

UTK103 – The Kingdom Under Attack

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I. A Kingdom Divided

²⁵ But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Matthew 12:25 (NKJV)

In this confrontation between Jesus and the Pharisees, the religious leaders accused Jesus of casting out demons by occult power.

²⁶ If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges. ²⁸ But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

³⁰ He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

Matthew 12:26-30 (NKJV)

The logic that Jesus presents is undeniably true and universal – a house divided against itself cannot stand. Yet, the division among the Body of Christ is more divided and fragmented than ever before. We need to realize that the Ecclesia is under attack like never before: both from without and within.

II. Attacks from Without

a. Secular, Demonically Charged Thinktanks

In *The Shinar Directive*, I detailed how Cecil Rhodes established roundtables all across the world. These think tanks (sometimes called masterminds) were replicated far beyond the scope of the Rhodes Initiative. These think tanks bring

in the best and brightest to brainstorm ideas to bring about whatever agenda they are hired to consider. For a great majority of these groups, their agenda is a new world order. In fact, many of them are communistic. They were targeted to gain influence and control of educational systems, media systems, political systems, social systems, law enforcement systems, and even religious systems. In recent years, many think tanks in America have two groups of people in their crosshairs: individuals and groups that genuinely believe in the Bible (and take the book of Revelation seriously) and those that believe in the U.S. Constitution.

b. The Priesthood of Darkness

If you are in ministry and are remotely effective, the kingdom of darkness has taken notice of you. They will send in agents to either slowly gain influence through finances or any other opportunity that they can find. They will constantly look for weaknesses in the leadership that can be exploited. Operatives will also look for ways to stir up strife and cause division.

III. Attacks from Within

a. Immaturity

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NKJV)

Immaturity is not restricted to new believers. Because we have embraced entertainment over instruction, we can have believers in the church (and even in

leadership) that are biblical illiterate! How can we tell? When a belief or theological soundbite is challenged, an immature believer will respond in anger. A mature believer will want to open the Word of God to thoroughly examine the texts, to bring clarity, and to provide instruction to those that question.

Because immaturity is rampant across many sectors of the Body, the priesthood of darkness can quickly establish divisions and cause strife. One recently that has come to my attention is who has received the “jab” during the pandemic and who has not. Those that have are considered substandard in their faith. Some were required to receive it to keep their jobs, others were not provided the facts, while others had to so that they could travel and be with family.

Where is our maturity? If Dr. Malone, Dr. Tenpenny, and so many others are correct, why is there not a cry across the Body of Christ for the Almighty to release a healing anointing to undo what the enemy has done?

b. Turncoats

¹⁸ Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

²¹ I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

1 John 2:18-23 (NKJV)

Historically, some of the greatest enemies of the faith were once counted among the faithful. We have seen this over the decades in many denominations and now we are seeing it in the Hebraic Heritage movement. This is the spirit of the antichrist!

Although the apostle John was writing to address problems in his day, I also believe that he wrote First John for those of us that would walk through what he revealed in the book of Revelation. Three things stand out in the book of First John.

- Jesus is the Messiah
- If you know Jesus, you walk in the commandments of God
- You need to know the difference between the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error!