

## Who's being sent to prison?

In the time of the Caesars, the Hebrew leadership (through various corruptions similar to ours today) had grown submissive to many controversial edicts of the Roman Empire.

Those who were loyal to Scripture however, found it increasingly difficult to just accept these ever-growing edicts that were over-riding the sacred Laws of God, and these folks then became the few who resisted the encroaching Roman civil law system of their day.

It was very much like our own time therefore, in that there was also an atmosphere of fear even back then. A fear of... *the government*.

Who would one then obey? ...the edicts of Caesar? ...or the timeless laws of YHWH?

Those who were true to God chose to endure persecution, prison, and even death in some cases, rather than compromise with Rome's godless evils. The pure therefore were few, as the majority of them (by the time of Christ's arrival) had lost much of their faithfulness due to a cancerous fear of government and/or a weakness to accept bribes.

The high priests, scribes, and Pharisees were no exception. In fact, the so-called spiritual leaders of Israel seemed to be very much in bed with the elitist "ecumenism" of their day, a preceding ungodly "unity" which came to be known to us as paganism, and eventually splintering a segment off that, through political slight-of-hand repackaging became the makings of today's Catholic Church.

Knowing now, that the times were similar to our own (as far as comparable "one world church" corruptions go) we can then see why Christ called their time's priests "whited sepulchers, full of dead men's bones," as those very secret society corruptions that began today's one world church host religion (Roman Catholicism), had been using the traditions of the pagans where, even to this day they will not build its more important cathedrals on any parcel of land other than that of an earlier grave site or pagan temple.

Those who were fearful of the 'powers to be' in their time, had simply huddled together and bowed down to the traditions and government-approved instructions of their high priests, scribes and Pharisees of their day to "not make waves" and had therefore helped to create the atmosphere that ultimately crucified Christ.

But who do we show respect for today among our spiritual leaders? ...the high priests, scribes and Pharisees in the government-approved 501(c)(3) churches? ...or do we set ourselves apart from that corruption, rightfully showing respect for those who stand in obedience and firm biblical doctrine like the Messiah and the disciples did? Who is compromising with today's elite? The best way to answer that is to ask the other side of that question and ask, "who isn't going along with the status quo?" Just like the apostles then, who are the ones rebelling against "the powers to be" and "causing trouble" today?

And therefore, more simply put... “who’s being sent to prison in our time?”

Those who played ball with the statutes, providences, paperwork, and even corruption of their age would be spared the hardship and embarrassment of prison, where the Savior and His followers were chased, persecuted, scourged, and imprisoned for their separatist stance.

Can we see the same picture developing today? Are the 501(c)(3) preachers “fairing sumptuously” (KJV) while those who refuse to preach the government-prescribed doctrines are being ridiculed, harassed and worse?

Are we to praise the present “whited sepulcher” preachers while the real truths are in the hearts of those who are being told to be silent?

My friends, pray to find only those teachers who have a passion for seeking out ALL truth and who live that truth with a desire to share it selflessly and separate from the beast system.

And if you are one of those who are comfortable in a mediocre level of that truth yourself? Remember that the lukewarm will not fair well when they meet the Father. See Revelation 3:16.

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