

Suppression of Evil by God

Commentary for May 17, 2021 — Before the Gospel Is Preached to the World

The suppression of worldwide criminal occult practices will occur in the coming years before Christ returns. Such crimes have become a huge growth industry. There are so many people committing so many crimes it is difficult to keep track of them among the 7.4 billion people alive today. These evils and crimes today are so heinous they rival the worst horrors reported in Scripture and in history. Such acts are rooted in hatred of God and involve spiritism at some level.

The evils and crimes are done by large numbers of people in every country from the lowest to highest levels of society. I have written several articles and commentaries about the horrors of these practices in Scripture.¹ Today these acts are openly promoted in the world's media. Occultism and satanism are presented on the internet, television, movies, music, to children and adults. There are hundreds of occult-themed programs broadcast every day. Hidden occult teachings are presented to children in cartoons and live children's shows. Such teachings are everywhere in our society and promoted constantly in schools as good being evil, and evil good. **"Woe unto them ..."** YHWH says in Isaiah 5:20 (and all of chapter 5).

The Growth of Gospel Teaching

The Gospel in the 1st century AD expanded quickly by word of mouth within the peace of the Roman Empire. The suppression of Christian groups was serious but not extensive until the 2nd century AD. The twelve apostles, Barnabas, Paul, and others were opposed mostly by Jewish leaders and by pagans (note the opposition to Paul in Acts chapter 19).

Conditions in today's world are not the conditions of the "Roman peace" that allowed the Gospel to be preached. Word of mouth preaching and teaching will be muted without a free media. While I believe mass media will be allowed to carry the Gospel, this seems unlikely in the present world situation. Considering that the most powerful people in the world have full

¹ "[Suffer the Little Children](#)," "[Human Sacrifice in Scripture](#)," "[Magic in the Bible](#)," and "[Idolatry and God's Punishment](#)" are among other articles that deal with the victims of idolatry and "gods" (not YHWH). I became familiar with this topic in the mid-1980s and continued my reading on the subject since then.

A website (<https://pedoempire.org/contents/>) contains five (5) free online books by an extremely well-qualified researcher. He gives the best documented information I have read about the subjects of Satanism, several worldwide pedophilia networks, of human trafficking, child abuse, torture, ritual murder, and even mass murder on a scale that the mind wants to immediately deny. However, the author's work is extensively documented with notes and links to hundreds of sources in each chapter! He openly names the rich and famous. The information is free, up-to-date (beginning in 2017), and the source links work, as far as I have checked.

One caution, however, is that the theology presented in one of the chapters is unbiblical and wrong.

control over media, this means that those same powerful people somehow will be suppressed or removed from power. God shall see that it is put down. How God does that will be interesting to behold.

This means God will cause civil and ruling powers of the world to act against those committing great evils and crimes. God will need to remove the enslavement of the minds of people in the world. It will also be necessary for those evils and crimes to see the light of day, revealed to the world in detail, and legal penalties imposed for horrific crimes. Hopefully, the evils and crimes done in darkness and promoted in the media will end soon.

These evils will “go underground” as they were for much of mankind’s history. Then under the power of the antichrist, the similar evil people in the world will regain power. This also will be controlled and done according to God’s will.

God Caused Jehu to Act in the Days of Israel and Judah

Several times God has judged and eliminated horrific evils. The first time was the flood in the days of Noah. Eight people survived, everyone else died.

God also gave justice for great evil in the days of Jehu and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Of course, today the suppression of these evils will occur differently. Today the difference is that God’s Spirit is within millions of Christians under grace. This will cause God to operate so His children alive now can witness God’s judgment upon those who are the most evil. The partial and temporary cleansing of evil in the world will be done according to civil law and order, not regicide and murder as in the days of Jehu.²

When this suppression of evil will be finished, the stage will be set to allow for the Gospel to be preached to the world before the return of Christ to earth. That will take time.³ The purpose of the preaching will not be to establish and grow *ekklesias*, although that will happen because millions (perhaps billions!) of people will respond superficially to the Gospel preaching and teaching.⁴ The evangelization of the 7.4 billion people in the world will succeed. They

² God judged Israel and Judah in the days of Jehu who was anointed to become King of Israel. For details see my article, “[Israel and Judah: 28. The Reign of King Jehu of Israel.](#)”

Jehu killed ...

- King Joram of Israel,
- his entire family,
- 70 sons of the previous king Ahab (Joram’s brothers and half-brothers)
- Ahab’s “lovely” wife Jezebel,
- Ahaziah, King of Judah, and
- all but one of Ahaziah’s heirs to the throne of Judah.

Jehu killed all these people who loved (literally) to worship Baal. God used Jehu to “clean house” in the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah (2 Kings chapters 9 and 10). Unfortunately, Jehu suppressed the worship of Baal, but allowed worship of other pagan gods to continue.

³ See my article, “[The End Time? Not Yet!](#)”

⁴ Often persecution expanded the growth of *ekklesias* throughout history.

will be told about the coming of the Kingdom of God — a completion of what Jesus spoke about in Matthew 24:14.

The apostles started the process of preaching the gospel to the world, but the job was not completed by the time of their deaths. May God bless us to see it begin in our lifetimes. It will be accomplished in the years ahead of us.

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be PREACHED

[to whom?]

in ALL the world

[why?]

for a witness

[to whom?]

unto ALL nations; and

[and next?]

THEN shall the end come.”

• **Matthew 24:14**

Jesus gave this simple, direct, and understandable declaration 2,000+ years ago. It has not yet been completed. It will take place before Christ returns. God certainly could make this happen through one-on-one, word-of-mouth communication and teaching to expose all 7.4 billion people to the teaching of the Gospel. Or, God could have an angel preach the gospel (as some mistakenly believe Revelation 14:6–7 says).⁵

I believe mass media will be operating and be used for the Gospel to be preached freely in unique and new ways, without censorship.⁶ Jesus said **“this gospel of the kingdom shall be PREACHED”** by believers (mostly Jews), who will be motivated to have a calling in ways like those who were called two millennia before! And yes, believing Gentiles will have freedom in Christ to participate in the propagation of the Gospel, particularly if they know the truth and

⁵ Revelation 14:6–7 is a short message of a final warning to the world, that the people should take heed about the Gospel presented to them already. It is not a detailed presentation of the Gospel of the Kingdom. The angel makes an announcement to the world according to verse 7:

“Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

In other words, worship God NOW or suffer God’s judgment. It is a “last chance” message. Indeed, God is merciful even up to the moment of judgment.

⁶ Consider the information about the two witnesses in Revelation 11:1–14. In verses 8–11 note the indications that viewing the dead bodies of the two witnesses will be worldwide. This could only be seen if a world media of television or the internet is operating:

“And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city [Jerusalem] ... And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations [implying multitudes around the globe] shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer [allow] their dead bodies to be put in graves.

And they that dwell upon the earth [not just in Jerusalem] shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth [the entirety of earth]. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them [around the world].”

If the two dead witnesses will be observed worldwide, then the Gospel can be preached worldwide through an operating visual mass-media.

the truth gives them freedom to choose actions and commitments in life.⁷

For this to happen the entire subculture of horrific evil that I mentioned above must be exposed and countered, with most of the guilty prosecuted, convicted, and punished by civil authorities as they are influenced by God to do so. Some will be executed, as they should be, and given severe punishments for mass murder, kidnapping, human trafficking, and treason. God's word will not fail but it will always accomplish God's purposes (Isaiah 55:11).

Paul wrote to Timothy about the role of secular rulers. We should take his words seriously:

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all [before anything else!], supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made [1] for all men; [2] for kings, and [3] for all that are in authority;

[Why?] that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

• 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Jesus said, **"The truth shall make you free"** (John 8:32). We must pray and ask God to change the hearts and minds of rulers and civil authorities around the world to fulfill their rightful purpose — even if they are caught up in evil and sins. God can induce them to do what is lawful, just, and good. Yes, it will take a miracle from God that will be interesting to see:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God ...

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but [a terror] to the evil. Will you then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and you shall have praise of the same [powers]:

For he is the minister of God to you for good.

(Then comes a warning to those doing evil, whether they know or do not know these facts.)

But if you do that which is evil, be afraid;

for he bears not the sword in vain:

for he is the minister of God,

[he is] a revenger to execute wrath upon him that does evil.

Wherefore you must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake."

• Romans 13:1-5

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⁷ Bible-centered *ekklesias* will teach and sustain the Gospel to come and help new believers grow to maturity, but they will **not** lead the gospel that **"shall be preached."** Some Gentiles will, of course, participate just as Luke helped Paul. But converted Jewish-Christian brethren who accept Jesus Christ as their Messiah will lead the movement to preach this Gospel to the world. Jesus gave Israel the primary mission, and it will be fulfilled as He commanded.