

## Where the Battle Is Being Fought

*Scripture reading: Matthew 24:15-22*

*When ye therefore shall see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)...”*

When a Jew reads this passage, he understands more of what it is saying than we do. He knows that whenever you take the book in their synagogue, everybody knows that you are going to read and everybody submits his or her mind to you. The Bible says that this thing or person will be standing in the Holy Place church, proclaiming itself as “*God*” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). Have you seen it? The “*antichrist*,” that is written of in Daniel 11 (“*the abomination that maketh desolate*”) is standing in the church now and giving orders!

So Jesus said here, “When you see him get up and stand in the Holy Place, FLEE!” “Run! Leave! Leave it! Leave the Holy Place now, because the holy place has become Babylon.” Let me explain it to you. If you turn your Bible around to Revelation and look at Chapter 18, you will see what I am talking about. What I am preaching to you is the exact word that I am getting from the Lord.

Revelation 18:2, “*And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*” Is God talking about birds? He is talking about the spirits that occupy the church and the people. It brings it into confusion! It causes “*Babylon*.” Amen! The spirits of devils working in the midst of the church!

I have been working in this church area for many, many years. I have seen all the demons and the devils that work within the churches and govern the people. The pastor must have a certain amount of psychology. *BABYLON* must have a psychologist as a minister! When you go to Bible school, one of the chief subjects that you must learn is psychology. You learn how to manage the crowd. You learn how to manage the sister that is “*giving trouble*.” We always had it as a joke. We would say, “Kick her upstairs!” Do you know what that means? There was a sister who belonged to a church. She came and began to fellowship with us. She was so blessed that she had to take it back to her pastor to show him all the goodies and the books and all like that we were giving. Immediately, she was promoted to choir leader (musical director) in her church. She was so pressed for time that she had no more time to come to our meetings. She just got “*absorbed*” back into the system. This is what we mean by, “Kick her upstairs!” If a minister is giving trouble, then you would transfer him. “Give him a bigger church!” “Send him off to Bird Mountain!” (A nondescript place.) There is all this psychology being used in the churches.

But then, we also have psychology amongst us. We are using psychology on one another. One bishop used to say, “It is wisdom!” When he would trick you or do you something bad, he would say that it was the wisdom of God. So can you understand then what is happening, and why we have to watch our own temple? Because we too are tempted to go the way of the “*abomination of desolation*” that is in the middle of the church.

But then, why would God allow the Holy Place to be destroyed? It is because we have come to a new dispensation, and He wants us to move on! Now is the time for you to get into the Holy of Holies! NO MORE FOOLING AROUND! But, guess what? To get into the Holy of Holies, you have to die. Amen. You have to die. I am not talking about physical death, because if you die physically, you won’t earn any more stars or crowns. It is down in your soul that the battle is being fought. We are the church that is fighting, and when we get the devil out of us, we are the ones who will be the overcomers. And the heavens will declare the joy of God that we have overcome.

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*Thought for today:* Remember, it is down in your soul that the battle is being fought. So fight for your life and get the devil out so that you will be the overcomer.