

WAKE UP SAMSON: THE BARBER IS COMING!

SAMSON THE DELIVERER, fell asleep on the lap of the HARLOT; Judges 16:19; Rev. 17:1-5; 19:2. “For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death”; Proverbs 7:26-27.

1. THE HARLOT’S INFLUENCE

A. It is subtle, deceptive and seductive. The spirit of harlotry operates through individuals, groups or organizations, and has the ability to influence people, cities and nations; Proverbs 7:10; Isaiah 1:21-23; Hosea 1:2-3; Revelation 17:1-2, 15.

B. God said that His wayward people had “a whore’s forehead”, implying that they have an “adulterous mindset”; see Jeremiah 3:3; Revelation 14:9; 17:5 (compare with Exodus 28:36-38; Revelation 22:4). Unfaithfulness to God is spiritual adultery; James 4:4.

C. The harlot requires payment for her “services”; Ezekiel 16:33; Judges 16:5. Delilah the harlot was paid by Samson’s enemies to seduce him; she was the “bait” employed by the Philistines to “wear him down”. She pressed upon him daily and vexed his soul; Judges 16:16; Daniel 7:25.

D. The spirit of the harlot is revealed in Judges 16:4-19 (Delilah); the “whore” of Revelation 17-18; Jeremiah 50-52; Proverbs 7. These things describe the harlot:

1. It utilizes “fair speech”, flattery; Prov. 5:3, 6:24; 7:21; Isaiah 30:10; 2 Timothy 4:3.
2. It brings spiritual error; Hosea 4:10-19, and profanes God’s name; Amos 2:7.
3. It is connected with idolatry; Exodus 34:15-16.
4. Description of the HARLOT’S BED (compare with Song of Sol. 1:16; Heb. 13:4):
 - a. It has the linen of Egypt; Prov. 7:16; Isaiah 19:9 (compare with Rev. 19:8)
 - b. This bed offers a “false love” (carnal affections, strokes the flesh) to one who is “void of understanding” while the “goodman of the house” (Jesus) is gone away on a long journey; Proverbs 7:7, 18-20.
 - c. This bed is also “perfumed”; it has a counterfeit “false anointing”; Prov. 7:16-17; (compare with Exodus 30:23-25).
5. The harlot has its own “attire” and false coverings; Prov. 7:10; Is.30:1; Rev.17:4.
6. It has false “peace offerings”: religious and political counterfeits appear to be “respectable”; Proverbs 7:14; Ezekiel 13:10-16.

2. IN SCRIPTURE, HAIR IS THE COVERING PROTECTION OF THE HEAD (THE CROWN).

A. In biblical days, hair was an “outward symbol” of an “inner” dedication and consecration unto God, as with the Nazarite vow; Numbers 6:5; 1 Samuel 1:11.

B. The head and hair of the Bride is described as “regal”; Song of Solomon 7:5.

C. Absalom, the son of king David, was known for his beautiful hair. But this rebellious “head of hair” became “entangled, caught and destroyed”, as a result of his disloyal behavior against his father; 2 Samuel 14:25-26; 15:4-6; 18:9.

D. A forgiven woman used her hair to wipe the feet of Jesus; Luke 7:38.

E. In biblical language, if the hair was cut, shorn or shaved by a barber, it signified, or was associated with AFFLICTION, MOURNING or the entire DESTRUCTION OF A PEOPLE; see Isaiah 3:17,24; 15:2; 22:12; Jeremiah 7:29; Amos 8:10; Isaiah 7:20.

3. WHEN SAMSON WAS ASLEEP THE BARBER CAME

A. The harlot “made him sleep”. She called for a man to shave off the “7 locks” of his hair; Judges 16:19. His uncut hair had represented his consecration unto God, which was the secret of his power. Now this is “cut off”. Samson is now vulnerable, lacking divine favor, anointing and protection. His intimacy with the harlot led him to the place of humiliation.

1. Blind watchmen are sleeping and slumbering; they lack understanding. They are intoxicated with the wine of a “worldly influence”; Isaiah 56:10-12; Rev. 3:16-17.
2. The “porter” is commanded to “watch”; do not be found sleeping; Mark 13:33-37.

B. Samson is a type of modern “Christendom”: carnal, undisciplined and backslidden.

1. Woe to those who are “at ease” in Zion; Amos 6:1.
2. God says that His backslidden people are like an unshod, wild female donkey in heat in the wilderness: unrestrained, running after other males; Jeremiah 2:24-25.

C. Samson also portrays a “mighty nation”, one who began with great military strength and economic resources, but has fallen into apostasy and is now plundered and powerless to defend itself; Jeremiah 48:14-17.

1. When the “HEAD of a nation” is corrupted, the entire nation will be afflicted; Judges 16:19; see Lamentations 5:1-17
2. Babylon the great is “fallen”; Revelation 18:2
3. When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn; Proverbs 29:2

D. When a man of God engages in sin and careless disobedience, as in Samson’s case, and the anointed presence of God leaves him, these are the consequences; Judges 16:21:

1. The Philistines (demons) which have been hiding in the harlot’s chamber, will take over; Judges 16:9
2. Blindness is the result (eyes are put out); Judges 16:21; Jeremiah 52:11; Matthew 15:14; 23:13-29; Revelation 3:17-18
3. Fetters of brass (judgment) placed on his “hands”(service, ministry) and “feet”(his walk, advancement) will bind him
4. He will “go in circles” (no spiritual progress), “grinding in the prison house”; Judges 16:21; Lamentations 5:13
5. He will become a source of “sport, entertainment, amusement” for the people; Judges 16:25

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