



## WOMAN (CHURCH), YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL “BE RESTORED”

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<sup>1</sup> *The Master, GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, is emptying Jerusalem and Judah Of all the basic necessities, plain bread and water to begin with.*

<sup>2</sup> *He's withdrawing police and protection, judges and courts, pastors and teachers,*

<sup>3</sup> *captains and generals, doctors and nurses, and, yes, even the repairmen and jacks-of-all-trades.*

<sup>4</sup> *He says, "I'll put little kids in charge of the city. Schoolboys and schoolgirls will order everyone around.*

<sup>5</sup> *People will be at each other's throats, stabbing one another in the back: Neighbour against neighbour, young against old, the no-account against the well-respected.*

<sup>6</sup> *One brother will grab another and say, 'You look like you've got a head on your shoulders. Do something! Get us out of this mess.'*

<sup>7</sup> *And he'll say, 'Me? Not me! I don't have a clue. Don't put me in charge of anything.'*

<sup>8</sup> *"Jerusalem's on its last legs. Judah is soon down for the count. Everything people say and do is at cross-purposes with GOD, a slap in my face.*

<sup>9</sup> *Brazen in their depravity, they flout their sins like degenerate Sodom. Doom to their eternal souls! They've made their bed; now they'll sleep in it.*

<sup>10</sup> *"Reassure the righteous that their good living will pay off.*

<sup>11</sup> *But doom to the wicked! Disaster! Everything they did will be done to them.*

<sup>12</sup> *"Skinny kids terrorize my people. Silly girls bully them around. My dear people! Your leaders are taking you down a blind alley. They're sending you off on a wild goose chase."*

<sup>13</sup> *GOD enters the courtroom. He takes his place at the bench to judge his people.*

<sup>14</sup> *GOD calls for order in the court, hauls the leaders of his people into the dock: "You've played havoc with this country. Your houses are stuffed with what you've stolen from the poor.*

<sup>15</sup> *What is this anyway? Stomping on my people, grinding the faces of the poor into the dirt?" That's what the Master, GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, says.*

<sup>16</sup> *GOD says, "Zion women are stuck-up, prancing around in their high heels, making eyes at all the men in the street, swinging their hips, tossing their hair, gaudy and garish in cheap jewellery."*

<sup>17</sup> *The Master will fix it so those Zion women will all turn bald- Scabby, bald-headed women. The Master will do it.*

<sup>18</sup> *The time is coming when the Master will strip them of their fancy baubles-*

<sup>19</sup> *the dangling earrings, anklets and bracelets,*

<sup>20</sup> *combs and mirrors and silk scarves, diamond brooches and pearl necklaces,*

<sup>21</sup> *the rings on their fingers and the rings on their toes,*

<sup>22</sup> *the latest fashions in hats, exotic perfumes and aphrodisiacs, gowns and capes,*

<sup>23</sup> *all the world's finest in fabrics and design.*

<sup>24</sup> *Instead of wearing seductive scents, these women are going to smell like rotting cabbages; Instead of modelling flowing gowns, they'll be sporting rags; Instead of their stylish hairdos, scruffy heads; Instead of beauty marks, scabs and scars.*

<sup>25</sup> *Your finest fighting men will be killed, your soldiers left dead on the battlefield.*

<sup>26</sup> *The entrance gate to Zion will be clogged with people mourning their dead- A city stooped under the weight of her loss, brought to her knees by her sorrows.*

**Isaiah 3:1-26 (Message)**

They have faded in the background, you cannot find them. These men have failed to step into their positions of leadership. They have failed to take up their God-given responsibility.

<sup>4</sup> *He says, "I'll put little kids in charge of the city. Schoolboys and schoolgirls will order everyone around.*

**Isaiah 3:4 (Message)**

Children don't have to be our oppressor. It is only when we as men do not step in and really functions in the God called way, in what God has called us to do (mothering spirit).

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**Isaiah 3:5, 12 (Message)**

Israel had a serious problem which began with their men not really taking their role in leadership. Because of this, woman was forced out of necessity to step into leadership.

- **Helpmeet** is the description given to Eve in her relationship to Adam because she was suitable to help Adam. She is suitable for, compatible with and complimentary to her husband.
- **Husband** – or leader is a person who gives continual care, oversight and nurturing to something for which that person has great concern, attachment and authority.
- **Leader** is a person whose life, actions or ideas influences the direction of others.

First it starts of with woman ruling. Then they would settle in that rulership capacity or role and after so long period of time, their spirit would be affected and they will become proud. That is really why the devil removes men from leadership and forces the woman in because he knows that he can then create a problem.

## **Spirit of Nimrod**

<sup>20</sup> **Noah, a farmer, was the first to plant a vineyard.**

<sup>21</sup> **He drank from its wine, got drunk and passed out, naked in his tent.**

<sup>22</sup> **Ham, the father of Canaan, saw that his father was naked and told his two brothers who were outside the tent.**

<sup>23</sup> **Shem and Japheth took a cloak, held it between them from their shoulders, walked backwards and covered their father's nakedness, keeping their faces turned away so they did not see their father's exposed body.**

<sup>24</sup> **When Noah woke up with his hangover, he learned what his youngest son had done.**

<sup>25</sup> **He said, Cursed be Canaan! A slave of slaves, a slave to his brothers!**

<sup>26</sup> **Blessed be GOD, the God of Shem, but Canaan shall be his slave.**

<sup>27</sup> **God prosper Japheth, living spaciously in the tents of Shem. But Canaan shall be his slave.**

<sup>28</sup> **Noah lived another 350 years following the flood.**

<sup>29</sup> **He lived a total of 950 years. And he died.**

**Genesis 9:20-29 (Message)**

If we look at what the nakedness of his father meant we can look at the following scripture:

**Don't have sex with your father's wife. That violates your father.**

**Leviticus 18:8 (Message)**

**Cush also had Nimrod. He was the first great warrior on Earth.**

**He was a great hunter before GOD. There was a saying, "Like Nimrod, a great hunter before GOD."**

**Genesis 10:8, 9 (Message)**

This is the same spirit that his grandfather had. The spirit that wants' the fathers wife. The spirit of Nimrod is not after the set-man's mantel, he is after the father's wife.

The local church is there to help you finish the assignment - the helpmeet.

## **Nimrod means *The rebel***

When this spirit is present in the House, we will find many that can't absorb the Word of God. When sons starts to rise up, Satan will desire them. You should always have your eyes on your sons/spiritual sons, so that you can protect them. When your sons rise up in the house, when they go from strength to strength, protect them not to desire the wife (mama's boys), and people that desire the beauty of the Spiritual House for themselves – this is a spirit that feeds on sons.

## **Nimrod brings pride into the house**

They will turn and boast to others about what they have achieved. Self-focused. Nimrod was a hunter of the children of men. The children of God.

## **Hunt men = seek ownership of souls**

This spirit is focused on numbers. The more numbers the better for him. He does not care how he got those souls, as long as he has ownership of them. No son belongs to the father of the house, they all belong to God. Nimrod will give you an ownership mentality.

## **Nimrod had his own kingdom**

Nimrod represents the spirit of territorialism. He takes over territories. The earth is the Lords and the fullness of it. You don't need to ask permission to enter a certain city. There are no fathers of cities. You can only father the ones that the Lord has send you. You don't have to get permission to move around.

## **Nimrod is a mother – child system**

The mother would want to nurse the child. Feed it milk and not allow it to mature. She will always focus on nursing and making the baby comfortable.

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**Isaiah 3:16 (Message)**

**First you got ruling, and then you got rebellion, now you get reproach**

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**Isaiah 3:17-26 (Message)**

**<sup>1</sup> That will be the day when seven women will gang up on one man, saying, "We'll take care of ourselves, get our own food and clothes. Just give us a child. Make us pregnant so we'll have something to live for!"**

**<sup>2</sup> And that's when GOD's Branch will sprout green and lush. The produce of the country will give Israel's survivors something to be proud of again. Oh, they'll hold their heads high!**

**<sup>3</sup> Everyone left behind in Zion, all the discards and rejects in Jerusalem, will be reclassified as "holy"-alive and therefore precious.**

**<sup>4</sup> GOD will give Zion's women a good bath. He'll scrub the bloodstained city of its violence and brutality; purge the place with a firestorm of judgment.**

**Isaiah 4:1-4 (Message)**

The devil is still using the same tactic by lying to woman as he did with Eve. *Be yourself. Do your own thing. You don't need a husband (leader).* But the devil knows that at the end of that life lays desperation for self-esteem, family, romantic love, and being wanted.

## **Five characteristics of the spirit filled woman (Church)**

*Your path as a woman is a path of discipline, because there is work for you to do. It is Grace, because the life of God which you enter into is a gift which you can never earn... Discipline in and of it does not make you righteous; it merely places you before God... The transformation... is God's work.*

- Richard Foster

### **I. A desire for security, and so then for self esteem**

***Be sure to welcome our friend Phoebe in the way of the Master, with all the generous hospitality we Christians are famous for. I heartily endorse both her and her work. She's a key representative of the church at Cenchrea.***

**Help her out in whatever she asks. She deserves anything you can do for her. She's helped many a person, including me.**

**Romans 16:1-2 (Message)**

Women are going around trying to get this in the wrong way, when you are supposed to find it is from your husband. If you are not married – from your local church.

## **2. A desire for companionship**

**Say hello to Priscilla and Aquila, who have worked hand in hand with me in serving Jesus.**

**They once put their lives on the line for me. And I'm not the only one grateful to them. All the non-Jewish gatherings of believers also owe them plenty.**

**Romans 16:3-4 (Message)**

Priscilla found perfect companionship in her husband in ministry. The highest thing a man and woman can ever find is to be helpers together.

## **3. A desire to belong to a spiritual family**

**To say nothing of the church that meets in their house.**

**Romans 16:5 (Message)**

**And she must have a reputation for good deeds, as one who has brought up children, who has practiced hospitality to strangers, washed the feet of the saints, helped to relieve the distressed, [and] devoted herself diligently to doing good in every way.**

**For some are already turned aside after Satan.**

**1 Timothy 5:10, 15**

This Godly-mothering aspect can be met in Christ by opening your home. Godly-mothering is a normal, basic instinct that God wants you to develop.

## **4. Beauty or modesty of the heart**

**When they observe the pure and modest way in which you conduct yourself, together with your reverence [for your husband; you are to feel for him all that reverence includes: to respect, defer to, revere him – to honor, esteem, appreciate, prize, and, in the human sense, to adore him, that is, to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and enjoy your husband].**

**Let not yours be the [merely] external adorning with [elaborate] interweaving and knotting of the hair, the wearing of jewellery, or changes of clothes;**

**But let it be the inward adorning and beauty of the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible and unfading charm of gentle and peaceful spirit, which [is not anxious or wrought up, but] is very precious in the sight of God.**

**1 Peter 3:2-4 (Amplified)**

Vanity of the heart past vastly, but modesty simply says yes: *I want to be beautiful, I want to be well appointed – but I don't want to be enslaved to that.*

Modesty also says: *I will not dress myself physically in such a way to be seductive to men.*

## **5. Respect**

**For it was thus that the pious women of old who hoped in God were (accustomed) to beautify themselves and were submissive to their husbands [adapting themselves to them as themselves secondary and dependent upon them].**

**It was thus that Sarah obeyed Abraham [following his guidance and acknowledge his headship over her by] calling him lord (master, leader, authority). And you are now her true daughters unnerve you].**

**1 Peter 3:5-6 (Amplified)**

You might say: *What do I do if I live with a husband who has absolutely no insight of what you have been teaching, and he is leading in the wrong direction! or My husband is not living a righteous life with God?*

- You are supposed to pray for God to change him. **The heart of a king is in the hand of God.**

- Start **speaking** your respect for him. Verbalize your respect. It doesn't mean you can not speak to your husband about a problem area, but let the timing be right – check your approach.

Remember what the daughters of Zion faced: Ruler ship, rebellion and reproach. It is a terrible cycle.

### **Jan Congo; Free to be God's Woman:**

*When we contrast our appearance, our accomplishments, our friends or our possessions to others we are making a comparison based in large part on fantasy. We have never walked in the shoes of those women to whom we compare ourselves so we fantasize what it would be like. When we do this we compare our worst, of which we are most aware, to their best. And we're really comparing ourselves to a fantasy. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why soap operas and romance novels are so popular today. We are basically dissatisfied with our existence so we vicariously live our lives through other people.*

*When we believe we are only worthwhile if we are beautiful, if we use the right products, if we know the right people, if we are successful or if we are financially comfortable, we are building our self-image on faulty foundations. Subtly we find ourselves looking to other "significant" people to define for us what it means to be beautiful; what are the right products to use; who are the right people to associate with; and what it takes to be financially comfortable.*

*When we swallow these faddish opinions, society loves us because we fit its mould. But what happens when the mould changes?*