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## Treating the Ark of the Covenant as unholy

During the time of Eli, the high Priest (1 Sa 4 &5), Israel went to battle against the Philistines and the Philistines were prevailing. The elders of Israel came up with the idea of taking the Ark of the Covenant to the battlefield. When the Ark came into the camp, it was greeted with a great shout. In high hopes they once more engaged the Philistines, but to their dismay they were overcome. The Philistines took the ark to Ashdod and placed it along side Dagon.

In the morning after placing the ark in the house of Dagon, the people of Ashdod found Dagon on his face before the Ark. They quickly set Dagon back up into his place. The next morning, not only did they find him prostrate before the Ark, but his head was severed and his hands were broken. Also the Lord ravaged the Ashdodites and smote them with tumors (Hemorrhoids), so they sent the ark to Gath. God smote them with confusion with tumors. So they sent the ark →

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## It is Time to Cry Out...2021

### Three desperate Cries

#### 1. A demon possessed man of Gerasenes,

Jesus, along with his disciples, got into a boat and began the voyage from Capernaum to Gerasenes, about 5 miles. Suddenly, a fierce wind struck the lake, and the waves dangerously overflowed into the boat. After being awakened by His frightened disciples, He stood up and rebuked the wind, "Hush, be still!" The sea immediately became calm. Mark 4:39

It was around sundown that Jesus heard a desperate cry from across the Sea of Galilee and leaving the crowd in haste, He began the night time 5 mile voyage across the lake. Without a doubt, the storm was an attempt of Satan to prevent Jesus from responding to the cry.

In responding to the call of God, most of the time it will result in some kind of resistance. Resistance is not always a sign of being out of the will of God. When a storm hits you, that does not mean God is angry with you. Storms will come and go, and God uses them to strengthen you.

Ministry sometimes requires a journey, and we must be ready to accept the challenges of that journey. Many times it will take you away from your conveniences, family and friends, and cost you something along the way, but the rewards of being a faithful servant are great.

After arriving on the other side of the sea, Jesus immediately encountered a demoniacal man. The scene unveils three major forces in existence: Satan, society (world), Savior! The same forces are presently active.

#### The heart of Satan

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have {it} abundantly" (John 10:10).

#### The force of Satan

This man lost his home, fellowship with his family and friends. He lost his livelihood, reputation and resources. He lost his decency and walked about naked in the tombs. He lost his self-control and lived like a crazed animal, screaming, cutting himself and frightening people. He lost his peace and purpose for living.

Never underestimate the power of our enemy, Satan. Possible this man felt he could taste some things of the world and come out untouched. The deception of the devil is incredible. He appears like an angel of light, but inside he is gross darkness. 1 Cor. 10:12-13.

#### The force of Society

The limited resources of society to deal with this man is evident. About the only thing society can do with people who are demon possessed is to isolate them, put them under guard, and if necessary, bind them.

Binding him did not work for this community, and attempts to calm him failed. With all of its wonderful scientific achievements, society still cannot cope with the problems caused by Satan and sin. While we thank God that society does offer a limited amount of restraint and protection, we must confess that society cannot permanently solve these problems and deliver Satan's terrorized victims.

#### The force of the Savior

Jesus was continually saying to the approaching demonical man, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" The possessed man bowed ( prostrate) before Jesus. Even though this man in the past challenged anyone passing by the tombs and driving them away, could not confront Jesus, but rather fell down as a subject before his king. This is a clear picture of what is going to happen during the day of judgment. It is clear that every knee shall bow and that includes all the rebellious spirits, even the devil himself.

Jesus demanded to know his name and the possessed man replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many (6000 or 12 x 500). An army of trained and organized demons inside of one man.

The Name of Jesus has been elevated over every name, and Legion had to obey the command of the Son of God. Jesus granted the pleading demons to enter 2000 pigs. Three demons per pig, crazed these animals to the point they madly ran into the sea and perished. This demonstrates the natural resistance toward the work of demons.

After hearing the report of the herdsmen, the people rushed out to see what had happened to the demon possessed man. They found him at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. Perfectly healed and ready to reenter society again.

The owners of the pigs were consumed with the loss of their pigs, and did not appreciate this great miracle. Economy can blind a person to the works of God.



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to Ekron and the same thing happened to that city.

This is what happens when the Ark of His Covenant is treated unholy. It is sad to admit that many in the US are treating Christ in the same way. This is not only the case in the US but in the whole world. Look at the condition of the world. It is largely shut down because of Covid-19. The world is fearful, seemingly without any resources to fight the disease. This is what the Five Kings of the Philistines were dealing with.

This tiny invisible virus is holding the world in its grasp. It is time for the world to fall prostrate before Jesus, repent or turn back to him, and humble ourselves and appeal to God for help.

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They begged him to leave their country, and Jesus taking leave from the healed man, instructed him to go into his region and testify to the people what God had done for him.

Jesus, hearing another cry of a desperate man, responded, left the crowds, accepted the challenges of the journey, healed the man, and now in the calm, heard another desperate cry, boarded the little boat and returned to the other side of the Sea with his disciples.

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## Eroding Religious Freedom in One Year: 2020

### Part 2

In addition to the upcoming Equality Act, another group aims to eliminate vestiges of Christian influence in our nation. The Secular Democrats of America have outlined propositions in their "Key Issues." This organization is an atheist group inside the Democratic Party who will be influencing policy decisions in the Biden/Harris administration when calling for things like the following:

- Removing God from the Pledge of Allegiance and national motto;
- Canceling government partnerships with faith-based hospitals;
- Compulsory universal secular education, which would greatly affect Christian schools and home schools; and prohibiting religious-based medical and therapy decisions.

The implications of these assaults on religious freedom cannot be overstated. According to one Professor of Theology, in our near future are compulsory-speech transgender laws, the withdrawal of federal student loans and research grants from Christian institutions (then an assault on accreditation, leading to their demise), mandatory radical left-wing indoctrination in our schools and places of employment, a national puberty-blocker program for children, mandatory national access to female restrooms and sports by males (including our schools), removal of 'LGBTQ'-identified children from the homes of faithful Christian parents who don't endorse the identity, the severe reduction of conservative speech on social media platforms, and the restriction of employment in various professions to those who embrace 'LGBTQ' ideology.

We may think we are safe. We may think we will be able to practice Christianity without government interference. But the moment we expand our Christian convictions into social media, into colleges, into bathrooms, into our employment decisions, and even our parenting, the State will soon have very different ideas. And there will be legal ramifications to those who buck against compulsory secularism. Private religious opinions will no longer be safe venturing into the public sphere and sometimes even into our homes. Such are the implications of the loss of religious freedom in America.



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