



Ezekiel And The Spirit Of Stubbornness

But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted. Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.

(Eze 3:7-10)

One of my favorite major prophets was Ezekiel. God called on him to do some pretty hard things. Yet through it all, you never heard him complain. He had to go to the Chosen People of God and proclaim their sins and abominations. Not a ministry all that dissimilar to Jeremiah or Isiah or the other major or minor prophets - those who had books placed in our cannon and those that did not and I think this is one thing that needs to be made completely plain - that these men of God were sent, not to the lost world, the Gentiles but to God's people. They were sent to what we (in this Christian age) would call the Church, by spiritual analogy. These men and women were not sent to Hollywood, or Iran; they were not sent to the Porn center of Northridge California nor to the killing fields of some Mexican drug lord. No, they were sent to the people who were supposed to be the 'light' of the world' - the Chosen people, those who had the oracles of God entrusted to them and claimed to belong to God. In short and by direct analogy, he was sent to the 'Church' people of his time. The Lord sent Ezekiel to the house of Israel knowing full well that they would not listen to his servant, the prophet. Some would ask, well, why did he bother sending him to them? This is an excellent question and one that deserves a simple and direct answer - He sent them a prophet so that they would have **no excuse** when he finally did away with them and many of them were slaughtered and others went into exile and the last thing the king saw was his sons being slaughtered before his eyes, just before they were plucked out of his head.

They could not say that they were not warned.

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the **house of Israel**: therefore hear

the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.
(Eze 3:17)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear me on this for it is one of the most important things God is telling his people today. Be sure you are listening to God. Be sure you are **doing** what he is telling you to **do**. Are you in doubt? Turn off the TV, go on a 'sports/ESPN fast', take a day off and fall on your face before God and ask him where you have erred. Get before him and say something like this from your heart - 'Lord, I go to Church Sunday but I don't hear you in the pastor's sermon, I try and do right, but all my Church friends seem to be more worried about the world's opinion and how much money they have and not you, Oh, Lord, all my friends are committing sins abundantly, adultery, fornication, lying, cheating, drunkenness and yet they go to Church as if nothing is wrong with their lives. Oh, Lord, let me not be deceived in these times by false ministers and false brethren - Show me thy ways Oh Lord, that I may walk in them and see life eternal.'

Brothers, you pray a prayer like that **in sincerity of heart** and God will begin to move mightily in your life. He will move you out of false Churches and remove false friends from your life. He will guide you into the paths of life, for **his** name's sake. The problem in Ancient Israel is much the same problem that exists today in many a Church and that is a lack of sincere, Bible-based self-examination - lining up behavior with solid scriptural admonitions and the primary thing that kept them from accomplishing this was sin and the love thereof. As always we come back to sin. Some secret wickedness they held in high esteem in their hearts. This sin separated them from God. Haggai put it simply and succinctly.

Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.
(Hag 1:5)

Yet Israel was having none of God nor his prophets. They had a comfortable religion that made no real demands on them and this is what they wanted. Yet as sin grew, so did God's displeasure. So what did he do? He sent them prophets to warn and exhort them. Did they listen? No - they continued on in rebellion. They had a form of religion that was helping them into hell, not heaven and the prophets were sent to warn them of this most unwelcome fact. They were on the comfortable and popular 'broad road'; rather than the quiet and less traveled narrow path that leads to life.

In today's world it is no different. The gentiles who supposedly received the gospel have erred just as badly if not worse than Ancient Israel - They have their false religion as well. Religion that comforts them **in** their sins while they are on their way to hell. They have pastors that tell them that adultery is OK, if it is 'sanctified' by a second, third or fourth 'marriage'. They have pastors tell them it's OK to defraud the poor out of their homes at your job as a banker, as long as you put 10% of your loot into the Church coffers - It's OK to go in the ballot box to support sodomy, as long as the politician pushing it has a high melanin content in his skin. It's OK not to watch for our Lord's coming and to go to sleep in a time when Christians are being martyred in ever increasing numbers, revolutions are sweeping the globe, instigated by the very politicians Christians voted for, and the very environment of the planet is screaming of Man's wickedness. The false religion says it's OK... God does not see... he does not care. So say so many pastors, if not by words then by deeds. This is the new gospel being preached in pulpits after pulpits in America. It is just like in Ezekiel's time.

Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the

land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not. And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.
(Eze 9:9-10)

Why is there so much fluff in American Christianity and so very little sound doctrine? It is because sound doctrine thins out congregations and reduces church revenues - the feel-goodism of moral relativism is much more appealing and profitable - to the pastor. So this is what is often preached in many Churches. They have ceased to preach Holiness and now preach 'Purpose Driven'. They no longer preach Christ and him Crucified, but Obama and 'blessedness' of homosexual sex; They have stopped preaching the second coming of Christ but now preach the lottery, the superbowl or supporting building the new Sports Stadium... with public funds in cities already straining under budgetary pressure. Or they fall silent [on babykilling \(millions upon millions\)](#) and even go into the polls to support it!!

Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations. - (Ezekiel 16:1-2)

It's a completely different entity, this American Church. Far too many have ceased to help the poor and now help themselves to the devils blessings. Brothers, these are the very things that Ezekiel and the other prophets warned the Ancient Israelites about. We have seen many cruel and wicked things in the west and often, the Church is not only silent but lends political support to things God hates. The Church for the most part has been seduced by the world, and the worldly beauty and greatness of America. Like Ancient Israel, spiritual harlotry was the byword for Ancient Israel.

And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD. But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was. And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.
(Eze 16:14-16)

Israel had become the perfect 'ho' - She was insatiable - if it was long hard and throbbing, she wanted it inside her. Too vulgar for you? Well, this is just how vulgar God saw what Israel was doing - I am not going to use nice words for evil things - you want to listen to a soft sermon and feel good message that tickles your ears? You have certainly come to the **wrong** place. Find a cowardly pastor to preach political correctness because that is not and **never** will be me.

But as it was with Israel, so it is with Last Days Babylon. She too sells herself for money. All you have to do is go and look for yourself and then find out how the Israeli's, Saudi's, Iranian's Chinese, Indonesians and every nation on earth is buying a piece of America as well as Wall Street, big oil, big cable, big Nuke Power big Hollywood, etc. As I have said before to my readers - **what does a whore do? She sells herself for money.** The great whore in the last days (Rev 17:5) is known for her fornications (Rev 18:3) and deceptiveness; she corrupts the whole earth (Rev 19:2). I look around the American church and I see almost no discernment- they do not know where they are spiritually speaking, they don't know what time it is and are not about to change their ways. They would rather head on over to Madam Babylon's pleasure parlor and get naked with the whore. They have no intention of stopping.

Oh brothers, let us not become drunk with the incantations of Babylon. Have you noticed that people tend to vote their pocketbooks and will only listen to those people who put money in them? Have you noticed the massive spin machines on cable TV based on who pays the bills and who gets rich based on the lies and half truths being told? Money acts just like whiskey; it clouds the judgment. Suddenly morality becomes less important than 'the economy' and jobs more important than human life; and oil can lead a nation to war and to start violent and bloody revolutions abroad. No, America is certainly corrupt and corrupting the whole planet; but the Church does not see it and does not want to see it - she is in the middle of something with madam Babylon; the do not disturb sign is on the door, the pants draped over the chair and if you listen carefully, you can hear the moans of sexual ecstasy. No time for morality and God, not while they are in the middle of something.

No brothers, we who are awake must not become drunk with the Harlot's whiskey. She knows what she is doing - she is making money off of her patrons and using them to penetrate new markets and bolster her political support. It is her patrons who do not know that they are really dealing with the [King of Babylon, who is Lucifer](#).

Why can't the Church see this today? Because in many cases, **it has not been given** to them that they should see. Brothers, as I have said before, blessed are the eyes that see.

*And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, **but to them it is not given.***

(Mat 13:10-11)

God has blinded their eyes so that they cannot see. Thinking they are saved, they are lost.

He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

(Joh 12:40)

Remember that this verse as well was not written to the lost world, the gentiles, but to God's people **who should have known what time it was**. They did not. Their many years of rebellion put them in a place that was frankly outside of God's grace, for when one has been so blinded and is determined to stay that way; they can never come to the truth. This is why we must never become stubborn or rebellious. Again, the prophet Ezekiel makes this concept pretty plain.

*Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a **rebellious house**, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a **rebellious house**.*

(Eze 12:2)

Indeed throughout the book of Ezekiel, the idea of the rebellious house is most prominent.

(Eze_2:3; Eze_2:5; Eze_2:6; Eze_2:7; Eze_2:8; Eze_3:9; Eze_3:26; Eze_3:27; Eze_12:2; Eze_12:3; Eze_12:9; Eze_12:25; Eze_17:12; Eze_24:3; Eze_44:6)

Yet even the Prophet had to deal with the mockery of the rebellious house.

Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision. For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel. For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD. Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord GOD.
(Eze 12:22-28)

Yes, just like in today's Churches you have many who don't believe God nor his prophecies - they believe in the money that comes into the Church's coffers, but not God's word. The proverb in Israel was probably a popular one as Israel had many prophets and since Israel had their sacred mantra '[the temple of the Lord](#)' (Jer 7:4); they felt they could never be moved. So what happened. Did Ezekiel's vision come to pass?

*But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him. And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: **he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah**. Then he **put out the eyes of Zedekiah**; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.*
(Jer 52:8-11)

The Lord's patience and slowness were mistaken for slackness about sin and evil. It was a mistake that the Lord was not going to let continue for this rebellious house. God is not a pansy he is not weak and if you rouse his anger there is no worse thing a man can face.

Brothers and sisters let me close by saying that God does not like rebellion and stubbornness. A stubborn heart is a blind heart and a blind heart cannot hear the words of God. A stubborn heart becomes a rebellious heart.

Let us stop and listen to what God has to say to each of us. In these times sometimes the things he asks us to do is hard. But if we obey a blessing will surely follow. Remember Abraham - he was told to leave his home and go do a place that God would show him. How many of you would actually do that if God asked you? I think many would bob their heads up and down yes... right up unto the day they actually had to leave and then they would stay right there in Babylon and find a pastor who read regularly from the Book of Excuses, chapter 6 verse 66.

Israel did not listen to her prophets and was forsaken went into rebellion and went through nearly 2000 years of sever persecution all over the world. Just Like Moses and the prophets said they would. As a people, Israel will get one more chance. The Church will not.

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no

more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
(Heb 10:26-31)

Yield to the Holy Spirit and do not harden your hearts to him and become part of that rebellious house.

The Sardis Syndrome

*But thou hast a few names in Sardis that did not defile their garments:
and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy.*
- (Rev 3:4)

The Church at Sardis did not have a good report from the Lord. In fact, he had some of the strongest rebuke for the Churches amongst those at the Church at Sardis. They were told that their works were not perfect and that if they did not repent, Christ would come upon them like a thief. This phrase is an important one in that it denotes the way Christ comes upon the lost, unbelieving world. Christ also warns them of not being watchful and essentially sleeping at the spiritual wheel. When the Lord comes in as a thief, it denotes a person who is living in darkness and are under his divine judgment. How do I know?

But ye Breheren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. -
(1Thess 5:4)

What does the scripture say about darkness?

*If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the
blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*
(1John 1:6-7)

If that day overtakes anyone **as a thief** it is because they are walking in darkness, not the light and are STILL IN THEIR FORMER SINS So the Lord's threat here is far more than just a loss of blessing or reward, this is a matter of ultimate salvation. In fact, it may even be the key piece of evidence of actual salvation or no. What I mean is there are a lot of people who sit in Church year after year who have never been saved. They have never *really* been born again from heaven. They have never been baptized with the Holy Spirit and have never tasted first hand of the heavenly gift. When that happens to a person, they are never, **ever** going to forget it. Even if they slip and backslide, they will usually come back. When God *really* touches a person, there is a fundamental change inside that persons soul. But today, as I look around nominal Christianity and indeed in many of its celebrated (by **worldly** media organizations) 'Christian' personalities and I listen to them speak or watch their behavior, I have to ask myself if they really know Christ. I did not say that they had to be perfect, but when leaders refuse to

rebuke sin in their congregations, become best buddies with recalcitrant lost souls and deceivers and make millions from fleecing God's sheep, I become most suspicious of what is passing itself off as Christianity today, especially in the west and particularly in America.

My point here is a simple one. Here in last days Babylon, there are a few of us who are awake and watching, a few of us who are sincerely striving to enter in at the strait gate, a few of us who have not soiled our garments and a few of us who will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven and stand before our Lord in White and with great joy. Just a few.... Just like our Lord promised.

The Church in America, much of it is indistinguishable from the world, its greed, sins and abominations. It is one thing to have these troubles, quite another to not acknowledge them as sins and repent of them and this has been part of Modern western Christianity's troubles; its inability and unwillingness to deal forcefully with the slumbering mindset, the love of mammon and the praise of this world and the continued disdain for rock solid biblical teaching under men who have special unction from the Holy Spirit, rather than covet unction from the US law enforcement, the intelligence community (you read that correctly) or rich men who pay good money to 'pastors' who seek to use religion to bolster their political fortunes.

So to those few of you (there are only a few) who really want to get into the kingdom and are truly willing to forsake all (fortunes, homes, families, careers, etc) and **do** exactly as your God commands to get into in, let us not soil our garments, nor spend too much time with those who have - they have made their choice, we must make ours. Let none of us be found wanting on the great day when the Lord returns to a lost world as a thief, to bring horrible recompense on a world stepped in all manner of sin, evil and vice.

*For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape. **But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober.***

(1 Thess 5:2-6)

Let us cease to listen to Pastor Getaround and Father Explainaway. Why? Pastor Getaround's key job is to help people find a way to get around the clear commands of God. "Pastor, I want to divorce my wife, can you find a verse to help me get around my obligations so I can marry Harriet the Homewrecker?" This is what King Henry VIII did. He could always find a Priest, Cardinal or Archbishop to help him find a way to chop off his wives heads or put them away if they did not bear him a son. He was a perfect parishioner in Pastor Getaround's Congregation. "Father Explainaway, I want that promotion at work, but in order to get it I have to bear false witness, forge some documents and steal the work of someone else to get it? Can you explain away Christ's commands so I can get that \$30k a year bump in salary?"

My words to each of you is to forsake the counsel of Pastor Getaround, and flee the house of Father Explainaway.

They are doing the devils, not God's work and can only lead into into a miry pit of sin which is exactly where the devil wants you to be.

*Let no man deceive you by any means: **for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
(2Th 2:3)*

The word falling away is

apostasia

ap-os-tas-ee'-ah

Feminine of the same as G647; defection from truth (properly the state), (“apostasy”): - falling away, forsake.

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