GARY REPORT

Mystery Babylon The Great

In the mid to latter 1980s, led first by my oldest daughter, Christi, my family began a move towards modest dress. My first response was that I was losing my chic daughters. I can remember the day when we planned a trip to the Botanical Garden in Dallas and my wife and girls were all dressed modestly, and I went to put on my Bermuda shorts. Then I thought, "Oh, you're going to look really great now with these modestly-dressed women," and I threw the shorts away. We continued this transition, which was especially noticeable with my wife and girls. And one day a man introduced me to a little book titled "Let Her Be Veiled," and it was very clear that women were to cover their heads when they prayed, which we then followed as well. Thus, my family rightly transitioned to modest dress and headcoverings.

In time, our family expanded to four girls and one boy, and we clearly stood out in appearance. A few other families embraced these rightful Biblical practices as well, and it was a wonderful time for us. But, we were a great minority, and did not have the benefit of a host of other like-minded people such as the Amish and Mennonites have, and later the prospect of finding husbands for my maturing girls was slim to none. And even more significantly, in 1994 the Spirit came upon me and revealed the truth regarding the Bride coming out of the sleeping Body of Christ, and those chances for husbands essentially shrunk to nil! Furthermore, within nine years I entered into an impossible situation wherein I lost my family, who instantly gravitated back into worldly Christianity, and my wife and the girls abandoned modest dress and headcovering. Mystery Babylon won!

Then, nine years ago the Father brought a spiritual daughter into my life, who at her dramatic conversion to Yahshua was equally drawn to modest dress and headcovering. In fact it was her and her husband's reading of the book <u>*Coverings*</u> that brought us together. But now they have come to the same issue that I discovered. Their daughter has equally come to the age of marriage, and what are they now to do? Even though they are still Christians, a young lady with modest dress and headcovering limits the field of possibilities. They are not benefited by being with like-minded people such as the Amish or Mennonites, and the daughter now faces having to get a job for the sake of the family. Here again, it looks like Babylon could win.

Why isn't there the joy of a godly husband who upholds the principles of modest dress and headcovering? Yet instead the church-at-large is like the world. And the fact is, this has been the problem with the church for two thousand years! That is why groups like the Amish and Mennonites were established. And look at the Puritans who established this nation. They too were vexed with the world and escaped to America for their "promised land." But within a generation they too were equally vexed with the ways of the world. Why? There is one answer: Babylon! It brought pain and disappointment for them, and for all who seek a kingdom of righteousness and truth. Here is the unfortunate reality: the church has been given over to Babylon for two thousand years, and the ways of Babylon have continually corrupted the kingdom and kingdom man. As I personally experienced and my spiritual daughter is experiencing, it is an uphill battle! The world is like a black hole that sucks you in, and there are few who can resist it. The kingdom is corrupted by Babylon, which is so obvious today. Look at the way Christian women dress and what Christian families accept today—they are friends with the world, corrupting both them and the kingdom. And James 4:4-5 clearly warns us, "You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: 'He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us'?"

For two and even six thousand years, the god of this world, Satan, has had every right to corrupt the kingdom of God and kingdom-possessing man, making it very difficult to practice godliness from generation to generation—and I know this all too well. Again, from the beginning of the church, it has been a long, long period of being in captivity to Babylon, corrupting the kingdom and making a commitment to godliness VERY difficult. I lost a wife and five children to it, and I see the same struggle in the lives of my spiritual daughter and their family. Oh, oh for the time when Babylon will fall and the King of Righteousness will reign! Oh for the day when a people will depart from Babylon and ascend alive into New Jerusalem, and forever be before the King of kings! But for now, I know all too well what Babylon is! My dreams and plans for my family are buried there.

Like the Jews of old, even in fulfillment of its type, we must depart from Mystery Babylon and go to Jerusalem above where we truly belong. We must ascend alive into heaven and there be transformed into the heavenly, and no longer the earthly. The problem with the kingdom that man has known for two thousand years is that it was (#1) too early. As Satan clearly set forth in Matthew 8:29, the Son of God had come before it was time: "What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" The Son of God had come two thousand years early, clearly evidenced when Satan asked to be cast into the two thousand swine (Mark 5:13), which all went into the sea of death—the fate of kingdom-receiving man for two thousand years. Additionally, (#2) Satan has had a right over the kingdom for this entire duration. And, (#3) the major problem with man, even kingdom man, is that he is still in the flesh that was cursed from the Garden to bring forth thorns and thistles (Genesis 3:17-19). Again, this cursed earthly body must be taken into heaven alive and there be born from above (John 3:3)—the earthly must put on the heavenly. As in the days of the Jews who came out of Babylon and returned to rebuild the temple, so we too individually must have our own temple, our body, transformed and made new! As Yahshua clearly and directly stated, we must be "born from above" (literal translation of John 3:3). We were first born from the earthy, and now we must be born from the heavenly. Apart from this, we all remain in Babylon.

But signs are evident that we are the chosen generation who make this coveted and essential transition, even transformation. Yahweh has taken a rib out of the sleeping Body of Christ and a bride, the Bride, is being formed. In Africa that bride is abounding as the eyes of men and women are being opened by the masses! I've never seen anything like it, and they are coming from both Christians and Muslims alike! Yahweh

is harvesting a people to call His own, completing that which He began two thousand years ago, but had to breach. Now, the Bride makes herself ready.

Come quickly, Immanuel,

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