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# **The Second Witness**

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Special Edition and Invitation: The photo above is of the Temple of Bel (Baal) in Palmyra, Syria before it was destroyed by ISIS. On April 19th, the demonic Feast of Molech, and start of the 13-day "Blood Sacrifice to the Beast" that ends with the ocultic 'holiday' of Beltane on May 1st, a 3-D printed recreation of the Temple of Bel will be erected simultaneously in Times Square, New York and Trafalgar Square in London. This is a project of UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. I intend to be at the Times Square location on the 19th to pray against this abomination, and I invite you to join me.

Contact me at pastorscott@redemptiongate.org if you are interested.

I interpret this occurrence as powerful support of my hypotheses in this newsletter.

Read these news stories for more information:

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In 2015 we offered you lead articles drawn from our book-in-progress, "The Soon Second Coming of Christ." While there is much we still want to publish in this newsletter from that project, we're going to switch gears for a while and introduce to you material from a separate book-in-progress: "Where Satan Dwells: Antichrists Through the Ages."

# Unmasking the Antichrists of Earliest Antiquity

Part II: The Antichrists of Sodom and Egypt

THE CITY OF SODOM AND ITS KING OF EVIL

Genesis 14 tells the story of Abram's rescue (before he became Abraham) of his nephew Lot from King Chedorlaomer of Elam (and his allies) who had taken Lot and his goods as plunder after a successful attack on Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboim and Zoar.

Chedorlaomer's attack was in response to the rebellion of King Bera of Sodom (and his allies) in the 13th year of Chedorlaomer's rule over them. Lot was living in Sodom and was captured along with the rest.

On Abram's return from successfully recapturing the people and property that had been stolen, Abram was met by two figures who represent good and evil in the world:

<u>Melchizedek</u>, the King of Salem (a Christ figure identified as Priest of the Most-High God, whose name means "King of Peace"), and

**Bera**, the King of Sodom (an Antichrist figure whose name means "King of Evil"). Under King Bera "the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the *LORD*" (Genesis 13:13 -- Interestingly, 13 is the Biblical number of rebellion.) Years later God would destroy Sodom with fire and brimstone (Genesis 19).

Significantly, "The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the people to me and take the goods for yourself." Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, for fear you would say, 'I have made Abram rich'" (Genesis 14:21-23). But to the King of Salem, Abram gave a tithe of all he had (Genesis 14:20).

Clearly, Bera is an Antichrist figure but he lived in Sodom, far from Satan's first post-flood appearance in Babylon.

Again, one of our hypotheses is that Satan's available candidates (to become Antichrist by his spiritual possession of them) must be under the political authority of the "owner" of his dwelling. If Babel, the capitol city of Babylon, or more precisely the Tower of Babel (or later the nearby Temple of Marduk) were a dwelling place of Satan prior to the building of the Altar of Pergamum, it would need to be "owned" by the same entity that "owned" the Kingdom of Sodom in order for the King of Sodom to qualify as an Antichrist candidate under our theory.

As it happens, The Kingdom of Elam, of which Chedorlaomer was king, was in those days a large empire that stretched from modern day Khazakstan and Iran through Babylon to the cities of the plain south of the Dead Sea. This means that Sodom was indeed within the political control of the nation which also controlled Babylon, bringing

### THE PHARAOHS OF EGYPT

We have so far observed that Satan has possessed a succession of individuals who serve the Antichrist role for a period of time. We don't have enough information to say that there was always an Antichrist figure alive in the world from Cain to King Bera of Sodom. It may be that Satan was a disembodied spiritual entity for periods of time between hosts. We just don't know.

However, with the emergence of dynastic human kingdoms and empires after the flood we begin to see the spiritual equivalent of Antichrist "dynasties" arise, in which Satan possesses members of successive generations of individuals from the same family (a monarchy) or group of families (oligarchy). It stands to reason that Satan would prefer a host who is already in control of or is heir to great power and resources. And it would be doubly valuable to him if the governmental system they controlled were institutionally corrupt, providing him with a greater selection of potential candidates whose lust for money and power was culturally ingrained.

The first of the post-flood Antichrist dynasties arose in Egypt.

The Pharaoh of Egypt at the time of Abraham was not a wicked man. He treated Abraham well despite being deceived by him in the matter of passing off Sarah as his sister (Genesis 12:10-20). In fact, we have shown above that the Antichrist figure during that period was King Bera of Sodom.

Following God's destruction of Sodom, there is no obvious Antichrist figure identified in the Bible for several generations. We have only one Biblical clue as to where Satan might have been operating during that time: the land of Canaan. In Genesis 15:13-16 God warns Abraham about the his descendants' coming time of slavery in Egypt and adds an explanatory comment at the end:

"And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full."

The clue is in the mention of the Amorites, one of the most ancient of the Canaanite nations -- a nation that both populated Babylon and stands in scripture as a symbol of Canaanite wickedness, representative of the seven nations (all Canaanite) targeted for genocide by God in Deuteronomy 7:1. In His later rebuke of Jerusalem's unfaithfulness in Ezekiel 16:3, for example, God states "thy father was an Amorite." It may be that Satan dwelt in Canaan, cultivating its iniquity during part of that time, like God had cultivated goodness in the Garden of Eden before the fall.

However, the remainder of the Genesis 15 passage supports the conclusion that Satan somehow relocated to Egypt prior to, and probably in anticipation of the birth of Moses. We thus see the first Antichrist dynasty. Exodus 1:8-14 provides some context:

"Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph...So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses....The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously; and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them."

This "new king" known by scholars as the "Pharaoh of the Oppression" not only turned the Hebrews into slaves, he tried to kill Moses (a Christ figure) as a baby, in the decree of Exodus 1:16 which ordered the Egyptian midwives kill all Hebrew children during delivery.

"Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives...'When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live....Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, 'Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive" (Exodus 1:1522).

This effort foreshadowed that of another Antichrist figure, Herod the Great, who tried to kill Jesus as a baby by massacring all of the Hebrew male children under 2 in the vicinity of Bethlehem (Matthew 2:16).

The "Pharaoh of the Oppression" was succeeded by the "Pharaoh of the Exodus" who vigorously opposed Moses' efforts to free his people, bringing upon himself the 10 Plagues, including the death of all the firstborn sons of Egypt (Exodus 5-14). His refusal to free the Hebrew slaves until forced by God, then subsequent effort to slaughter the fleeing multitudes until his army was crushed by the Red Sea is a partial pattern for the end-times Antichrist and the Bowl Judgments described in Revelation.

A third Pharaoh is addressed in Ezekiel 31, in comparison to another Antichrist figure, Nebuchadnezzer II of Babylon. The entire chapter is devoted to this comparison. They are both equated with Satan, described as the grandest of the "Trees of Eden" before being cast into hell:

"To which among the trees of Eden are you thus equal in glory and greatness? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the earth beneath; you will lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who were slain by the sword. So is Pharaoh and all his hordes! declares the Lord GOD'" (Ezekiel 31:18).

It is not clear whether this reference is to the Pharaoh of the Exodus or a later Egyptian king. ###

**Next: The Antichrists of Canaan** 

SPECIAL OFFER: You can help Dr. Lively compete his prophecy books-in-progress, and receive a signed and numbered pre-publication copy of both books in manuscript form with a minimum donation of just \$50.00.

Friends, I have scheduled a two-week block of time in the second half of May to finalize and format three years worth of prophecy writings into two separate books: *The Soon Second Coming of Christ*, and *Where Satan Dwells: Antichrists Through the Ages*.

It's a huge job that requires intense focus, but I am determined to have both books in final printed and electronic form by the end of the year, and to have the manuscripts finished by mid-June. I will be sequestered in a resort-like setting in an undisclosed location, away from all normal work-a-day distractions, with a single goal:

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# United Nations to erect Temple of Baal replica in New York City and London in April.

This imminent event would appear to have enormous spiritual implications in light of our study.

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# Final Point: "Gay Marriage" as a Sign of the End Times

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