## **WOE TO THE PROUD**

## WOE TO THE ARROGANT WHO REJECT GOD AND HIS WAYS, FOR THEY WILL SPEND ETERNITY IN THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

The opposite of Blessed, as in the Beatitudes, is the term woe or cursed. Those who refuse to humble themselves under God's mighty hand, will not receive His hand of blessing but one of judgment. Deuteronomy 28 is an example. Those who rebel against God are saying to God: 'I want to run my own life, live the way I want to, for I don't need you God.' God reaches out to rebels and sinners, but there comes a time when God simply says ..... 'As you wish'.

The atheist Nietsche said: 'Assert yourself. Care for nothing except yourself. The only vice is weakness and the only virtue is strength. Be strong, be a Superman. The world is yours if you can get it.'.

- Nietzche died in a madhouse.

- Daniel 4:24-37 Nebuchadnezzar learns about pride the hard way
- Matthew 11:21-25 Jesus denounced the highly educated cities that saw his miracles and yet refused to repent of their pride and unbelief.
- Matthew 23 Jesus pronounces 7 woes on the arrogant self-sufficient Pharisees
- Luke 6:24-26 4 more woes spoken by Jesus / Proverbs 6:17, 16:5,18, 22:4
- Isaiah 14:9-15 Proud Lucifer gets his just reward Revelation 20:10
- Revelation 18:10,16.19 Babylon's world system is doomed
- Isaiah chapters 1-3 reveal the judgments upon a rebellious people in the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C. and yet they sound very similar to today's modern world.
   For example: 'They parade their sin like Sodom' - Isaiah 3:9



'In the days of Lot people were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. The day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulphur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.'
- Jesus / Luke 17:28-29

Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

- Jude 7

REMEMBER SODOM

Sodom was totally wiped out and is no more. Although most preachers never mention such subjects anymore, God wants us to remember what happened there and why it occurred.

Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away from them as you have seen. - Ezekiel 16:49 NIV

- PRIDE 'Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall'. Proverbs 16:18
   RX: Blessed are the humble....for they will not stumble. It's hard to fall down if you are already low to the ground.
- PROSPERITY without COMPASSON The story of the rich man and Lazarus is a sobering reminder of the dangers of this attitude, - Luke 16:19-31

RX: Use money and resources to advance God's kingdom agenda not yours.

PERVERSION Detestable practices: sacrificing children, divination, sorcery, interpretation of omens, witchcraft, casting spells, mediums, spiritists, those who consult the dead. - Deuteronomy 18:10 Homosexuality etc. Romans 1:26-31

RX: Honor God with your body as a living sacrifice - 1 Cor. 6:18-20, Rom.12:2

"Why do the nations rage and the **people's plot in vain?** The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. 'Let us break their chains', they say, 'and throw off their fetters'. The one enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 'I have installed my king on Zion, my holy hill.' - Psalm 2:1-6

Jesus Christ will one day visibly reign over the whole world when he returns once more to this earth. We see glimpses of this in Isaiah 2:1-5 and Isaiah 11:1-9. The world will be in perfect harmony and peace in every way. That was God's original plan for Adam and Eve in their paradise in Eden, but then the enemy intruded. Satan had earlier been thrust out of heaven when he sought God's throne. Once the chief angel of worship, he now desires to be worshiped and to rule over mankind. The history of mankind is filled with examples where **Satan influences mankind to rebel against God** and to seek 'A New World Order'.....one without Jesus.

There is evidence of this throughout history. The rich and the elite are seldom content with just having money; they have a desire to control the masses throughout various areas of society.

After the worldwide flood at the time of Noah, his descendants multiplied They had one language and a common speech. Some, under the leadership of Nimrod, moved eastward to a plain in Shinar. They said to each other:

"Come, let us build **ourselves** a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may **make a name for ourselves** and not be scattered over the face of the earth."



**TOWER OF BABEL** 

God saw that with such unity among them, they could do anything. He confused their language and they scattered. Some would see this as God's judgment, but we also see this as an act of mercy. He knew that **concentrated power in the hands of mankind was dangerous**, especially through someone like Nimrod.

Nimrod was the great grandson of Noah and the grandson of Ham, who was cursed by Noah to be the lowest of slaves. Nimrod set up kingdoms in Babylon (called the land of Nimrod), in several other cities and also in Nineveh in Assyria. His name comes from the Hebrew word 'marad' which means **rebel**. The letter n was added to make it 'nmarad'. Land of Shinar was the first civilization after the flood and became **the first attempt at a one world system**.

"Now it was Nimrod who excited them to such an affront and **contempt of God**. He was a bold man, and of great strength of hand, persuaded them not to ascribe it to God, as if it were through his means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured this happiness. He also gradually changed the government into **tyranny** - seeing no other way of turning men from fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence upon his power.

He also said he would be **revenged on God**, if he should have a mind to drown the world again - for that he would build a tower too high for the waters to be able to reach! He would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers."

-The Jewish historian Josephus (Antiquities I: IV:2):

Nimrod did not believe God's promise that he would never flood the whole world again.

"Nimrod was mighty in hunting, and in opposition to YHWH (Yahweh).......the name itself, Nimrod from marad: 'we will revolt', points to some violent resistance to God. Nimrod formed a powerful kingdom.....shown to be the result of his strength in hunting. If the expression 'a mighty hunter' relates to hunting in a literal sense, we must add to the literal meaning the figurative significance of "hunter of men" (a trapper of men by stratagem and force. Nimrod became a tyrant, a powerful hunter of men."

- Commentators Keil and Delitzsch 1975:165 on Genesis 10 passages

At the Tower of Babel, they sought to build a ziggurat, an Assyrian 'mountain top' with a temple at its top to worship the host of heaven. Babylon was like a stargate, a gate of the gods. It became the first one world gov't, religion and economic system. It was occultic. It's secret technology and spiritual systems have been passed down

through secret societies. They consider themselves 'illumined ones' (Illuminati) with superior knowledge to rule the rest of us serfs. This goes back to Eden where Satan promised special knowledge.....'you shall be as gods'. One of the key beliefs of the global elite is eugenics (good genes). They promote selective breeding and depopulation of the ignorant masses. (eg. Margaret Sanger who founded Planned Parent, made sure that most abortion clinics were in places where blacks lived as she considered them an inferior race. Hitler was influenced by this too re: the Jews) History is littered with tyrants like Nimrod who are egotistical, tyrannical and oppressive. The founders of the U.S.A. were well versed in history and the Bible. They recognized the depravity of man and the need for protective measures against tyranny. They had wisdom from God who gave them the idea of divided government with 3 equal branches: the executive, the legislature and the judicial court. Separation of powers is protection against tyranny.

"For the Lord is our **Judge**, the Lord is our **Lawgiver**, the Lord the Lord is our **King**; it is he who will save us." - Isaiah 33:22

The quest for a man made world government goes on today through such groups as the WEF (The World Economic Forum) under Klaus Schwab whose goals are similar to those of Hitler's 4<sup>th</sup> Reich. Since 1971, Schwab has groomed many world leaders in his globalist plans such as Trudeau /Canada, Joe Biden /USA, Macron /France, Zelinksi / Ukraine etc. During the 1970's I became aware of previous elitists who disparaged nation states and promoted world government, such as Henry Kissinger, David Rockefeller, Z. Brezinksi. Those who reject God's rule, would rather be the gods who rule over others. (There will be more detailed discussion of artificial intelligence and informative resources in the **Dark Kingdoms** section on our website: **jesusreigns.net** 

Our main focus must be on Jesus' and His kingdom but there is a place for being aware of Satan's devices and plans in operation today. We are commanded to 'expose fruitless deeds of darkness' - Ephesians 5:11. One can get discouraged when they see how evil seems to be thriving, but God will have the final say.

**Evil may have its hour, but God will have His day.** - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



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