

Ba'al

The Hebrew word ba'al means: master, possessor, husband, owner, lord (2 Cor 6:14 - 7:1). Baal cults affected and challenged the worship of YHWH throughout Israelite history. Child sacrifice (Jer 19:5). YHWH was the master, husband, owner of the ISRAELITES in name but Caesar was in reality. Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's but render unto God the things that are God's. In the N.T. days — Baal worship had ceased as *obvious idolatry*, and a new kind, a more subtle form of Baal (master) (lord) (possessor), took on supremacy in man's heart and life. The government of men, Big Brother, i.e. a democratic dictatorship.

The outstanding thing about Baal worship is that it was subtle even in Old Israel's days. They hardly knew they were doing anything wrong. They worshipped God and Baal at the same time. But of course you can't drink out of two cups at the same time or eat at two different tables at the same time.

The outstanding thing about the one true God of heaven is that He cannot be worshipped at all except in Spirit and in Truth. There can be no sin a person is guilty of — no unconfessed sin — no consciousness of sin while one is worshipping Yhwh (Hos 2:16,17,20). Yhwh was master & husband of ISRAEL, but in "innocence," due to the hardness of their hearts (Eze 4:17-19) they called Him Baal, and this led to confusion of the worship of YHWH with the Baal rituals. Hos 2:16 will happen only in the New Covenant in the last days of this age, in the restoration of all things (Mt 17:11-12).

"For it shall be in *that day*, says the Lord (or Baal — but it should be YHWH) that you will call Me 'my husband' and no longer call me 'Baal' or 'Lord' — 'Baali' or 'my Lord'." In the restoration of all things, the reconstitution of Israel, the Elijah will deal absolutely in the Spirit of YHWH with idolatry and lawlessness: idolatry will be defined and exposed, and finally lawlessness will be exposed and put away (Titus 2:14), in the tribes of Israel.

When ISRAEL entered the land of Canaan, they found that every piece of land had its own deity; its owner, master, lord, supreme being. The gods of individual locations. In each locality there was a Baal. To be able to exist in that location one had to give Baal worship and thanks. But if the ISRAELITES were to maintain true worship and fellowship with YHWH, this Baal (false god) had to be cast out — broken down — in order for the kingdom to come to that place (Mt 12:28).

Today, Rom 13 has been misinterpreted and misapplied to the extent that the Israel of God today worships the Baal of State Supremacy and control, which is manifested in everything. And by compromise with the state and federal government one loses his right to be the kingdom of God, his inheritance in God's kingdom. This is the compromise today in the USA and Europe and Canada and in every country in every location.

Faith and Compromise

Whatever you gain by compromise you will not be satisfied by it, and you will lose it. God says, "If you see to it you don't bow, I'll see to it that you don't burn. If they won't go to heaven with you, don't go to hell with them."

Whatever you get by faith will satisfy you, and you will keep it. He will never give us more power, but faith. His power is here — we have already received.

Do not ever think that what you do does not matter or have any consequence. No matter how you feel or how you are accused, you are a member of the body of Messiah and God is your Father — He cannot deny Himself.

Elijah will appear before Messiah returns and will teach God's people to worship only Him and will distinguish between God and Baal. They will worship only God. Nowadays everyone knows it, but they do not understand how. Everyone knows not to worship other gods and to worship God alone, but they do not know that they are worshipping other gods at all. They are not able to distinguish other gods, to identify them as spirits of the underworld — fallen spirits. For instance: the false god of materialism, jobs, Baal, the U.S. government.

Israel did not know why they were destroyed by Assyria. They thought they were doing right, but that the Assyrian gods were greater. What is today's "Baal" "Boss" "Lord" "Owner" — U.S. government schools,

state controlled schools, forced education? The government takes by compulsion your own child and forces him to submit to a curriculum which the parents have absolutely no choice in. The parents have no choice but to hand their child over to a dictatorial system which controls every aspect of what goes into this little robot of the state.

This is the Asherah Pole today which must be pulled down (Rev 11:15; 1 Cor 15:24) — as does anything that lifts itself high and exalts itself above the knowledge of God (2 Cor 10:4-5). Prayer today is our only weapon, but who can pray? Who has not already compromised? If the finger of God casts out Satan, then the kingdom of God has come upon any location where Baal was lord and master before.

Jer 51:7; Rev 17:4; 14:8 — God is coming manifestly to this earth according to the Scriptures which Protestants, Catholics and Jews use today and which they regard as Holy Scripture (Dt 30:3; Zec 14:3-4; Mt 16:27; 24:3-14, 27, 36-39; 25:31,32; 26:64; Lk 21:25-28; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor 1:7-8; 4:5; 1 Tim 6:14; 2 Tim 4:1; Tit 2:13; Heb 9:28; 1 Jn 2:28; Rev 3:11; 16:15; 22:7,20).

Today's (Israel) The Church (Dt 29:19) (Jer 22:15; Rev 14:8-10; 16:19; 18:2,3; Gen 18:20-21; Jer 51:48; Isa 44:23; Rev 12:12; 18:20; Jer 51:11,12) Set up a Standard to spread the news upon the walls of Babylon

It is on the strength of the Lord's oath to be ISRAEL'S God and so to protect them, that the ISRAELITE flatters himself that he is secure, no matter how he may behave. But who is walking in the Spirit which they claim to live by? (Gal 5:25) ISRAEL'S Promises (Dt 4:27-31; Isa 11:9-11; 60:20; Jer 24:6; Eze 36:22-24; Amos 9:14,15; Isa 63:6,7; 49:6)

Rev 18:4 — Then I heard another voice from heaven saying. Come out from her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues (Isa 48:20; Jer 50:8). Go forth out of Babylon. Flee from this (foreign) land. With the voice of singing, declare, tell this, cause it to go forth even to the end of the earth. Flee out of the midst of Babylon and go forth out of this land. Be as the leading goats, he-goats before the flocks as examples, leaders in the flight (Jer 51:6-9, 45; 2 Cor 6:17; Rev 18:4).

Flee, flee, flee, flee, let not destruction come upon you. Let every man save his life. There have been many so-called calls for "God's people" to come out of Babylon in the past 2000 years. But Revelation is written for "the one call" at the very end of days (Rev 18:4), that same Revelation in the New Testament, the last book of the entire Bible which all Christendom swears by, which also even the worldly courts and schools and dictionaries define as the Word of God.

"Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand, making all the earth drunken; the nations drank of her wine, therefore the nations went mad" (Jer 51:7-9). Babylon would have been healed if it were possible. Healing was applied down through 2000 years of history (which are all years of apostasy), but her wound is incurable so God's Word says, forsake her "my people." Who are "God's people" who dwell in the modern "apostate"?

Twelve Apostles were chosen (Lk 6:12-19; Mt 10:2-4; Mk 3:13-19). He chose from them twelve apostles ... The church has no purpose other than to make known to the world what God has done and is doing in history to break down the hostilities between people and to reconcile men to each other (Eph 3:10). "The manifold wisdom of God" — reconciliation between God and man, and man to man. Restoration to His image — Oneness. This is the Eternal Purpose of God — that the Church demonstrate the administration of the mystery hidden in God for ages — which he carried out in Messiah. The manifold wisdom of God is made known through the Church to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. To be specific, reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles for one Body without distinction (Eph 3:6) through the gospel — the power of God.

Grace, angelic power, was given Paul to preach (Eph 3:8) and to bring to light — angelic presence — stars (Rev 1:13-20; Eph 4:7). To each one grace was given, angelic power — in accordance to the measure of Messiah's gift.