

Zechariah 10 - Gnosticism: Faith of the False Jews

Zechariah - 5:5-11
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Lack of Knowledge Abounds

- The Church Age has had significant issues trying to interpret Jewish prophecy because it did not and does not understand post exilic Judaism which still exists
- This seventh vision demands we understand how Babylonian cultic beliefs and practices influenced Judaism; it was these beliefs that Christ frequently spoke against in His dialogues with the Pharisees

Picture of Tainted Judaism

- Basket = ephah: measures grain - wheat, barley, etc.
- Judah's flirtation with evil being measured by God
- In Zechariah's day it was restrained (lead top) until fullness of times (10: 2,1-5)



Understand the Images

- Angel tells Zechariah to look, understand what is being taken out of the land, though not out of history
 - Zechariah does not discern the trouble in the land
 - This Wickedness was in the land but contained
 - Zechariah looks and sees a woman (metaphor)
 - She is thrust back into the basket
 - Lead seal replaced back on the basket's opening

Why a Woman?

- Is this a diatribe against women or intimating that women are inherently evil? No! {ALL have sinned} (Ro. 3:23)
- God and angels are expressed in the masculine though they are spirits (no reproduction in eternity future)
(Mt. 22:29-30, Jn. 4:23-24)
- Israel is called His wife in Old Testament giving Judah the feminine form (applied to Israel also) (Is. 54:5-6, Ez. 23:40-49)

Unfaithfulness to God - Harlotry

- Israel's and Judah's choosing idolatry over God was described as spiritual unfaithfulness to God - Harlotry
- Pre-exilic Judah plagued with idolatry from its start (Ex. 32:1-6)
 - Solomon's many wives (1Ki. 11:1-13)
 - Ahab's wife Jezebel with her priests of Baal (1Ki. 16:29-34)
 - Temple rife with priesthood and elders worshiping idols (Ez. 8)

Messengers of Wickedness

- Two women messengers
- Wings like stork wings
- Carry the basket to Shinar
- Temple being built for it
- This Woman vital to false worship of this temple



Why Female Messengers?

- Stork wings depict kindness but uncleanness - Angels of light though they bring only death (2Co 11:14)
 - Distort God's love to promote Lucifer's deadly religion
- Depicts beginnings of Gnosticism - Talmud/Mishna over pure Bible leading to errors others may copy
 - Evil guarding evil (Etruscan Lizard) (<http://www.dailystock.com/0000/0004/0004.jpg>)
 - Similar to angels seen in Christian art forms (winged women)

Temple Being Built

- Jews had not built their Temple since laying foundation 18 years before; but, Lucifer was building his temple
- Shinar (land between the rivers) was associated with Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar) after Cataclysm waters receded - Most of Jewish exiles remained in Babylon
- Talmudic mysticism would be major anti-Jewish faith

Exile: Jews in Crisis

- When Temple destroyed the Jewish faith, built about the Temple, was in crisis: how to survive
 - Priesthood required the Temple to have power
 - Synagogue system developed to protect Judaism
 - Populist leaders (rabbis) rose up to lead the synagogues
 - Oral tradition had always been part of Jewish culture
 - It became a means of empowering rabbis via gnosticism

Oral Traditions – Pharisaism

- The rabbis (teachers) needed doctrine to hold the faith together against the onslaught of paganistic religions
- They began developing rambling thoughts to explain, in allegorical form, the *true, new*, Torah meanings
- These oral traditions became known as the Talmud and Mishna but not written down until about 500 AD
(<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/the-orally-transmitted-talmud-and-mishna>)

Christ Condemned Oral Law (Mt 15:1-20)

- Christ condemned Sadducees for using the Temple for personal gain and not teaching people God's truth
(Jn 2:19-22)
- Christ condemned Pharisees for their *traditions* - Justified their sins by gnostic meanderings
- Many people do not understand the evil enshrined in the Talmud that caused people to sin - It's in Hebrew

A Few of Their *Traditions*

- If a 'goy' (Gentile) hits a Jew he must be killed. (Sanhedrin 58f)
- If a Jew murders a 'goy' there will be no death penalty. (Sanhedrin 57a)
- Sexual intercourse between the 'goyim' is like intercourse between animals. (Sanhedrin 74f)
(<https://sites.google.com/site/reberits/woman-in-the-budic/>)

Traditions Similar to Islam

- Mohammed copied Talmud establishing his power'
 - Jews were allowed to lie to further the faith (Taqiya)
 - Certain passages had more authority than other passages (Abrogation)
 - They demanded to live only under their law and rebelled if forced to obey Gentile laws (Sharia)
- Religious violence core of Lucifer's globalization plan

False Jews Are Babylonian Whore (Mt 17:18)

- The Old Testament depicts the conflict between *true* and *false* Jews (just as today's churches have *true* and *false* believers) (Wheat and tares) (Mt 13:24-30)
- *False Jews* are the main purveyors of globalization today
- Talmudic Judaism and Islam become core to Lucifer's solution of Gnosticism promoted by False Prophet as source of world peace except among true believers
(Mt 13:11-13)

Zionism Is Not Recalled Israel

- Zionism roots are in socialistic secularism
<http://www.zionism101.org/default.aspx>
- Modern Israel wants to be a force in globalization
- Orthodox Judaism willing partner in this false hope



Warning of Coming Troubles

- The angel revealed this Wickedness would wait in Babylon until ready {Fullness of time}
- Revelation reveals that she will play the whore with false faiths bringing them to Lucifer in Jerusalem
- When consolidated, Lucifer will bind them together via Gnosticism and destroy *false Jews* whom he hates

Two Warnings of Apostasy

- The Scroll warns of violating the Ten Words {Law}
 - Rejecting God, given over to false beliefs {Idolatry}
 - Coveting the World, given over to ongoing strife {Wars}
- The Woman warns of polluting God's word with man's religions {Gnosticism} resulting in spiritual whoredom
 - Result of rejecting God's wisdom and desiring world's goods means coming under Lucifer's power - Death

Christians Must Understand

- Until Christians truly understand the Old Testament they will remain captive to myths
 - Many false teachers have announced the secrets of "end times" to start false cults (Seventh Day Adventists)
 - Many errors develop due to eisegetical hermeneutics: you find what you want to find - not what is there
 - Many churches today seek to make friends with those who are enemies of Christ because they deny Him

Christians Have One Mission

- Christian's mission today: Preach the Gospel (Mt. 28:36-20)
 - We are not to establish governments - Belong to Lucifer
 - We are not to guess about times - Shipwreck of the faith (1Ti. 1:18-20)
- We are to study the Word (2Ti. 2:14-17; 3:16-17)
 - Show ourselves approved workers of God
 - Who need not be ashamed because of our ignorance

There is One More Vision

- These visions have come full circle - Back to the horses
 - Vision of the Horses (1)
 - Vision of warning to the Gentile nations (2)
 - Visions of Israel's Millennial Kingdom (3-5)
 - Visions of Judah's sin and its warnings (6-7)
- Next we will study the vision of the Chariots (Horses) - God's provision for His people