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WICKED WOMAN IN A BASKET

Zechariah 5: 1 -11

I Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked,, and behold a **flying roll**.

FLYING SCROLL

2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a **flying roll** (scroll, Torah, first 5 books of the O.T. Bible); the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. (30 feet by 15 feet)

3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse (of the O.T.) that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

THIEVES and LIARS

4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it (the curse of the O.T.) shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof

(That should scare the hell out of anybody).

5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up, now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah (measuring basket) that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up (a basket cover, made of) a talent (158 pounds) of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. (measuring basket)

A WICKED WOMAN

8 And he said, this woman is wickedness. And he cast it (her) into the midst of the ephah (measuring basket); and he cast the (basket cover, made of 158 pounds) weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out (bird) women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork and they lifted up the ephah (measuring basket) between the earth and the heaven. 10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? (measuring basket). 11 And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: (Babylon) and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

SHINAR IS BABYLON

Revelation 17:1-5

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**.

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

The abominable Wicked Woman of Babylon is a whore, a harlot, and a fornicator.

AWAY WITH LYING AND STEALING

At a recent Bible Study Conference our students observed a full size picture of the **Wicked Woman** being controlled by the



serpent.

I then asked each student to write a note with the following information.

1.) Make a list of your sins and faults and dumb mistakes of the past. Include all lies and stealing.

Fold it so no one can -read it, except God. Do not. sign it.

2.) Add the wickedness, the lies, and the thefts, that you have had to suffer at the hands of others.

3.) Observe the basket that we supplied for this event and place your lists into the basket on top of the **Wicked Woman**. Bruise her.

4.) Stomp with your heel on your lists and on the head of the **Wicked Woman**.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee (serpent) and the woman (Eve), and between thy seed (seed of Satan) and her

seed,- it (the seed of the woman) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

5.) Cast an imaginary lead lid weighing 158 pounds upon the head of the **Wicked Woman** and cover all the wickedness, lies, and thefts that you have committed and all the wickedness, lies, and thefts that have been committed against you.

Taking these steps will not remove sin or the penalty for sin from your life. Only the blood of JESUS can do that.

Some students expressed a concern that perhaps the paper notes might be traced back to them. I burned them after the convention without reading them. The secrets are secure.

A preacher told me, "Brother Ebaugh, what you have asked us to do is **too childish**. I don't think I can do it."

JESUS said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as **little children**, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

Some other comments were: "I needed to do that."

"I am amazed at how much better I feel now having secretly admitted some evil things to God."

"I did not know that some of the rotten things that were done to me in the past were still affecting my decision making at the present. This has been a wonderful mental catharsis."

"A worker at the plant lied about me and stole my reputation. I still hated her. When I stomped on that list in the basket along with that **Wicked Woman** I did not stomp on the woman worker that I hated. I stomped on what she did to me. Strangely, I don't hate her any more. I dealt with the lying and stealing she committed against me. Now I can deal with her. Thank you Brother Ebaugh."

"After I made the second list of lying and stealing committed against me I had to go back and add some entries to the first list which I had forgotten that I did. And I'm glad you encouraged me to do it."

"Who would have thought that something so **childish** could have helped cleanse my adult **brain**? I really think I'm better."

James 1:21, Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

The **brain** and the **soul** are the same. In passing, I should note that we had considerable thought that the basket we supplied to hold the picture of the **Wicked Woman** and the lists of offenses would become a pile of trash after it was stomped upon by about 200 Christian believers who attended the conference, heard the lecture, studied their Bibles, and agreed to participate.

In fact, our cultured and socially responsible students were careful to save the basket while they forcefully placed the **Wicked Woman** and the list of lying and theft acts directly under their heels.

Now, we should address a much deeper theological issue that concerns many church leaders. The scriptures teach us to confess our faults to each other and to confess our sins to God. There is a big difference between confessing our faults and confessing our sins. When we made our lists there was some conversation about including our sins and/or faults. We concluded that it wouldn't hurt to include both.

As you probably know, the Roman Catholic Church, the largest organized group of Christians, teaches their people to confess their sins to the priest. As Bible students, we need to look at this idea. Technically, we should confess our faults to our priest (or Protestant -equivalent) and we should all confess our sins only to God -- not the priest.

Sins occur when we miss the mark. The definition of sin is to **miss the mark**. That implies that we tried to do right. We aimed for the bull's eye. But we just couldn't do it. We were not strong enough. We were not steady enough. We were not accomplished and experienced enough. We goofed. We missed. We tried to be good, but we were awful. This sin must be confessed to our GOD, not to other people.

A sin contains an element of trying to do right, but we do wrong, revealing our own built in weaknesses that only our GOD can fix.

A fault occurs when we decide to do wrong, come hell or high water, without regard to how bad we hurt someone else -- our own pleasure is paramount. That's a **fault, not a sin**. We can control our faults if we want to. Confess the fault to someone close to **you** who can help you to overcome that **fault** 'in your time of need.

Confess your sins to God who can change the stuff from which you are made. No matter how good your friend is -- they can't help you with your sins. They can guide, push, or pull you away from your faults.

For the purpose of our conference we did not try to get into these differences. We dealt with all types of wickedness by stomping upon it with our heel. But now it is time to look deeper. Was the **sin' or fault** committed because of the weakness of some person? Was it a result of a decision to be rotten?

Give yourself a good shaking. Then tell yourself and God that you will never decide to do wrong again.

When you find that you have really goofed, even when you tried with everything in you to not goof, then tell it to Jesus. He will understand your sin. He will cover for you. He will intercede for you. He will tell you that He will not condemn you. He will empower you. He will then tell you, now go and sin no more. Straighten up, Jack, and fly right. You can do it, with His help.

We are in a war with the Wicked Woman and her daughters. Stomp them underfoot.

During WW2 the Sky Pilot shouted!

"Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition, All aboard, were not a goin' fishin'. Praise the Lord, and pass the ammunition, And we'll all stay free. Yes! The Sky Pilot said it, Ya gotta give him credit, For a son of a gun of a gunner was he, shoutin'."

You need to know what a Sky Pilot is? The Sky Pilot was a fighting Chaplain of WW2. Standing between earth and sky he

introduced thousands of young men to the captain of our faith, Jesus Christ. But he had to set the course and assist many a young soldier or sailor in that great last flight to the top of the sky. And he pulled the trigger when he had to because he knew the price and value of **victory**.

Now, you get your own victory over sin. This is a good way to look at our war against sin. Try what we did. Put on your combat boots and smash the head of that Wicked Woman.

*Fight the good fight of faith, **lay hold on eternal life**, whereunto thou art also called, I Timothy 6:12*

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? I John 5:4-5

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped us with the fund raising projects of the last few months. In the old days kings provided stipends to promising students so they could continue their studies. You did that for me. Now you are acting like a king (queen) and I am in the position of a promising student. I can again deeply study the scriptures and then share exciting Bible Study discoveries like these with you.

Father, please make my students rich like kings and queens. Bless them. Please fix things so I won't have to say anymore, "I still need some more money. "