

FROM OUR PASTOR

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Sabbath Greeting to Everyone!

During the time of the judges, the people of Israel forsook the true God and worshipped a pagan idol called Baal. Judges 10:6-7 tells us, "*Then the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook the LORD and did not serve Him. So the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and into the hands of the people of Ammon.*"

This couldn't possibly happen again, could it? Oh Yes, it is!!

The *UPI* and the *New York Times* recently reported that, "Replicas of an arch in the 2,000-year-old Temple of Bel, among the last remaining parts of an ancient Palmyra, Syria, structure demolished by the Islamic State, will be erected in London and New York."

The most complete remaining temple of Baal worship stood in the ancient city of Palmyra, in modern day Syria. It was listed as a "World Heritage Site." When the ISIS group took the town, they systematically razed the building, leaving the 50-foot-tall arch among the few remaining elements of the structure still standing. The temple, dedicated in 32 A.D. to the Mesopotamian god Bel, attracted 150,000 tourists per year until 2011, when the civil war in Syria began.

Next month, the Temple of Baal will come to London and to Times Square! "Reproductions of the 50-foot arch that formed the temple's entrance are to be installed in New York and in London, a tribute to the 2,000-year-old structure that the Islamic State destroyed last year in the Syrian town of Palmyra. The group's rampage through Palmyra, a city that reached its peak in the second and third century A.D., enraged the world, spurring scholars and conservationists into action."— *from the New York Times*

The full-scale replicas, now under construction in China, will stand in London's Trafalgar Square and New York's Times Square during World Heritage Week on April 19, 2016. This just happens to be the exact day when an occult festival related to the worship of Baal begins. April 19th is the first day of a 13-day period of time known as "the Blood Sacrifice to the Beast" that culminates on the high occult holy day of Beltane on May 1st.

In some parts of the world, Beltane is much better known as "May Day", and it has been described as the "Illuminati's second most sacred holiday". April 19th is also known as "the Feast of Moloch," another name for Baal.

Baal worship began in the area of Sidon and Tyre and spread over the Mediterranean. Baal statues often had a large open mouth and pit fire inside so that babies could be thrown in to be burned to death in child sacrifice. Open orgies of every kind of perversion were done by the worshippers as a way of asking Baal for rain and good crops. In Deuteronomy 6: 15 the Eternal God warned the people of Israel that, if they worshipped Baal, "*the anger of the Lord your God would be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.*" God changes not, so does He still mean it?

These replica temples of Baal are fitting depictions of the decadence of modern society. Considering the child sacrifice to the god of convenience and every kind of sexual immorality that are accepted as normal today, perhaps it is only natural for us to have a Temple of Baal in the USA and the UK. Jezebel, wife of Ahab, King of Israel in the 800's BC, was a priestess of Baal worship who organized Baal worship as a national religion. God eventually sent the prophet Elijah to confront her and the evil system she established. Will a modern day Jezebel come on the scene and offer to serve in one of these new temples?

Worship of the True God is being rejected seemingly everywhere. Idols, including Baal, are being brought into our land. We live in a land of people who have lost their way.

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