.

Back 2500 years ago, Judah was in a governmental economic, and monetary transition as they left the old USURY system of Babylon. Ezra led them in a return to Jerusalem while surrounded by an ENEMY. He sought a way for his whole household too.

At the present, S&Ls, banks and insurance companies **are falling apart left** and right. The value of our money decreases every day. Our jobs, income and savings are in jeopardy from an ENEMY who would take them away from us, very similar to the robbers of Ezra's plight. As my friends, readers, and students are badly affected by the bad economy you can be sure that I feel it, too.

So, it is off to the RIVER AHAVA. I don't think that you are much different from me. You need to stop at the RIVER AHAVA, too. You may be camping at the river Ahava right now. Betty and I are, for sure.

Presently, we need a RIGHT WAY for 1.) ourselves 2.) our children (grandchildren) and 3.) our substance (things we own), because things are falling apart all around us. We are again leaving Babylon. This time it is the Babylonian USURY money system. (Judah first learned to use USURY in Babylon.) Don't think it is just the U.S. I've letters in my file from students from many other countries saying that their conditions are even worse.

SEEK A RIGHT WAY

So Betty and I have symbolically SPIRITUALLY and mentally camped at the river AHAVA to seek from our GOD a RIGHT WAY for ourselves and our children (our grandchildren) and our substance. Care to join us?

A SECRET

A reliable informant told me that 2.2 million U.S. citizens have been locked out of having the use of their savings at S&Ls and banks and insurance companies. You don't see that on nightly TV news and politicians don't say much about it either.

I conclude that a force higher than politics and higher than the media is holding a knife to their neck, to silence them about the present failure of the hateful USURY system. It's big news and a tragedy in government when some people in Ohio, Maryland and Rhode Island cannot withdraw their savings. Why aren't you being told about it? Who benefits from the secret? Who gets hurt?

Do you remember how many people GM and IBM recently laid off? Are there very many empty buildings in your town? There are here!

Further, the failure of our USURY money system is bringing our government down with it. But that's no different than it was 2500 years ago when we left Babylon with its USURY money system. We had to set up a whole new government and a new money system.

Don't think I'm saying the U.S. is failing. I see a **big difference between** our NATION of great people and our corrupt GOVERNMENT. I'm saying our GOVERNMENT is failing, not our NATION.

USURY CAUSED OUR DEPRESSION

God said USURY was a hateful abomination, the practicer of which was worthy of death. Ezekiel 18:13 "(He that) hath given forth upon USURY and hath taken INCREASE: shall he then live? He shall NOT live: he hath done all these ABOMINATIONS; he shall surely DIE; his blood shall be

upon him." Also, Ezek. 18:8, 13, 17, 22:121 Isa. 24:29 Ne. 5:7, 10, De. 23:19, 20, Le. 25:36, 37, Ex. 22:25. I sent you a free and magnificent MONARCH entitled USURY, dated July, Aug. 1985.

Very few modern preachers teach what the Bible says about USURY. Why? Find out!

Don't worry about the little interest you receive on your savings account. Our U.S. government has forced us to participate in the IRS USURY system, like the Babylonians made us work in their USURY system 2500 years ago.

THE NAME NATURE OF GOD CHANGES AS WE MATURE

As we were taken captive from Jerusalem to Babylon (circa 586 B.C.) the name nature of our GOD changed from YAHWEH (the God of law, judgment condemnation, punishment and death) to EL ELYON (the GOD of love, light, freedom, mercy and life). GOD knows we are being forced by our government to break YAHWEH's laws. That's why our GOD changed His name nature from YAHWEH to EL ELYON when we were taken into captivity. EL ELYON did not hold you responsible to keep the laws of YAHWEH then, and I don't believe He is holding you responsible now. So don't worry about the interest you get from your bank on your savings account. Eventually you will have to come out of Babylon and the USURY system.

COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE

Do you remember that four groups of Hebrews left Babylon and the USURY system at different times? The first left as soon as possible after 70 years of slavery. The next group took 19 more years to leave. The third took another 61 years more. The fourth took another 13 years. It took 93 years for all the slaves to leave the USURY system. All those details are in my book DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS. Read it.

Right now we are like the first group that left. Somewhere in our great *NATION* (probably not *GOVERNMENT*) the SPIRIT of EZRA rests upon one, or a group of patriots.

FASTING

I'm not going to write a lot about FASTING because some of my preacher friends have well covered that. Unfortunately, some other people turned FASTING into something like a LAW for Christians. They think favor with God is found through FASTING. NO! Not so! Our favor with our GOD is through JESUS CHRIST and what He did - not what we do. What's FASTING for? Why did JESUS teach us to *FAST*?

FASTING increases our spiritual sensitivity. It doesn't make our GOD love us any more; it makes us hear Him better. The outlines for many of my lectures came after a short (2 - 3 day) fast.

Deliverance from Babylon (the evil system of USURY) and the road back to Jerusalem (The Holy City) comes through FASTING and SEEKING our GOD at the river AHAVA. I believe our FASTING and SEEKING our GOD will also benefit our friends, readers and students. We'll see! Lord willing!