

# End-Time Church

Many years ago a young minister, looking directly to Jesus Christ and His word and the pattern of the New Testament Church wrote ....

“All authority ...is limited solely to each LOCAL congregation, But there is NO BIBLE AUTHORITY for a supergovernment, or organisation with authority over the local congregations ....’ Mark 10:42-43,

‘But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to RULE over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise AUTHORITY upon them. But so shall it NOT be among you.’

Those who are IN, and MEMBERS of such an organised church government, submitting to doctrines declared by unscriptural boards as a fellowship test, are IN BABYLON and actually worshippers of THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST!

God is calling us, His people OUT of Babylon today, before it is too late...”

Brethren, let us have the courage to accept the TRUTH, and to COME OUT !”

**Herbert W Armstrong (The Good News April 1939).**

He went on to explain that the prophet Ezekiel’s message was for Israel today, and much of it about the End-Time, and the Temple, His Church, Ezekiel 9:4,6. *‘And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.’*

Just a few verses earlier, Ezekiel had predicted what would happen in his End-Time Temple, the Church of God, chapter 8:3-6,

*‘And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.*

*Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.’*

We all saw this fulfilled when the idol of hierarchy brought about the destruction of the Worldwide Church of God, but the lesson was not learned, and sadly it has been erected again in almost all splinters of the parent church. Many have good fruits, some with exceptional magazines that cannot be faulted, but look closely and there in the background looms the same dark image that is only revealed when something in the Bible is found to contradict their published beliefs.

Then, the idol of hierarchy or oligarchy moves, and church numbers, income and yes, dominion, are placed before Bible truth, and time and again God's word is stifled, just as HWA found with COG 7<sup>th</sup> Day.

It is for that reason that today many of God's people are found widely scattered as individuals or small independent groups who look directly to Christ rather than some organisation. Once again God has turned away from those who have lost their first love of His word and look instead to a President or Council of men, to tell them what to believe, and who are shocked to find some who look directly to the Bible, determined to be faithful to Christ, Revelation 14:1-4,

*'And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.'*

Only 144,000 will stand that day on the Sea of Glass after taking their Father-in-Laws name in that marriage ceremony with Jesus Christ and they are those who fled from the idolatry of the image and look to the pattern of the early New Testament Church, Revelation 15:2,

*'And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.'*

It is within these scattered groups and individuals that God has revealed the need to return to the True Holy Days which were kept by Jesus Christ and the Jews of His day, for they need ask no-one's permission once they understand the sheer simplicity of God's instructions .

Don't be discouraged from facing this subject by a fear that it is too complicated. Only men have set out to make it complicated to maintain control over their followers. God's instructions are so simple that a small child can easily understand them and you can too by viewing a film which shows the whole enjoyable process shot in the very places where it occurred each year in Israel 2000 years ago. To view this vital and informative film, go to

<http://ozwitness.net/> and click on the 'Media' tab, or for printable documents choose 'God's Calendar'.