

THE SPIRIT OF REBELLION

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**“When a land rebels, it has
Many rulers”
Ω Proverbs 28:2**

This being the 28th of the month I always read and meditate in Proverbs 28. This particular verse was revealed to me about 10 years ago when we first moved to Libby, Montana, and the scripture is for that area but I’ve since learned that it applies to most of the USA as well as other countries and I want to discuss the Spirit of Rebellion today because it is the very spirit that caused Satan—as well as millions of other angels—to fall from Heaven. It is also the spirit that sends many humans to hell and, as prophesied by the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2, it will be dominant in the last days and even greatly personified in the person of the Antichrist. Therefore, it is important for us to understand its operation and to look for it in our cities, states, country and even the church.

Back in the ‘90s the Lord showed me the spirit of rebellion operating in a woman who claimed to be a Spirit-filled Christian. I saw her come before the Lord and begin to stomp her feet and go into a rage—these actions symbolized her rebellion against the Lord—she knew what she was doing was wrong and in rebellion but she wanted to do it anyway. Then I saw this black cloud rise up and completely engulf her. She was in rebellion to the Lord but she did not repent and has not repented to this day.

There is a close connection between the spirit of rebellion and the religious spirits. We see this in the Scriptures and we saw this in Montana with many churches. When we first went there I picked it up in the spirit and told Ev: “This place is like the Book of Judges— ‘everybody did what was right in his own eyes.’” The great Apostle Paul wrote extensively about the connection although he did not specifically make the connection regarding Judaism. But being a Jew and a Pharisee he definitely saw the connection and wrote how Israel had rejected God’s righteous, i.e., the Messiah Jesus, and sought to establish their own righteousness. We have since seen this rebellion and operation of religious spirits in churches all over the USA and in other countries.

If you go back to Genesis to the time of Nimrod and the establishment of the Babylonian system (see the May 2008 archived teaching article titled: *Mystery Babylon*) you will begin to see this spirit of rebellion begin to manifest with the religious spirit and this Babylon mystery religion continues until this day and manifests in the church.

Today in my Bible meditation in my New Testament readings I was finishing Thessalonians, Timothy and Titus and I saw the connection between the key scripture for this teaching, Proverbs 28:2, and the condition of the USA today and why we now have “many rulers” or factions. Paul wrote in an oft quoted scripture we use to establish the authority of the Scriptures, 2 Timothy 3:16:

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, Correcting and training in righteousness”

So according to this verse, it’s the Scriptures that train a people “in righteousness”; therefore, when a nation like America departs from the Scriptures they will not have an understanding of righteousness and because they have rebelled “there are many rulers.” These various “rulers” or factions then begin to try and dominate politics to change things—to gain more power, money and influence (always for the worse) according to their agendas, e.g., gay marriage. And because our nation’s government is mostly dominated by ungodly people whose only goal is to remain in power they pander to these

“rulers” or factions and pass laws to favor them. This is precisely the reason why—although most Americans don’t know this—the USA has more people imprisoned than China and the Soviet Union combined! These statistics were given on NBC when they did a special on the prison system here. Of course they did not know the spiritual reason but there are so many people in prison today for offenses that used to just be civil fines but now are forced imprisonment because we have “many rulers.”

As I shared in writings on here after my last visit to Washington, D.C., in 2008 that the nation’s capitol is 40% darker than it was when I was there last in the ‘80s despite there being more Christian ministries located there than at any time in history. Obviously, the Church is losing the spiritual war for the soul of the Nation, especially in Washington. Mostly this has occurred because, again, of rebellion. Instead of using the spiritual weapons given her, especially intercession, most of the Church has become involved in politics and although I’m not against this it still is no substitution for the spiritual steps that must be taken to turn this nation around. Consequently, when you as a Christian decided to fight a spiritual battle with physical means you will lose the war against Satan.

Now let’s talk about rebellion in the church. There are many “rulers” in the church today because of rebellion, especially rebellion against the form of government the Lord established for His Church. Most pastors see themselves as “rulers” over a small business enterprise known as the local church and they normally don’t “rule” or manage this local church under the direction of the Holy Spirit but according to the dictates of man. That is why Jesus is pictured in the Seventh Church Age as “standing at the door knocking” (Rev. 3:20) because Jesus has been shut out of His own church and it is all because of rebellion and the religious spirit. As I’ve shared many times, the most shocking thing the Lord ever said to me in October, 1991, was that “the church is not being led by the Holy Spirit; it’s being led by religious spirits.”

Paul’s Greek, (*hysterois kairos*) in I Timothy 4:1 refers to this “later time” as being a time of rebellion when many professing Christians will

“depart from the faith” and they will cling to the “doctrines of demons” instead of the Word of God. This occurs due to false teaching and Paul’s warning during this time that many Christians would search for “teachers” who would tell them what they wanted to hear, hence Paul’s term “itching ears.” As Eve and I shared in the book, *The Gifts and Operations of the Holy Spirit*, most churches don’t want the Five-fold Teacher anymore—they want prophets, especially false prophets who will tell them what they want to hear! I’ve really lived to see what the Lord told me in April of 1985: “the greatest spirits in operation in the world today are deceiving spirits and religious spirits.”

Today most of the world discounts the historical veracity of the Bible but the Bible agrees with history and this is nowhere reflected more than in the nature of mankind to rebel against God and His laws. That’s why even in the Church most Christians want Jesus as their Savior but they don’t want Him as their Lord—they want to rebel against Jesus as Lord. This is manifested in sins such as unforgiveness, bitterness, selfishness, lack of agape love and development of the other 8 Fruits of the Spirit. Remember, not only were you “bought with a price” but you were created for a specific purpose by the Lord Jesus and if you rebel against His Spirit you will never fulfill God’s purpose for your life.

This must change! The Holy Spirit told me over and over again many times during the year 1997—“The world is waiting for a true demonstration of the Gospel.” The world has heard about Jesus but they don’t see Jesus in most of what we call the Church. I hope that today you will make a quality decision that you will show Jesus to somebody next week and lead them to the Lord. You will be blessed and the Lord Jesus will be blessed. Amen!