

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Babylon vs. The Kingdom: You Can't Do It

- I. **Babylon or the world's system is man trying to meet his own needs without God; Socialism is society (man) trying to meet it's own needs without God-Genesis 11**
 - A. We see the world's system really begin to take shape here at the tower of Babel and that's why we refer to this system of man trying to meet his own needs without God as the Babylonian System
 1. *ERV-Let's build ourselves a city and a tower that will reach to the sky. Then we will be famous. This will keep us together so that we will not be scattered all over the Earth.*
 2. *MSG-Come let's build ourselves a city and tower that reaches Heaven. Let's make ourselves famous so we won't be scattered here and there across the Earth.*
 3. *VOICE-Let's go build ourselves a city with a huge tower that reaches into Heaven. That way we will make a name for ourselves. If we don't, we'll run the risk of being scattered over all the Earth.*
 - B. Genesis 3:7-The first place we see man trying to meet his own needs without God was just moment after the fall of man when Adam lost the glory and tried to make clothes for himself
 1. This is Adam becoming his own source; Trying to meet his own needs without God; This is Adam having a need and he's going to **TAKE CARE** of it
 - a. THEY sewed fig leaves together and MADE THEMSELVES aprons
 2. **Any time a man tries to meet his own needs without God he will ultimately fail to do so because man wasn't created to be able to meet his own needs without God**
 - a. **Any attempt you make to meet any need you have on your own without God will be a failure; it was predetermined before the beginning of time; YOU CAN'T DO IT**
 - b. 10,21-Adam failed in trying to make clothes for himself
 3. Matthew 6:28-Jesus came preaching don't try to take care of what you wear because he preached the Kingdom, not Babylon and in the Kingdom God takes care of what you wear
 - a. The only question is what kind of clothes do you want
 - b. **In the Kingdom of God you receive from God according to your faith, not according to what he wants you to have**
- II. **The enemy is trying to take you to back to Babel; To the place where you have needs and don't even look to God; To the place where you try to meet your own needs without God**
 - A. Satan's trying to get you to a place that when you have a need you just try figure it our in your strength, in your own understanding, you're going to take care of it
 1. Satan wants to create so many options and so-called "answers" that when you have a need, going to God about it is the furthest thing from your mind

- a. Our society tries to produce an answer for just about everything (Can't sleep take a pill, can't lose weight try this diet, kids our rowdy we got medication for that, etc.)
- 2. What you end up with is believers who are hooked to Babylon, the world's system (which is man trying to meet his own needs without God); That's what Satan wants, he wants to hook you
 - a. Satan is trying to get you off of the Kingdom and onto Babylon
- B. The world's system was birthed by the devil and therefore it was not set up for anybody to succeed
 - 1. **When you choose Babylon failure is inevitable because Babylon wasn't set up for you to succeed; it was set up to keep you moving so much that you're going nowhere and don't even know it**
 - 2. There's always this illusion that it's going to get better
- C. When don't have a revelation of how to go to the Kingdom and get your needs met, then you'll be forced to go to Babylon
 - 1. **A big problem in the church is we've been more schooled in Babylon than we have in the Kingdom**
 - 2. We are coming out of this world and into God's way of doing things

III. When you lay Genesis 11:2-4 up against Genesis 12:1-4 you see Babylon vs. The Kingdom; The language is totally different in these verses

- A. Everything about what they're doing is wrong: They journeyed from the east, they're looking for a place – They found a plain, they chose a place – They said one to another, they're coming up with a plan – Let us make brick, they're trying to make their plan work – Let us build us, Let us make us, they're trying to meet their own needs without God
 - 1. **It's sad to say, but this is how most of my people are living; They're out looking for a place where they can figure out a way to take care of themselves**
 - 2. You have believers out here trying to pray and use their faith to bring to pass a plan that wasn't God's to start with
 - 3. **If a person would ever find out the plan of God for their lives and get in it they would find themselves being taken care of in a way that went beyond their wildest dreams**
 - a. I only do what my father shows me to do and I only say what my father tells me to say: If you ever discover what he has showed you to do and what he has told you to say and get in it, your life is about to change
 - b. And therein lies the biggest attempt the enemy is making against my people in these days; the attack against their hearing and against their confidence that they in fact heard from me
- B. Fear is the fuel Babylon runs on (The Fear that I won't be taken care of)
 - 1. The thing that they don't want (or they fear) is being scattered over all the Earth

- a. They're afraid if they don't do something they won't be taken care of
- 2. **(When people are afraid they're not going to be taken care of) Fear pushes people to come up with a plan of how they can TAKE CARE of the situation**
 - a. In Babylon there is this continuous fear that me, my life, my situations won't be taken care of
 - b. That fear manifest like this, "I have **TAKE CARE** of this because if I don't it won't be taken care of"
- 3. **This is the essence of Babylon: We got to take care of ourselves**
 - a. In the undertones of Genesis 11:2-4 you can hear, "We got to **TAKE CARE** of ourselves."
- 4. There is something for you to do, but it's not to **TAKE CARE** of it
 - a. "I got to do something," yes you do --- The something you are to do is to inquire of the Lord and find out what he'd have you to do and say and that's the "something" you're supposed to be doing

IV. In Babylon they said one to another, coming up with their own plan; In the Kingdom God said to Abraham, revealing to Abraham His plan-Genesis 11:3, 12:1

- A. The first problem is their plan is against God's plan; (God's plan was that man bless the whole Earth and to do that man's going to have to be scattered over all the Earth)
 - 1. God didn't show them this (build a tower, make a name), He didn't direct them to do this
 - 2. **You get out there where you're trying to do something that God didn't ordain and you better fit yourself for flop because it's coming**
 - a. Anything you do over yourself is a flop-John 15:5, Psalm 127:1
 - 3. John 5:19,30-Jesus said I can do nothing of myself; that means he didn't come up with the plan
 - a. You don't decide what YOU are going to do
 - 4. To do something without the Lord (to try to work your own plan) makes the thing you did nothing- Ps127:1
 - a. If the Lord doesn't build the house (if it's not his plan), it's vain, it's nothing it's empty; If the Lord doesn't keep the city, the watchman wakes in vain-John 5:19,30, John 15:5
 - b. You can build a house on your own, you can watch a city on your own – That's man trying to meet his own needs without God and that's nothingness, emptiness, vanity, worthlessness
 - 5. **When God tells you to do something he authorizes you to do it and if authorizes you to do it, then he'll empower you to do it and if he empowers you to do it, then you can do it, but if he doesn't you can't**
 - a. John 5:1-When Jesus went to the pool of Bethesda that was surrounded by sick people he only healed one; For him to say, "God loves the people and wants them healed so I AM JUST

GOING TO lay hands on them too," that would have been a flop because God didn't tell him to do it (That's Babylonian based religion)

- B. In their fear that they won't be taken care of they come up with a plan to **TAKE CARE** of their situation
 - 1. **Any plan you come with in fear will always fail; Fear always fails**
 - a. Fear that you won't have enough finances so YOU come up with a plan; Fear that your husband won't get saved so YOU come up with a plan to take care of it; Fear that your kids won't serve God so YOU come up with a plan to take care of it; Fear that your business is going to fail so YOU come up with plan to take care of it
 - b. EX: You're going to come up with plan to make extra money, to get free from addiction, to come up with a plan to fix your husband
 - 2. **In Babylon man came up with the plan to TAKE CARE of himself; In the Kingdom, God has the plan and in that plan the man is taken care of**
- C. ***There's always a plan, but it is not for you to come up with, it is for you to discover***
 - 1. Genesis 12:1-Abraham is on another system (He's not trying to figure out a plan to take care of himself, but rather he's discovering a plan and in it he's taken care of)
 - a. He's not talking to Lot and Sarah and his family trying to come up with plan, but rather God's talking to Him and Abraham is discovering the plan that God had already come up with
 - 2. The Lord said to Abraham here's the plan, here's what you do and here's what you say
 - a. Abraham is not trying to figure it out on his own; God's got it figured out and he's telling Abraham
 - b. "Go to a land that I will show you," vs. "They found a plain" – In Abraham's place God had the plan, In Babylon the man came with the plan
 - 3. **In Babylon (Genesis 11) man on his own tries to figure something out – In the Kingdom (Genesis 12) God already has it figured out and tells the man**
- D. How do you get the plan? You inquire of the Lord for him to show you what the plan is, to show you what he wants you to do and what he wants you to say
 - 1. **It's not just the generalities of the plan (like he wants you healed and your needs met) it's the specifics of "what's my part in seeing to it that your plan is carried out?"**
- V. In Babylon man has to make his plan work; In the KOG man gets the plan from God and the plan just works
 - A. When you come up with the plan then it's on you to make the plan work---Genesis 11:3-"**Let us make brick**"
 - 1. **Their plan is the tower and they have to make the brick to make their plan go**

2. **If God gave them the plan for the tower, he would have provided the brick but because he didn't give them the plan he isn't given them brick so they got to make it**
- B. The only way to make your own plan go is to toil by the sweat of your brow; Herein enters toil-Sweat, labor, unrest, self-effort because you're having to make something work that God didn't ordain; When it's on you to make it work toil will be the result
1. It is the wearisome effort to make it happen through your own labor; It could be prayer labor, it could be worry labor, it could be good idea labor; It comes from this idea that it's all on me to make it go
 2. Genesis 13:6-12-Lot's toiling in strife and selfishness; while Abraham is working the Kingdom
 3. **When you realize this isn't my plan, this is God's plan he's going to do the work and I'm going to do what he says; it removes toil from the process**
 - a. Babylon is not just trying to make your own plan work, it will have you trying to make God's plan work
 - b. Ezra 6:3-12-Message Bible-He's rebuilding the Temple and the plan just works
 4. Psalm 127:2-Anxious toil manifests when man tries to meet his own needs without God, to **TAKE CARE** of it
 - a. You got to get up early and stay up late in anxious toil because you got to make your plan work
 - b. Babylon is what has you crunching pennies, couponing, doing sleep studies, trying to figure out the right dosage of medicine, googling, facebooking, getting two jobs
 - c. 1Pet5:7-God gives his beloved sleep-My Father loves me, my father cares for me, I'm going to sleep
- C. Genesis 12:4-*"So Abraham departed"* - Abraham didn't come up with the plan so he didn't have to make the plan work, he just worked the plan
1. There was an ease to this rather than a toil-The plan was go to a place I'll show you, I'll bless you, make your name great and you'll be a blessing; you don't have to make that work, go to the place that I'll show you, it works
 2. You don't have to figure what to do and what to say to make it work; the Lord will show you what to do and say and it will work-John 11:41, Luke 8:48
 - a. John 11-The plan was to wait here two days, go to Lazarus' tomb and tell Lazarus to come forth; Jesus doesn't have to make that work, it just works
 3. Abraham worked the plan by obeying God
 - a. Genesis 13:2, 24:1,25-Abraham just got in the plan and the plan worked
 - b. It worked because God came up with the plan; Abraham just had to work the plan

D. In Babylon man does what he wants and labors make the plan work – In the Kingdom man does what God says and God does the work-John 5:19,30,14:10

1. "Let us build us" and "Let us make us" – This is man doing it
2. "I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great." – That's God doing it

VI. In Babylon everything ends with us – In the Kingdom we are blessing all the families of the Earth

A. Babylon it's all about you; In the Kingdom it's about raising you up to a place where you can bless

B. In Babylon I'll push others down as long as it means I get to the top (because I got to take care of myself)

1. Babylon will have you taken stuff from the hotel room, tipping your waiter based on service, using coupons you know are expired trying to see if you can get away with it because it's you taking care of you and as long as you are taken care of that's all that matters