

# Session 4: Resisting the Great Harlot

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## I. Another Dimension to Eternal Purpose Prayer

- a. The last session began our discussion of four overall prayer themes which characterize the approach we use at Lifeschool to establish an eternal purpose house of prayer and to pray into God's eternal purpose. The four prayer themes are: 1) Praying for the mature corporate man to arise, 2) Resisting the great harlot, 3) Restraining the spirit of antichrist, and 4) Praying for Israel.
- b. We know from the last session that the primary goal of the church age and the ultimate objective of eternal purpose prayer is to pray for the arising of a mature corporate man who will become the eternal wife for Christ and a family of overcoming sons for the Father. As exciting as this goal is, the coming forth of the corporate man in fullness is not without great opposition as there are demonic principalities who are actively at war against this happening. This session and the next delve into the need to stand against these opposing forces.
- c. In this session, we will explore the second aspect of the approach we take in praying for God's eternal purpose, that being the idea of resisting the great harlot. Before going into detail on how we suggest you pray into this area, we want to first explain how the remaining three aspects of eternal purpose praying—resisting the great harlot, restraining the spirit of antichrist, and praying for Israel—fit into prayer into God's eternal purpose.
- d. At Lifeschool we have two overarching objectives for building an eternal purpose house of prayer. The two objectives are: 1) the coming forth of the corporate man in fullness and 2) the filling of the bowls of incense at the heavenly golden altar. Whereas these two objectives for the most part overlap, in some ways the prayer topics included in prayer for these two objectives only fulfill one of the two objectives. From our perspective, each of these four prayer themes do help to fulfill one or both of the two objectives of the coming forth of the corporate man in fullness and/or the filling of the bowls of incense at the golden altar. For these reasons, we have included all four themes into our approach to building an eternal purpose house of prayer.
- e. The following is my explanation of why we have included all four themes. For some who would pray into God's eternal purpose, their sole prayer focus would be on praying for the corporate man to arise in fullness. They would pray only prayer topics like we highlighted in the previous session. Although we understand that some may want to keep this as their only focus, at our home church and in our view, in addition to praying for the corporate man to arise, we also pray and engage in spiritual warfare against cultural and governmental issues and entities that would oppose the coming forth of this mature corporate man. As the clash of kingdoms rage throughout the earth, the church is called to resist, restrain, and at times confront those forces which oppose God's purposes for this age. We have labeled these areas in which we should stand against as the great harlot and the spirit of antichrist.
- f. There is also another perspective we must consider as we build an eternal purpose house of prayer. In addition to engaging in spiritual warfare against those forces that would oppose the coming forth of the corporate man in fullness, there is also a need to war on behalf of the nations of the earth. We believe that God wants the nations to turn to Christ and for the church to stand against the cultural beliefs and laws which oppose the free expression of Christianity. God wants our nations to be sheep

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nations so as to enter the millennial kingdom. This would include the nation in which we live and other nations as the Spirit leads. Therefore, we believe when we pray and war against the rise of the great harlot and the spirit of antichrist *for the nations*, we are in some small way filling the incense bowls at the heavenly golden altar so as to help activate the end of the age and the return of Christ.

- g. This brings us to prayer for Israel. The nation in the cross hairs of the end-time battles with the antichrist kingdom is the State of Israel. Much of the prophetic scriptures are focused on Israel; Jesus will return to Israel; and Christ's throne will be established there. Thus, prayer for Israel is also extremely important in God's eternal plan and an essential part of filling the incense bowls.
- h. With this introduction, the purpose of this session and the next is to expand our understanding of these two spiritual forces with which an eternal purpose house of prayer must engage in spiritual warfare if we are to see the bride/sons come forth in fullness and the nations return to the Lord. This session will delve into the first of these forces—the spirit which empowers the rise of the great harlot in the end times. Let's begin by taking a glimpse at the great harlot which is part of Satan's plan to raise up a counterfeit to the true bride of Christ.

## II. The Counterfeit and True Bride of Christ

### 1. The intended ultimate destination for God's people is the new Jerusalem.

- a. Revelation 21:2 reads, "And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband." From the brief description of the eternal age in Revelation 21 and 22, we learn several vital truths. First, there will ultimately be an eternal city on the earth. Second, the Father and the Son will be the temple in it (Rev. 21:22) and their throne will be there (Rev. 22:3). Third, the city will be holy for as we learn "nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it" (Rev. 21:27). Fourth, "He who overcomes shall inherit these things" (Rev. 21:7). Finally, we learn that *the holy city is both a city and a bride for Jesus* (Rev. 21:2, 9).
- b. There is much more that we could say about the eternal city and the journey toward it; however, for our purposes, we should note that the new Jerusalem is an eternal, heavenly city characterized as pure in every way and, in some mysterious manner, is actually also the bride of Christ housing people who have been made ready during their life on earth. God has prepared a place of unfathomable splendor for His bride to dwell eternally as His wife, partner and family, but to attain this high and lofty goal requires a life of radical pursuit of Christ.

### 2. In contrast to God's eternal plan, Satan is raising up a counterfeit to seduce and oppose people from realizing God's eternal purpose.

- a. In contrast to the bridal city we just described, Revelation 17 and 18 speak of a scarlet woman who rides on a beast. The woman is referred to as Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth (Rev. 17:5). Throughout the history of the church, opinions have varied widely as to who or what this harlot is. She has been referred to as Rome, the Roman Catholic Church, New York City, modern apostate Jerusalem, literal Babylon, apostate ecumenism, the Illuminati, Islam, and Mecca/Saudi Arabia.<sup>1</sup> Our view on this entity is that it is a one-world government, one-world economy, and one-world religion.

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- b. Even though the exact identity of the harlot is somewhat shrouded in mystery, we can know several things about her. First, she is a city. “And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth” (Rev. 17:18). Second, she is a religious movement opposed to Christianity. Robert Thomas in his extensive two volume commentary on the book of Revelation writes,
- It is indicative of her spiritual harlotry and representative of an ecclesiastical or religious facet that is a counterfeit of the real. In prophetic language, prostitution, fornication, or adultery is equivalent to idolatry or religious apostasy...she leads the world in pursuit of false religion whether it be paganism or perverted revealed religion.<sup>2</sup>
- c. Third, she controls the world’s economy (Rev. 18:9-19).
- d. Fourth, she is impure in every way. “The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality (Rev. 17:4, ESV). She is the mother of all spiritual harlotry depicted as a prostitute and she desires to forever be a queen (Rev. 17:5; 18:7).
- e. In other words, she is virtually an exact counterfeit of the true bride of Christ. She is an earthly city rather than a heavenly one. She is filled with impurity and abominations rather than purity and righteousness, and she wants to be the queen over the many waters [nations] that she sits upon. Of course, the bride of Christ is the true queen in her role as the eternal wife of Jesus, the King of kings
- f. Joel Richardson in his book, *Mystery Babylon*, writes this about the great harlot,
- She is at once a queen, a prostitute, and a cold-blooded killer. High in the air, she proudly waves a gold cup. Though it gleams on the outside, it is filled with a horrific mixture of the shed blood of God’s holy martyrs and the sickening, “impurities of her prostitution” (17:4, HCSB). Not only has she drunk from this cup, but she has also enticed “the kings of the earth” and even entire nations to drink from it (17:2). The woman is full of arrogance, rebellion, and raw self-glorification. Like the proverbial ring of gold in a swine’s snout, though masquerading as a queen, she is in fact a vile and classless prostitute. ...she has seduced the kings of the earth to live “luxuriously with her” (Rev. 18:9, HCSB).<sup>3</sup>
- g. As the above quote so accurately conveys, she is both *a seducer* and *a killer* of the people of God. As a seducer, she has made the people of the earth drunk with her immorality (Rev. 17:2) and, as a killer, she is drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of the witnesses of Jesus (Rev. 17:6).
- h. The harlot along with her cohort the beast, are waging war with the Lamb and the saints of God (Rev. 17:14). In fact, John saw the harlot “drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus” (Rev. 17:6).
- i. We know that in the end, God wins; however, we also know that there will be many battles along the way before she is ultimately destroyed. Therefore, the church and an eternal purpose house of prayer are in a war with the great harlot and are called to resist the many tentacles of her reach.
- j. If we forget for a moment the natural manifestation of the harlot and look to the spirit realm, we can identify the demonic spirit behind the harlot because Revelation 18 gives us a clear clue to the spirit behind her identity. It is important that we identify this spirit because first and foremost it is this spiritual entity with which we must battle. Let’s next explore this spirit.

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## III. The Spirit Behind the Harlot

1. The demonic spirit behind the harlot and the entity directing her actions is the queen of heaven.

- a. We find the key to the spirit behind the harlot in Revelation 18:7. It reads, "...she says in her heart, 'I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning'". This verse is drawn from Isaiah's description recorded in Isaiah 47:5-9 of the Babylonian goddess that so strongly influenced the ancient world. The entire chapter of Isaiah 47 is a prophecy about the judgment of the Babylonian fertility goddess, Ishtar. Although many commentators address this chapter to Babylon, it actually addresses the Babylonian goddess. Isaiah is not talking to the Babylonian empire, as many presume, but to the "virgin daughter of Babylon". The prophecy of Isaiah 47 focuses on the pagan goddess Ishtar (the fertility goddess they worshiped) and also on the demonic spirit behind the goddess. The spirit behind goddess worship in Babylon and behind the end-time harlot Babylon as well is the territorial principality, or world ruler, who calls herself the queen of heaven.
- b. The queen of heaven was a constant nemesis to Israel throughout her history. In addition to Isaiah's prophecy about her, Jeremiah spoke against this demonic entity and Israel's entanglement with it,

As for you, do not pray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you. Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for *the queen of heaven*; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me" (Jer. 7:16-18).

And,

Then all the men who were aware that their wives were burning sacrifices to other gods, along with all the women who were standing by, as a large assembly, including all the people who were living in Pathros in the land of Egypt, responded to Jeremiah, saying, "As for the message that you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord, we are not going to listen to you! But rather we will certainly carry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, by burning sacrifices to *the queen of heaven* and pouring out drink offerings to her, just as we ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then we had plenty of food and were well off and saw no misfortune. But since we stopped burning sacrifices to *the queen of heaven* and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have met our end by the sword and by famine." And said the women, "when we were burning sacrifices to *the queen of heaven* and were pouring out drink offerings to her, was it without our husbands that we made for her sacrificial cakes in her image and poured out drink offerings to her?" (Jer. 44:15-19).

2. We can trace the origins of the queen of heaven at least back to the tower of Babel.

- a. The Tower of Babel as denoted in the book of Genesis was a structure called a *ziggurat*. As such, the tower was much more than an observation lookout. It was a temple complex, considered the literal home of the gods where their statues were fed, bathed, and clothed daily as the priests and priestesses cared for them as one would a king or queen, and as such, was much more than an

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observation lookout. It was a structure that among other uses housed pagan religious ceremonies including goddess worship. Ishtar, the fertility goddess of love, war, and sex, was worshiped there.

- b. As we noted previously, the worship of Ishtar was actually the worship of the demonic principality the queen of heaven. When God destroyed the tower of Babel, scattered the people, and confused their language, the descendants of those scattered throughout the earth took with them their pagan idols and false worship of which the queen of heaven remained the spirit behind them.
- c. With the destruction of the Tower of Babel, goddess worship and worship of the queen of heaven was scattered all over the earth. The worship of the queen of heaven did not end with the end of the Old Testament era. Paul battled this spirit too in Ephesus (Acts 19:34). No matter where goddess worship sprang up, the spirit behind this horrid idolatry was the demonic world force of darkness, the queen of heaven.

## 3. The manifestations of the queen of heaven through ancient goddess worship included virtually the same practices everywhere it appeared.

- a. With the purpose of enhancing the fertility of worshipers including their families, crops, and livestock, goddess worship was focused on venerating the reproductive powers of the female.<sup>4</sup> In all of these places with different names for their goddesses, the practices were similar. They included drunkenness, drug induced frenzies, heterosexual and homosexual perversion and fornication, witchcraft, demonically inspired control of individuals to lead them away from God and His purposes, emasculation of men, demonically inspired prophetic oracles, and even human sacrifice.
- b. Let's look at a few examples. The purpose in so doing is that this will expand our understanding of issues from which the true bride must separate and issues with which we must engage in spiritual warfare.
- c. *Hetero and Homo Sexual Immorality and Perversion*  
Goddesses were normally worshiped with ritualistic sex. Believing the sexual union of Baal and Asherah produced fertility, their worshipers engaged in immoral sex to cause the gods to join together, ensuring good harvests. This practice became the basis for religious prostitution (1 Kings 14:23-24). The priest or a male member of the community represented Baal. The priestess or a female member of the community represented Asherah.

It was not only heterosexual prostitution practiced in the temples of the queen of heaven. Note this quote by Jonas Clark in his book, *Jezebel*,

There is a connection between homosexuality and Ashtoreth (the goddess that Jezebel worshiped). Ashtoreth was worshipped in temples by those who had both male and female prostitutes in their service, many who were also homosexual and lesbian prostitutes. In the sexual rites associated with the worship of Ashtoreth, homosexuality was common place.<sup>5</sup>

- d. *Drunkness and Drug Use*  
Goddess worship often included not only licentious sexual promiscuity, but also hallucinating through drunkenness or drug use. For example, in the worship of the goddess Dionysus, participants danced seductively and drank intoxicating drinks. As they began to hallucinate, they

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perceived the world of nature as supremely beautiful and sweet. They felt possessed by the goddess and, in a state of extreme ecstasy, they prophesied.<sup>6</sup>

e. Witchcraft

As we stated earlier, Isaiah 47 describes the spirit behind the great harlot. As you read through Isaiah 47, you will quickly see the predominant place witchcraft had in the worship of the queen of heaven. Phrases like “in spite of your many sorceries”, “in spite of the great power of your spells”, “evil will come upon you which you will not know how to charm away”, “stand fast now in your spells and in your many sorceries”, and “let now the astrologers, those who prophesy by the stars, those who predict by the new moons” are sprinkled through the chapter. Therefore, as you can see the spirit behind the harlot is also the same spirit behind all witchcraft. As our spiritual mentor on the queen of heaven frequently said, the queen is the “mother goddess of witchcraft”.

f. Control

Fertility goddesses were almost universally goddesses of love, war, and sex. As such, they controlled their adherents through those traits. For example, in some instances young virgins were *required* to give themselves to someone other than their husband before they could marry and to do this as an act of worship of the goddess. In this way, sex was used to control worshipers. They were required to do certain acts in order to be approved by the group.

Goddesses were also goddesses of war. Because of this character trait, they were strong and powerful in war. We see this in the great harlot as she is drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus (Rev. 17:6). As a warrior, they were at times referred to as goddesses of strife, discord, contention, and rivalry.

g. Emasculation of Men

Virtually everywhere goddess worship was practiced, it elevated the feminine, with the result being the emasculation of men.<sup>7</sup> For example, the priests of Cybele were eunuchs. The young men who wanted to avail themselves to the service of the goddess would at times castrate themselves at the height of a worship service in honor of the goddess and then dress with women's clothing.<sup>8</sup> In another example, the male priests of Caelestis were not eunuchs but they attempted to be effeminate having womanish voices, rubbed their skin smooth, wore female clothing, flaunted their impure bodies, and boasted of their depravity.<sup>9</sup>

A common practice in that day was for men to castrate themselves, put on women's clothing, and perform the work usually done by women.<sup>10</sup> The practice of castration was seen primarily as an attempt by men to conform to the goddess as closely—in other words, to become as much as possible like a woman—so as to serve the goddess more perfectly.

h. Prophetic Oracles

Prophetic oracles given by the goddess to the people were also common place in goddess worship. We observed this first hand a few years ago. One day while our friends from Australia, Noel and Di Mann, were visiting we traveled to Conyers, Georgia, to visit the site of a series of apparitions of Mary. We learned a lot about the prophetic oracle of the queen of heaven through this visit. Note the following from the New Georgia Encyclopedia,

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From October 13, 1990 through October 13, 1998, Conyers housewife Nancy Fowler claimed that the Virgin Mary [*a modern day apparition of the queen of heaven*] appeared to her and relayed messages to all citizens of the United States. The messages ranged from admonitions to pray to warnings of war. The Virgin's supposed visits to Conyers, a suburban community about thirty miles east of Atlanta, makes Conyers one of the longest-lived Marian apparition sites in the nation. In the early 1990s the roads to Conyers were clogged with pilgrims yearning to hear Mary's message. They came from every direction, but most were from heavily Hispanic southern Florida. They headed toward a large field adjacent to Fowler's home. Once there, they prayed on Mary's Holy Hill, filled bottles with water from the Blessed Well, or visited the small bookstore on the property. At midday the pilgrims moved toward Fowler's farmhouse. Inside, Fowler waited for a message from the Virgin Mary in the Apparition Room...The pilgrims prayed in their native tongues, including English, Spanish, Russian, and Chinese. When Mary's message was broadcast over loudspeakers, the pilgrims raised their rosaries, icons, and petitions heavenward, hoping the items would be blessed by the presence of the Virgin Mary. Some claimed miracles at this site—rosaries turning to gold, the sun spinning and changing colors, and the scent of rose petals filling the air.<sup>11</sup>

- i. From these examples, we can see the wide net this spirit casts over the earth, the need for people to come out of it, and for a house of prayer to resist it. Let's next look at the call upon an eternal purpose house of prayer to resist this spirit.

## IV. The Call to Resist the Queen of Heaven

### 1. The scriptures teach that God will pronounce judgment on the queen of heaven as the church resists her works.

- a. At the end of the age, the Lord will judge the great harlot and the spirit behind her, "And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, '*Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!* She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird'" (Rev. 18:2; see also Rev. 18:6-8; Rev. 18:9-10). God will bring judgment on the woman, the great harlot, and her reign of deception, seduction and terror will abruptly come to an end.
- b. In the days leading to this final judgment of the great harlot, God will use His people to bring judgment upon the harlot and the spirit behind her. Revelation 18:20 reads, "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her". This verse tells us that God will pronounce judgment upon this woman on behalf of His people. The American Standard Version captures more accurately the original meaning. It reads, "rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye saints, and ye apostles, and ye prophets; *for God hath judged your judgment on her*" (Rev. 18:20, ASV). As we fulfill our call to resist the queen of heaven, our judgment on this entity will build and ultimately be used to activate God's ultimate judgment on her and her many tentacles, resulting in her fall.
- c. Let's continue looking at the church's call to war with this spirit.

### 2. The scriptures tell the church not to tolerate the woman Jezebel.

- a. Jesus spoke these words to the church at Thyatira, "But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols" (Rev. 2:20). The question

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might arise of how does “not tolerating Jezebel” relate to battling the queen of heaven. The answer is as follows. The Old Testament Jezebel was closely connected with the goddess Asherah. In fact, she was a priestess to this fertility goddess. As you observe the historical Jezebel’s actions, you quickly see many traits in her life that also were characteristics of the spirit behind the goddess she worshipped. In a sense she was one with the goddess and, as such, one with the spirit behind the goddess—the queen of heaven. Therefore, when Jesus spoke to the church at Thyatira He was commanding them not to tolerate the work of the queen of heaven in their midst.

- b. Like the church at Thyatira, the modern day church is not to tolerate the woman Jezebel in those areas over which we have been granted authority or given assignment. As such, an eternal purpose house of prayer must not tolerate the many tentacles of Jezebel/queen of heaven, but instead, resist her works as led by the Holy Spirit.
- c. At our home church, there are two major ways we have come to resist the works of this demonic entity. They are: 1) calling people to come out from her snare and 2) calling the spirit to come down. So—come out and come down.

### 3. An eternal purpose house of prayer should call people to come out of entanglement with the great harlot and her many tentacles.

- a. God calls His people to separate from the queen of heaven and the many ways she manifests. “I heard another voice from heaven, saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities’” (Rev. 18:4-5). Before she is finally judged by God, God’s desire is for the people of God to separate from her and her deceptions. The scriptures teach that believers are to separate, in fact, overcome sinful works of the flesh, the world, and the devil. Over our years as a church, we have experienced a great need to call and help people come out from the snare of the queen in all three of these arenas—the world, the flesh, and the devil. As part of our overall call to help people separate from the snare of the queen of heaven, one of the major tasks is to intercede for people to separate from this evil woman and all her many tentacles.

### 4. In addition, *as led by the Holy Spirit* an eternal purpose house of prayer should also pray for this spirit to come down from its enthronement and control over lives, institutions, and geographic areas.

- a. As you will recall, Revelation 18:7 quotes phrases from Isaiah 47 which is a full chapter addressing the goddess Ishtar and the spirit behind her—the queen of heaven. Isaiah 47 begins with this command to the goddess Ishtar and the associated spirit behind the goddess, the queen of heaven: “Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no longer be called tender and delicate” (Isa. 47:1). This chapter ends with these words, “There is none to save you” (Isa. 47:15). Isaiah 47 was a powerful proclamation of judgment against the control that the goddess had over Babylon and for us is a written judgment against the control that the queen of heaven has in the lives of people, over churches, and over specific entities and geographic areas.



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- b. In way of a testimony, at our home church we were taught the power of employing this passage of scripture by our spiritual mentor, Noel Mann, in the mid-1990's and have been using Isaiah 47 since that time as a tool for praying for the queen of heaven to release control of people, churches, geographical entities, and even specific strongholds in lives or entities. Utilizing this passage of scripture as a guide, it is an effective way to pray that one or more of the many tentacles of this spirit may cease its control over the target of what is being prayed for.
  - c. As led by the Holy Spirit, we have used this powerful passage as it relates to people, our local church, in a variety of prayer assignments in the city and nation, and as a defensive weapon when this spirit has attacked us in ways similar to Jezebel attacking Elijah (1 Kings 19). We have used it in a general sense and also used it to war over specific manifestations of this spirit like witchcraft, sexual sin, or false religion. As always with spiritual warfare, we must be led of the Holy Spirit and must be extremely careful not to exceed our spiritual authority or go beyond the sphere with which we have been granted authority.
  - d. In addition to using this passage as a prayer tool, we have also used this chapter of scripture as a proclamation or declaration of God's judgment over one or more of the queen's snares. Psalm 149 includes these words,

Let the godly ones exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written; this is an honor for all His godly ones. Praise the Lord! (Ps. 149:5-9).
  - e. Just as this Psalm instructs, we also use Isaiah 47 as a written judgment against the queen of heaven and her many tentacles to declare the judgments written for the purpose of breaking strongholds the queen has upon an individual, church, etc.
  - f. When dealing with issues related to the queen of heaven, we both pray for people to come out of the snare of the queen of heaven or her tentacles, or we pray or declare that this spirit come down or release people from her snare. The Lord will lead you as to when to focus on calling on people to come out or calling on the spirit to come down. In either way, God is calling the church to judge her and to not tolerate the woman Jezebel. Now that we have explained the call to war against this spirit, let's look at different issues fueled by the queen of heaven with which we might war.
5. In this final section, let's summarize some of the key tentacles of the queen of heaven with which a house of prayer might engage.
- a. Before listing specifics, it is worth reminding ourselves that the primary goal of the great end-time harlot is to seduce or oppose the people of God and even nations from emerging in the fullness of God's eternal purpose. With that reminder, the following are some of the major topics for warring against the queen of heaven. The list does not represent all of the topics we pray for in the arena of resisting the queen of heaven but will give you an idea of how to resist the queen in some of the major issues empowered by this spirit.

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b. Some of the major areas in which the queen of heaven manifests in the culture and in the life of the church are as follows. These become some of the areas in which a house of prayer might engage the queen of heaven to see God's people go free from her snare.

- Hindrance and opposition of the fulfillment of God's purposes
- Attacks on godly leaders
- Sexual sin
- Sexual perversion
- Homosexuality
- Abortion
- Drunkenness and drug use
- Witchcraft
- Control and manipulation
- Strife, contention, division, and disunity
- Fear, oppression, intimidation, and depression
- Emasculation of men
- False religions
- Cults
- Compromised Christianity
- False prophetic oracles

c. Next, we will examine the call to restrain the spirit of antichrist.

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid, pp. 3-11.

<sup>2</sup> Robert L. Thomas, *Revelation 8-22, An Exegetical Commentary* (Moody Press, Chicago, 1995), p. 282.

<sup>3</sup> Joel Richardson, *Mystery Babylon* (WND Books, Washington, DC, 2017), p. xi.

<sup>4</sup> Stephen Benko, *The Virgin Goddess* (E. J. Brill, New York, 1993), p. 25.

<sup>5</sup> Jonas Clark, *Jezebel* (Spirit of Life Ministries, Hallandale, FL, 1998), p. 66.

<sup>6</sup> Benko, p. 66.

<sup>7</sup> Benko, p. 49.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.psa91.com/pagancontext.htm>

<sup>9</sup> Benko, p. 40.

<sup>10</sup> Benko, p. 55.

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/arts-culture/conyers-apparitions-virgin-mary>