

1-19-2020 Weekly Message

Meditation of the week: Psalms 96: 1-13

Text: 2 Kings 22: 1-20

Message title: **Warning message to the apostate church through the typography of King Josiah in the end times**

By thorough apostasy and serving idols, God raised up the righteous King Josiah just before His judgment in the kingdom of Judah. He was only eight years old when he began to rule the kingdom of Judah, but when he reigned for thirty-one years he did what was right in the sight of the Lord and did go all the way of his father David, not to the right or to the left.

Hearing the words of the book of the Law found at that time, he tore his clothes and repented and told the people:

" Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us. "(2 Kings 22:13)

At that time, most of the kings of Judah did not listen to the words of God spoken by the prophets Jeremiah or Isaiah, but all were leaving God to serve idols. But King Josiah rebuked all the people that had gone deeply under God's wrath never keeping God's commandments as found in the book of the Law, and destroyed all idols. But God's judgment against Judah had already been set up, so that no one could avoid it. His son Eliakim and King Zedekiah did not repent but rebelled against God until the end and were eventually destroyed by Babylon.

But God spoke of King Josiah through the prophetess Huldah so that the righteous king

Josiah would not see the tragedy of the judgment of the LORD God:

" Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. 18But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard; 19Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. 20Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

" "(2 Kings 22:16-20)

God sent King Josiah to the battlefield for him to die by King Pharaoh, as He said. Death of King Josiah in the battle field was the mercy of God according to the plan of God for him not to see the wrath using Babylon sooner or later, for he was the only man of righteousness before God at that time. At that time, no one believed in God's judgments at all, and no one could have imagined why God had driven such a righteous King Josiah into the battlefield to die.

God has spoken beforehand through the prophet Isaiah:

" The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken

away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.
2He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.
"(Isa 57: 1-2)

That's right! God was the only one at that time planning wrath to come to pass, and let him die him, for he was the only one that repented tearing his clothes in pieces . And God gave him mercy to enter his ancestors resting in peace

Long time ago, God took Enoch to be translated into heaven, who had been walking with God for three hundred years, before the judgment by flood. Enoch is a typology of the bride of Christ walking with God just before the judgment of the world through the Great Tribulation because of the Apostate of churches that have betrayed the Lord Jesus Christ. Even at the end of time, like the ancient people of Judah,, most churches have not regarded their idolatry as sin, and they have no idea or believe in the coming rapture or great tribulation. Moreover, even after being delivered to the Great Tribulation, they may not understand at all whether they are being judged, but shall inevitably perish when judgment comes like a thief.

Noah and his family typify the few who ware to be saved in the great tribulation as if collecting small number of remnant of grain in the harvest field . The Lord Jesus told us in advance that time will come when He come again as the Son of Man:

" **But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**
38For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,
39And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

”(Matthew 24: 37-39).

Jesus after resurrection told Apostle John about the church to be raptured before the Great Tribulation and the other of church to fall into the Great Tribulation. One is the Philadelphia Church and the other is the Laodicean Church.

When speaking of the church of the Bride of Christ to be raptured, there is an open door within it. Since the door is already opened, He is talking about the door shall be closed when the Lord comes. Although the number the members of the church may small having a little power, but it is the church that could do great works by the power of the Holy Spirit. Although they have little power, they are never united with the Catholic as well as WCC or WEA never willing to serve the idols/ This is the church that is blessed to be separated from the Great Tribulation, wearing the crown given in the day of Christ, and reign with Christ in the Millennium Kingdom of Christ(Revelation 3: 7-13).

Unfortunately, most churches as Laodicean church now being united with the spiritual Whore, the Catholic Church following human rights rather than God's rights, following all kinds of lusts of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, and eventually all of them shall enter into the Great Tribulation to come, which leads them to the eternal destruction. (Revelation 3: 14-22).

But remembering the prayer of Abraham for his nephew Lot asking the LORD God mercy for him in Sodom to be saved from the judgment of God against Sodom, we have to intercede for the foolish Christians still in the churches that belong to WCC and WEA being united with Catholic Churches expecting the answer of our prayer so that God may save them at the final moment as God saved Lot from Sodom.

Amen! Hallelujah