

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
ABRAHAM LEAVING BABYLON

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our story of Abraham.

Say - It is important for our continued study and understanding that we stop here and find out the spiritual meaning of why Abraham was called out of Babylon. Remember we said God teaches us with the physical so we can understand the spiritual.

Say - There are two religious belief systems in the world. "The Way" of God which is the "strait and narrow but leads to (eternal) life" or the way of Satan which is the "broad way which leadeth to destruction" Matthew 7:13-14.

Say - At the time God called Abraham out of Ur/Babylon, originally called Babel, Babylon was the wonder of the world but it was the first government in rebellion to God and eventually enslaved the twelve tribes of Israel. But God wanted Abraham and God wants His followers today to come out of the culture of Babylon and leave it behind. Why was this so? Physical Babylon represents a culture of religious confusion of Satan and man-made religions or all that is against the Truth of God.

Say - As long as we are a part of the religious confusion of Truth and error, we are a part of physical and spiritual Babylon where there is no salvation. Remember the 12 tribes of Israel, the first Christians, mixed the worship of the true God along with the worship of idols at the same time. Finally the 10 tribes were captured by Assyrian armies and Judah was taken into captivity for 70 years by Babylon. Unfortunately the worship of truth and error is no different today in many religions.

Say - All religions have a lot of good things in them and do a lot of good things and this is why it is confusing. Some religions say they have the Law of God but change His Law. While other religions say the Law of God is done away. Yet the Most High God says, ¹⁷Think not that I am come to destroy the law (the first five books of our Bible), or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil, Matthew 5:17. So what makes these religions different?

Say - The thing that is different is they do not know the difference between the TRUE religion of God and the COUNTERFEIT religion and will suffer the same plagues because God says, My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**: because thou hast rejected **knowledge**, I will

also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children, Hosea 4:6.

Say - God's people must totally come out of physical and spiritual Babylon just as Abraham walked away from physical Babylon, its culture, family and the beauty which made Babylon the wonder of the world.

Say - Babylon is symbolic of being enslaved or held captive by the confusion of TRUTH and ERROR which confuses people or simply put SIN!

Say - Babylon is symbolic of the apostate church, which means it abandoned the TRUTH of God or kept bits and pieces of the truth but mixed it with error and superstition. Any religion which does not know or teach the TRUTH of God is a Babylonian religion and we should run from it. The Bible tells us the apostate church, ⁵upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH, Revelation 17:5.

Say - God tells us through His Prophet Isaiah, ¹⁷Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go (not the false apostate church of Babylon). Read on for the benefits of listening to God.

¹⁸O that thou hadst hearkened (listened) to my commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

²⁰Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob, Isaiah 48:17, 18, 20.

Say - God tells us, ⁸I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye, Psalm 32:8. When we follow God as Abraham did out of Babylon, it will be as if we are seeing through the eyes of God; this is what God's people are to do daily and not fall into the traps of the confusion of Babylon.

Say - God said, ²⁹O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

³¹But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments (ordinances), which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to

possess it (the land God was speaking of was the land of Canaan where Abraham was going and is symbolic of the coming Kingdom or government of God. But we won't be there if we are in physical or spiritual Babylon, it is that simple).

³²Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left (not conservative or liberal but "strait" and center, don't take our eyes off God and His teachings).

³³Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess (If we don't walk in all the ways of God we won't have on the Garment of Righteousness), Deuteronomy 5:29-33.

Say - God tells us, "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her (Babylon) fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

⁴And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her (Babylon Mystery Religion), my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

⁵For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities (Lawlessness) Revelation 18:3-5.

Say - In summary, the only way to get to the Promised Land, The Kingdom of God, is to leave Babylon physically and spiritually. Then we must follow the true leader, GOD for He tells us, ⁶Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me, John 14:6.

MEMORY VERSE

I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE:
NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME.

JOHN 14:6

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS BELOW

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IN THE WORLD, THERE ARE TWO RELIGIONS, THE TRUE WAY OF GOD
WHICH WILL LEAD TO SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE;
THE OTHER WAY IS THE WAY OF SATAN WHICH LEADS TO
DEATH AND NOT LIFE.

BABYLON, GOD WANTS US TO KNOW, MEANS CONFUSION OF MAN-
MADE RELIGIONS AND ABSENT OF THE TRUTH OF GOD;
WHEN WE LISTEN TO MAN-MADE RELIGIONS, WE ARE IN BABYLON
WHERE THERE IS NO SALVATION.

WHILE MANY MAN-MADE RELIGIONS DO A LOT OF GOOD FOR
PEOPLE, THEY CHANGE THE TEACHINGS OF GOD INTO A LIE;
FOR INSTANCE, MAN-MADE RELIGIONS SAY GOD'S LAW IS DONE
AWAY BUT GOD SAYS, "THINK NOT THAT I AM COME TO
DESTROY THE LAW".

GOD TELLS US MAN-MADE RELIGIONS ARE DECEIVED AND DO NOT
KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TRUE RELIGION OF GOD
AND THE FAKE RELIGION OF SATAN;
THAT IS WHY GOD WANTS HIS FOLLOWERES TO "COME OUT, BOTH
PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY, FROM BABYLON.

GOD DOES NOT WANT US TO LISTEN TO THEIR MUSIC, WATCH
THEIR MOVIES, READ THEIR BOOKS OR BIBLE STORIES;
GOD TELLS US, "I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH YOU IN THE WAY
YOU SHALL GO AND KEEP ALL OF MY COMMANDMENTS".

THEN WE WILL BE WEARING THE GARMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
WHEN HE RETURNS FOR HIS PEOPLE;
FOR "GOD IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE" AND LET NO ONE
TELL YOU DIFFERENTLY.

MANY SAY GOD'S
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THINK NOT THAT I AM
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MATTHEW 5:17

COME OUT OF BABYLON

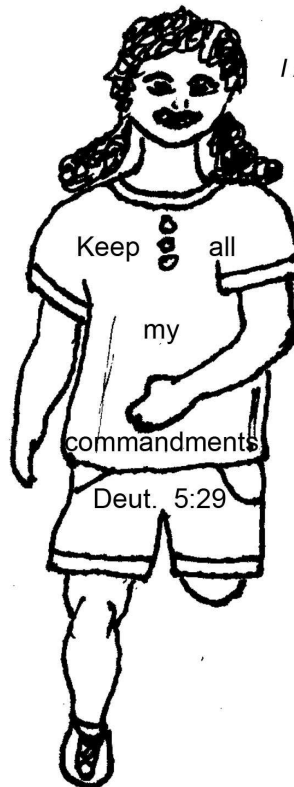
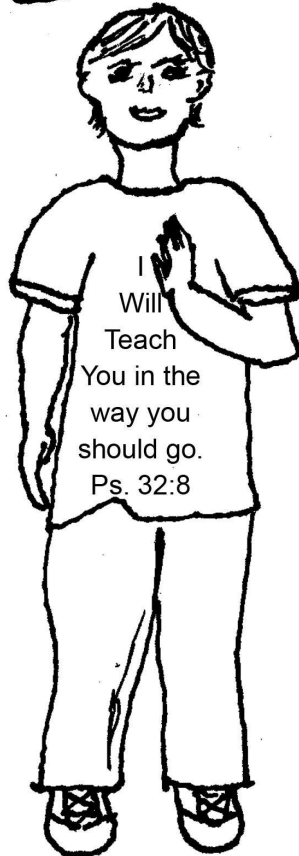
GOD SAYS
DO NOT
WORSHIP
THE HOSTS
OF HEAVEN
DEUTERONOMY 4:19



NOT THIS KIND
OF MUSIC



GOD SAYS... NEITHER
SEEK AFTER WIZARDS
I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD
LEVITICUS 19:31



*JESUS SAID, I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE: NO MAN
COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME.*

JOHN, 14:6