

***“And Sin Is
A Reproach To
Any Nation.”***



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10 So, Babylon set just in that great fertile valley there, and it was surrounded and irrigated by the Euphrates River, and the Tigris. And it was a great agricultural center. And Babylon was a great city. And it's, approximately, about one hundred and twenty miles around the city; thirty miles each side, that would make it a hundred and twenty miles

around. They say that the streets in the city of Babylon was some two hundred feet across. The walls were eighty foot thick, and practically two hundred feet high. They could run chariot races around these walls, with the chariots. And the gates were made out of brass, and those gates then would be two hundred feet across. And right in the center of the city set the palace, and the palace was the throne. And through the center of the

city came the great river, Euphrates. If you'll notice it, it's the city of the devil, for it's designed after the City of God, as the River of Life before the Throne. And in this city, they had great, swinging gardens, off the walls, around.

11 And it was such a great, mighty nation at the time, until it had whipped the known world, and all the world was paying tribute. It had progressed further in science, and it had the latest things

that science could produce. It had the latest chariots, the latest designs, the most powerful armors, and best of metals. It was an outstanding to the rest of the world.

12 And then inside these walls, where King Belteshazzar was king during the time of this event that we're speaking on tonight. King Belteshazzar, which the Bible says, "Nebuchadnezzar, which was his father," but truly it was his grandfather that he

succeeded, King
Nebuchadnezzar.

13 And many of you
remember that
Nebuchadnezzar was the
beginning of the Gentile
kingdoms, the head of gold.
And he had went up into
Jerusalem, many, many miles
away, and had captured the
Jews and brought them down
into his kingdom, and made
them slaves, and they used
their scientists and so forth.

14 Just like Russia did when it went into Germany. And there is why they got the atomic bomb, and so forth, they got those German scientists. That's why they're so far advanced today, they captured them and took them back up there. Themselves, they didn't have it, but they went and got those things just like Nebuchadnezzar did the Jews.

15 And we find out that, during this time, there was a

righteous man by the name of Daniel, a prophet of the Lord, was taken in captivity at the time. He had served as a prince over all of the astrologers, and so forth, and the wise men and the Magi, in the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar.

16 And now Belteshazzar had taken over. Belteshazzar was a wicked sort of a man. He just didn't care.

17 And then all the people of Babylon, with such a security as they felt they had! Once inside those gates, and the gates closed, with two-hundred-foot walls, eighty foot thick, just think of how secure they must have felt in those walls!

18 But just remember this. No matter how secure that science has made you, God will find you out when you sin! There is only one security, and that's in Christ Jesus.

19 Now, as they felt their great importance of being the leading nation of the world, a very typical, modern civilization just like the one that we live in, this fabulous America. And I'm kind of disturbed, myself, but I'm afraid we are taking the same attitude that they took. That we feel because that we have got, what we think, the best scientists, and the best machine guns, and the atomic bombs, and the fastest

planes, and we have kind...Being the leading nation of the world, we have somehow felt our safety without God.

20 It's a very beautiful pattern. And God never changes. His attitude toward sin is the same today as it was then. And there is no hiding place down here. Only in Christ are you secure.

21 And in this great city, as they felt there was no way, in

the world, for an army ever to invade that city. The great, high walls, and their modern equipment, and they were blocked off from the outside world. But little did they know that a wicked nation called the Medes and Persians, which are now are the Hindus of India, how little did they know that many miles away was digging a riverbed, to turn the Euphrates River, so that they could march under the walls. When they felt they were

secured! All the time they felt that way. If they did feel that, then they went wading in sin.

22 It seems like that when man gets to the place that he feels that he is self-sufficient, sin begins to take a hold of him. The church, the nation, the individual, that feels that he doesn't need any help from outside, sin begins to reign in him. That is true. And we would notice, too, that when people begin to feel that

superior feeling, usually sin sets in and cankers them.

23 So when they closed those doors, they thought they were safe. But God looks down from the Heavens! “And sin is a reproach to any nation.”

24 I wonder, tonight, with all of our great equipment, and our atomic-controlled submarines, and our jet planes that fly many hundred miles per second, that even,

or, a minute, that can even pass the sound barrier. But, never forget but what your sins will find you out!

25 And, in this time, they had closed the gates. And they thought they would, could just live in revelry as they wanted to, because they were protected. They were the leading nation, all the other nations looked to them for science and for—for help.

26 And so, on such a time as that, there was a...This king thought he would have him a great big time. And he set a date that he was going to have a great big dance, or, as I would say, a modern rock-and-roll; no more to it. And so he set the time, and he invited all the celebrity, all of the soldiers and the captains, and all of the wives and the concubines.

27 Now, a concubine is just a legal prostitute. And do you

see, when man feels self-sufficient, that he starts wading in sin?

28 And he called in the best liquors that he could find, for this great rock-and-roll party that he was going to have. He thought he was safe. He thought there was nothing could harm him, because he was safe. And he had this great spree in one of these gardens just behind the palace. And while out there in the garden, perhaps they had

decorated it all up real pretty, all the tinsel hanging, and got all of the showgirls and many of the women to come to entertain the soldiers. And their beer and their wines! If that isn't a good modern setup of a rock-and-roll party today, I don't know where one would be. That's exactly. And they got everything ready, and they were going to have a big time.

29 And no doubt but what many married women came. Their husbands was left at

home as babysitters, while they went out to have a good time. And vice versa, no doubt a mother walked the floor, with a sick baby, while a drunken husband went out to have a big time. It's just six of one, and half a dozen of the other.

30 And I can see them as they begin to drink and to have a big time. And I would imagine they really struck up the band, and had the music. And the little teen-agers

swinging one another. And the soldiers, drunk, grabbing the women and throwing them over their heads, and kissing them and setting down in the chairs, and hurrahing. Thinking they were safe!

31 Oh, America, the God that looked down on that drunken, rock-and-roll party, is looking on you tonight!

32 And what a time they must have been having! And I can imagine this here king,

Belteshazzar, was a modern Elvis Presley, he could do a lot of their fantastics that they had. And all of their carrying on, and not knowing, all the time, that death laid at the door!

33 So, as the party got into good swing, usually just about like a great setting of a modern Hollywood telecast, they thought they would crack some good jokes about religion; about like an Arthur Godfrey outfit, or something

like that modern today, or some Ernie Ford pea-picker, crack some kind of a joke about the preacher. But God still looks down from Heaven! But they thought they lived in such a nation that it could not be touched. But you reap what you sow!

34 Just be aware of that, people. Whether you are a nation, or a church, or an individual, you reap what you sow!

35 And, why, I can see this king stand up, and said, “Just a minute, girls, let’s have a good religious joke on the preacher,” or so forth.

36 And all the tinsel a-flying, and the young ladies saying, “Whoopee! Yes, I believe we would like to hear that.”

37 And the young soldiers a-carrying on like the teenagers of today, for this is no more than a modern

Babylon! I am an American, but so did Daniel belong in Babylon at that time. But that don't excuse sin!

Said to a girl one time, "Are you a Christian?"

She said, "I give you to understand, I am an American."

I said, "That don't speak nothing." Not at all!

38 I'm glad to be an American, but that has nothing to do to reflect

Christianity; not a thing. If we sin, we are going to pay for our sins, just be it assured to you.

39 They had a prophet there, but they wouldn't listen. They had the Message, but they wanted to make fun of It.

40 If that isn't modern America, I don't know it. They've got the Gospel, the Truth, but they like to make fun of It.

41 So they said, “Let us go down and get them holy-roller vessels, and bring them up here and have a good joke out of it.”

42 God doesn't permit sinners to make fun of His people! You'll pay for it, someday.

43 And they go get the vessels of the Lord, and bring them up into the temple, and they're going to have a good drink out of the vessels of the

Lord. And when they poured their Oertel's 92 or Pabst Blue Ribbon, into it, to have a good joke out of it, oh, they tipped the glasses and the vessels, and begin to drink, and laugh and make fun of the religion of the Lord. They were ignorant of what they were doing.

44 And so is this nation, tonight, ignorant of rejecting the Message of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and being borned again.

45 Though they were religious, now, that drunken party of rock-and-rolls, they were religious, because the Bible said that, “They praised their gods.”

46 So you can be ever so religious, and still be wrong! That’s right. It’s not the sincerity. “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is the way of death.” So they had a great state church, and a religion that they could serve, and

they made fun of the holy things of God.

47 And that's very typical of today, making fun of the holy things of God. They call the people, that try to live clean and decent, and upright, they call them "old fashion" or "holier than thou," or some kind of a scandalous name. And they call the gifts of the Lord, that He is performing, "The working of an unclean spirit, like a fortuneteller or a devil." Oh, how can you escape

judgment? The blood of the martyrs call against it! If God doesn't judge this nation for its modern sin, He'll have to raise up Sodom and Gomorrah, and apologize to them for destroying them. That's right. We are bound for judgment! And these great wonders that you see our blessed Saviour doing, they are warning signs, that judgment is at hand; and she has combed this nation from side to side, from East to West, from North to South.

And they spurn It, laugh at It, criticize It, write It up in their papers as “nonsense.” Think of it, modern Babylon!

48 Now while they were drinking, tipping their cups in drinking; all of a sudden, when this great movie playboy, by the name of Belteshazzar, was just about ready to take a drink from his cup, his eyes seemed to bulge out, as he turned and looked towards the castle, for he saw, coming from Heaven, the hand of a

Man, and It begin to write up and down on the wall.

49 I want you to notice, It wrote on the plaster. Now, perhaps the candlesticks were sitting out from their tinsel, where they were having their modern rock-and-roll, and the lights was flickering against the wall. God doesn't do things in a corner!

It's right out under the lights, where God speaks and moves. So His supernatural

handwriting was on the plaster of the wall, in sight of them all.

50 And the king must have saw it first, this modern jokester, good radio comedian, television actor. As he tipped the glass, to drink, or the cup, what he had in his hands, his eyes bulged out, and he felt all shook up. I would imagine he did. The Bible said that, “His bones come loose, out of joint.” He surely was all shook up, sure enough. When God begins to

show His signs, it's time to get shook up. That's right. And as he noticed, his rock-and-roll song made him shook up.

51 And then as he noticed this handwriting on the wall, I can imagine the little misses with her lips painted about like I-don't-know-what, and her hair all tinseled up, and flinging her around, and with these drunken soldiers, said, "Wonder what's the matter with the boy tonight?" as she hiccuped.

52 And some young man grabbed her, and said, “All right, let’s dance this next one together.” And the music stopped.

53 Oh, this great sinful nation, sometime your rock-and-rolls are going to stop! If you won’t listen to the voice of a preacher, you’ll listen to the hand of God in judgment someday. But the rock-and-roll will stop, just the same as the bands did, and played *Nearer, My God, To Thee* on

the Titanic. Someday you are going to change that tune.

54 And the music stopped. And they noticed their jokester, their—their star on the television cast, and, he was standing, his knees beating together, as he looked and seen this great thing taking place. “Why,” he said, “all the walls are closed around. I have my guards standing at the gate, my choice man.”

55 But, you see, God don't have to come in at the gate, the way you think. He comes down from Glory! And His hand was writing on the wall.

56 And quickly, being in a very modern place, the Bible said he called in all of his soothsayers, astronomers, all the bishops, the doctors, and the popes, and the cardinals, and so forth. And said, "Now I'll tell you, gentlemen, I have given you the privilege to preach and to do what you

wanted to do. Now interpret, for me, That on the wall.”

57 But just as it was then, so is it now, they wasn't used to the supernatural. They knowed nothing about It. They didn't know how to interpret unknown tongues. They knowed nothing about a Heavenly language. And they were dumfounded. They knowed nothing about It. And as they all stood there...

58 Remember, this is the bringing in of the Gentile kingdom. And as it come in under the supernatural, it'll go out under the supernatural.

59 But these bishops and cardinals, and great doctors, could not interpret the supernatural. They knowed nothing about It. They looked through all their books of art, and they could not find nothing that would compare with That. You see, spiritual things are spiritually

understood. And then they were all disturbed, and they didn't know what to do.

60 And, finally, a little queen. Remember, she wasn't at the rock-and-roll party. And the only way that she knew something was going on, word came to her that the king was all shook up, and the party had stopped. She would a-made one of the good believers. And, somehow or another, she had

been one who had not forgotten.

61 She rushed into the party. And as she seen the modern jokester all shook up, and all of his band, she said, “O king, live for ever!” But he didn’t know he was dead right then. Said, “Live for ever! I know you are all bothered about that handwriting on the wall. And I see the pope, and the bishops and the cardinals, and the doctors of divinity, and none of them can read It.

But, O, king, let me tell you something! There is a man in your kingdom, that knows about supernatural.”

62 Oh, brother, when we see the handwriting on the wall, today, but there is a Man who knows about it. You might have went through every doctor’s office in the city, and they told you, “You got to die.” But there is a Man! You may have waded in sin until your soul is as black as the smutty walls of hell, and

you are ready to commit suicide, without a hope. But there is a Man, and His Name is Jesus! He knows the supernatural. And He is in our Kingdom, for we are the children of His Kingdom. There is a Man!

63 Said, "He knows the supernatural, for years ago they found the Spirit of God in him. And he had an excellent Spirit. He could interpret dreams, he saw visions, and every one of them was just

exactly right. So, don't be troubled, just give me a few minutes and I'll get him here."

64 There will be one day you'll call on Him! You might not have no room for Him in your house. You're too busy, watching television, playing cards, drinking beer, attending rock-and-roll parties. But there is one time you are going to call on Him! That's right.

65 And so Daniel was brought in. And as he was

brought in...A preacher of righteousness, a man of God! I couldn't imagine a man of God living in such a place as that unless he had called out against it. But, you see, the king had paid no attention to it, that's the reason he was in the condition that he was in.

66 And they brought Daniel, and he said, "Why can't your popes and doctors interpret for you?" They had nothing to interpret with.

67 So then what taken place? Daniel said, “Oh, Belteshazzar, you knowed all these things. They are not hid from you.”

68 And I say to America! I wish I could make them, at this minute, hear my voice. You are not ignorant to all these things! As the nations before has sinned and done what we have done, we are weighed in the balance, and found wanting. What happened to France? What

happened to Germany? What happened to the other nations who went “wine, women, and big time”? It always comes out that way, and we are not immuned from judgment. God is just.

69 And he said, “Your father, how God made him a great nation, but he forgot it. And he done the same things that you’re doing, and God turned him into a wild beast.” Said, “You are aware of these things, and then you take His

holy vessels and make fun of them.” Notice. He said, “The writing has been set on the wall, and this time your kingdom is numbered.” In other words, “Looky here, fellow, your days are numbered! Your kingdom is taken from you and give over to another nation, a brutal, godless nation,” one that’s—that’s bad as they are. God makes sin fight sin. I wonder, today!

70 Right at that same time, may I say first, when he was standing there, watching that Writing on the wall, little did he know that right under the gates, right then, the guards had been killed. And the soldiers were in the streets, slaying the palace guards. They were on the steps. And those women standing there, away from their babies, away from their husbands, and husbands from their wives, all drunk up, listening to some

kind of a modern dance and carrying on. And the soldiers was on the steps, in a few minutes the king would be cut down. All that drunken bunch of man would be cut down, by an atheotic, devil-possessed nation. And the women would have their clothes stripped off of them, young girls and all, and ravished in the street; then picked up by the heels, and burst their heads around the walls. Chopped them open after they had lived with them

in lust; mad, drunken soldiers!
It was at the door, for they
were weighed in the balance,
and found wanting.

71 And I wonder, today, in
all of our modern going-on, all
the laughing and making fun
of healing services, laughing
and making fun of the Church
of the living God, and going
on as the Bible said they
would do, “Heady, high-
minded, having a form of
godliness, but denying the
Power thereof.”

72 I wonder, in this day when we think we are so secured, and, all of a sudden, we find out that Russia is five years ahead of us, in science.

73 We've been to too many parties. We wade too much in sin. The church is so asleep, it don't care for prayer meetings no more. They're unconcerned. They, too, put a voice in against the real, true Spirit of the living God; they won't have them.

They are so denomination, so dressed up! They have no time for prayer meetings, they are at televisions and picture shows, and gadding around, and at drunken parties and things. That's true!

74 That may sound old fashion, but it's what the nation needs today. There is too much sissying around with the Gospel, with rubber gloves on. It's got to be handled bare-handed, by the Holy Spirit. Truly!

75 Billy Graham said, about a week or two ago, in one of his messages, said, “This nation can become a satellite to Russia, anytime Russia desires.” Where we at?

76 You will buy Elvis Presley’s records, and stay home from church to hear *We Love Sucky*, one of these days! You are weighed in the balance, and found wanting! What’s happened? There is a handwriting on the wall!

77 The Russians put up a sputnik that we can control nothing about it, five hundred miles off of the earth; and could put a half a dozen of them over the United States in the next thirty minutes, and call in and say, "Surrender, or be a bunch of ashes in a few minutes." They can do it. There isn't nothing that we can do to stop them. It's in their hands, a bloodless, heartless, ungodly communists! That's what God

uses to make sin come to light. Certainly is. If you'll read the Bible, Russia has got to do that according to Revelation. All right, you prophecy teachers might differ from That, but just wait till it's over. Russia is put here for that very purpose. The Bible said so.

78 Now here she is with a sputnik. We tried to fire one the other night, we thought we was going to do just as much as they did; rose three foot off

the ground, and fizzled out. Too much rock-and-roll and sin! We're weighed in the balance, and found wanting. God, be merciful!

79 What are we going to do? What would happen if they would send those sputniks up with those missiles, and say, "Surrender, or become a pile of dust in five minutes"? Of course, our government, to save life, would surrender. That's the only thing they could do.

80 Then what would happen to some of you Americans, all of us in here; not here, but I mean nationally speaking? Nationally speaking!

81 You little smart alecks, of girls that run along with your little lips painted up like some kind of a rose bud; and would laugh at a preacher on the corner, preaching the Gospel. And you, little teenager, that think you've got

more gumption than you've got intelligence to control!

82 What's going to happen to you, papa, that sets home at night with mama and watches the television, while junior is in the hot rod, and sis is down at the canteen somewhere, and she's down there doing her rock-and-roll? And you are watching the television, and making fun of the Gospel!

83 What's going to happen to you, church member? What's going to be your outcome? You may have your name on every book, of the biggest church in the city; but unless you are under the security of the Blood of the Lord Jesus, you will perish with those who will perish, there is no hope for you.

84 What's going to happen? There is a sputnik up there. And what would happen? The nation would

surrender, of course, that's the only decent thing the government could do.

85 Then what happens? Wave after wave, of shiploads of soldiers; wave after wave, of airplanes; would land in this nation. The women would be ravished in the streets. What would you do? It belongs to them. Kicked out of your home, they'll take it over.

86 What will happen to you young girls, and you young

men, and all of you at that time? Sin has to be paid for! No matter what nation it is, or who it is, it does it. Individually, or a nation, it's going to be paid for! And a bunch of brutal, ungodly, whisker-jawed, communistic soldiers would grab your wives and ravish them, your young girls. And you would stand and like it, there's nothing you can do about it.

87 What causes that?
Because you have listened to

such stuff as these television programs on rock-and-roll and sin, and some cold formal preacher not able to interpret the supernatural. The handwriting is on the wall! That's right! And we are weighed in the balance, and found wanting.

88 When could that take place? Before daylight in the morning. Who is going to stop it? Try it. The Bible says it will happen.

89 But let me tell you, that will never touch the Church of the living God, we'll be gone by that time!

90 So, friend, listen. If that thing is so close, and we see the handwriting on the wall, there is nothing can stop this thing from happening now.

91 America has been preached to, the supernatural has been done, and continually they wade right on over the top of it.

92 Go to a country somewhere and hold a revival, and have forty converts in a week; and go back in six weeks, you don't have four. The old pond has been seined dry. God just has so many He's elected. And when the last one is in, that closes the door and it's over.

93 Then there's nothing left but judgment when mercy has been spurned. And here we are at the end of the road.

The supernatural is being done, It's been laughed at and made fun of. And the last thing, God has come in His Own Power, in His Own Beloved Son, to work through His Church, and they say It's "spiritualism," or, "the devil." What else can be left but judgment? And here is the handwriting on the wall!

94 But, if that is that close, and any teacher knows that the Church goes in the Rapture before the tribulation

sets in. So if that is that close, could happen before morning, what about the Rapture? It's closer than that! Oh, blessed be the Name of the Lord! The Coming of the Lord is at hand. The Writing is written, and it is written in the Bible, and we are living to see it.

95 Will you, by the persuasion of my voice, receive Jesus Christ this hour? "Repent, and be baptized," said Peter, "every one of you, in the Name of

Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost; for the promise is to you, and to your children, and to them that's far off. For there is not another name given under Heaven among men, whereby ye must be saved." Unless you are Christ's! You could be Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal, Nazarene, Catholic, you are lost until you become of Christ's! And Christ comes into you, it's the new

Birth by the Holy Spirit.
Receive Him tonight, while we
pray.

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