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THE SIN OF SODOM!

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"And as Esaias said before, Except the LORD OF SABAOTH had left us a seed (remnant), we had been as Sodom, and been made like unto Gomorrha." Rom. 9:29.

The Holy Roman Empire crumbled under the "Sin of Sodom." No nation can survive because this particular sin destroys the sanctity of the family and the church. Presently, we see our own Salvation Army and Boy Scouts being boycotted simply for not endorsing the "sin of Sodom" as an acceptable lifestyle. It is the very militancy of these homosexuals that shocks the world.

In the Old Testament, this LORD OF SABAOTH is known as the "Lord of hosts," literally, "Lord of armies." In heaven, God rules the heavens in a chain of command. Angels are as deckhands aboard a ship. They are all in subordination to the commander, an archangel who answers only to God.

Is it any wonder that Jesus commended the Centurion's faith? *"Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."* Matt. 8:10. The Centurion understood the government by a "chain of command." The Centurion said, *"Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."* Matt. 8:8-9.

"And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I WILL GO DOWN NOW, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it (the sin of sodomy), which is come unto me; and if not, I will know." Gen. 18:20-21. Just how will God know? God does not go down; the Lord sent His two commanders, Michael and Gabriel, God's chief archangels in heaven. Like the Centurion, these archangels understand "chain of command." Michael and Gabriel are answerable to no one but God the Father. When God says, "I will go down to the city of Sodom due to this horrible cry from Sodom," it does not mean God will leave His throne and neglect all of heaven's demands upon Him.

Over the Middle East crisis, President Clinton says, "I'll go to Jerusalem and look in on the problem." More often than not, Madelyn Albright shows up instead. She is answerable to the President. Madelyn Albright will give the President an exact picture (just as though he were there) of the Middle East crisis.

In Genesis 18:1-2, “three men” came to meet with Abraham in the plains of Mamre. These men visit Sodom in God’s stead. When they (the three angels) “*rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom,*” two of the three angels arrived in Sodom to warn Lot. “*And there came two angels to Sodom at even.*” Gen. 19:1.

Warring angels are always masculine! God loves variety and is why He put so many colors in the rainbow. Personally, I believe God created the one-third of heavenly hosts under Gabriel as more delicate and more beautiful than the warring angels under Michael.

Lucifer was an archangel that led the heavenly choir. Since Lucifer fell, I believe Gabriel had to take over his “choir directing,” plus his own duties of “blowing a trumpet in Zion.” “*And suddenly there was with THE ANGEL (Gabriel) a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest.*” Lk. 2:13-14.

God does not make a visit to earth, or send His archangels, for every sin that a man commits. But, we should be reminded often about the specific sins that caused a CRY in the heavens! “*When the sons of God (sons of Shem) came in unto the daughters of men (Cain’s daughters).*” Gen. 6:1-4. I told my own father, “God destroyed a world over this sin; I will destroy a name.” My father was a son of a Baptist preacher, yet married a heathen woman. God destroyed the world over THIS SIN! This truth never seems to penetrate the heart of Christians. I refused to carry my father’s name, Hagglund, over this sin.

The cry of slavery will cause God to get off His throne. God hates slavery. In Egypt “*the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.*” Ex. 2:23. God sent a deliverer in Moses because He hates slavery.

Nimrod, with his city and tower built into the heavens, the Tower of Babel, brought God down out of heaven to inspect what man was doing. God judges man in relationship to what He has decreed. God had told Noah and his sons as they departed out of the ark, “*Go forth of the ark...Bring forth with thee every living thing...that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.*” Gen. 8:16-17. Mankind had been ordered by God to “*Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.*” Gen. 1:28. Instead, mankind hearkened unto a world dictator, Nimrod, a type of the coming Antichrist, instead of God. “*And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained (hindered) from them, which they have imagined to do.*” Gen. 11:5-6.

The United Nations, the World Council of Churches, the Catholic (Universal) Church, have similar designs for us of a One World Utopia under the Antichrist. It is inevitable! Are you ready?

Don't you just love God? *"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."* Amos 3:7. God is God! Can't He just destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? God, somehow, loves His creation. It is humbling indeed for God to come down to earth and discuss His plans with an earthling. *"Shall I hide from Abraham that thing (destroy both Sodom and Gomorrah) which I do?"* Gen. 18:17. Angels are messengers of God. (They are not bellhops for humans as some "prosperity preachers" would have you believe.)

Once the secret was out, and the purpose of the three angels digested, Abraham began to intercede before God. *"Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?"* Gen. 18:23-24.

Abraham, concerned over his adopted son, Lot¹, continues to intercede on behalf of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. *"Wilt thou destroy if there be 45, if there be 40, if there be 30 or 20?" "And he (the Lord) said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake."* Gen. 18:31. Finally, Abraham said, *"Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake."* Gen. 18:31-32.

The Jews in Jesus' day boasted, *"We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man."* Jn. 8:33. Everything Abraham said or did became a doctrine in the Jew's religion. Perhaps, because Abraham settled for ten righteous for the city of Sodom to be spared, the doctrine of the "minyan" was born. Without a minimum of at least ten Jewish men (called a minyan), the Jews cannot have a business meeting, buy a synagogue, or even have a prayer meeting. I would to God we had the same ruling for the Pentecostal church, instead of just three, to form a non-profit religious incorporation.

"And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom." Gen. 19:1. Sodom was a completely walled city with only the single "gate." The elders and rulers of Sodom often met at this gate to discuss the day's events. With no television, radio or newspapers, the elders would meet one another at the gate.

Apparently, on this particular night, the townsfolk had gone home. Lot, alone at the gate, sees these two angels walking toward Sodom. Lot must have recognized that these two men were not just ordinary men. *"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."* Heb. 13:2. Lot entreats the men, *"Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house,*

¹ Upon the death of Haran, Lot was adopted by Abram - Josephus

and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.” Gen. 19:2. Lot didn’t know that these were “warring angels” that could well defend themselves from these Sodomite earthlings.

However, at Lot’s persistence, they entered his home. Lot *“made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat...But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may KNOW them.”* Gen. 19:3,5.

These angels saw first-hand the spiritual condition of Sodom. It was *“dead in trespasses and sins.”* Eph. 2:1. Sodomy spreads exactly as does AIDS. One soon forgets how it started. Just how can we stop it? Only God can stop it. That is why this particular sin is so heinous! *“Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD...Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”* Isa. 1:10-18.

Can a homosexual be saved? They most certainly can. The above is being addressed to *“ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.”* The “gay society” wants acceptance without repenting of a lifestyle offensive to God, family, church, the Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army and me, the Captain of the Ol’ Ship of Zion. One loves the sinner, but not their sin!

The “sin of Sodom” is the number one cause for the spread of AIDS. Young men that were single and between the ages of 17 and 35 and had herpes were singled out. Seeking a cure for herpes, they were given a vaccination of AIDS, both in San Francisco and Greenwich Village in New York.

AIDS never came from the African little green monkey. In Africa, the WHO (World Health Organization) didn’t just limit their vaccination to a certain sex or age group, but to all. AIDS will kill one-fourth of the population of Africa. The head of WHO is, and always has been, a Communist. You evolutionists and atheists—do you care?

The pharmaceutical industry is a billion-dollar industry. Through the AIDS vaccine they created their own market. Occasionally, firefighters have been known to start a fire to keep from being discharged and unemployed. We live in a crazy world!

All the men of the city of Sodom wanted to have an act of sodomy performed on these two angels. What sin could you name that would be comparable? Murder and adultery usually involve two people. But this was an entire city given over to the “sin of sodomy.”

“And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him...Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge.” Gen. 19:6-9.

Would you want to be a judge over Sodom? Only if the Lord of Sabaoth was with you.

When I was first called by God to preach, I had already graduated from Dr. Bebe Patten’s “Patten College and Seminary.” God said these words unto me, “I give unto you a ship! You are to have the same government that is aboard a ship, and you are the Captain. The name of the ship shall be called the Ol’ Ship of Zion!” It was shortly after that call that I started a church in Hayward, California called, The Ol’ Ship of Zion. Many members from that new beginning are still with me, reading each issue of *RBN*, which will be 7 years old in March 2001.

The government that is aboard a ship! In our Pentecostal circles it has been my experience that in “government,” one only has two choices. Either a Laodicean church (Gk.-people rule and hire a preacher), or a Temple of Nimrod where the preacher is a “*lords over God’s heritage*” (1 Pet. 5:3) by virtue of his three-name, non-profit religious incorporation issued by the Secretary of State.

I would often ask the question, “What kind of government hath God put in the church?” (see 1 Cor. 12:28) It is the same government that is in heaven and the government that is aboard a ship. There were only three archangels in heaven: Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer. Each commander was responsible to God for his one-third of the heavenly host. Do you think for one minute that Gabriel or Michael lost a single angel over Lucifer, the son of the morning defecting? Lucifer’s one-third is all that followed Lucifer into the abyss.

Apostle Paul said, “*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*” 1 Cor. 11:1. Angels are followers, even as we on earth. “*Blind leaders of the blind, and they all fall in the ditch.*” Matt. 15:14. These angels became “fallen angels” that were created to follow the archangel Lucifer. If angels need to fear who they follow, how much more is that true of us earthlings?

Returning to our story of Lot, where the men of the city have refused his own virgin daughters. Are you so naïve as to believe all these men, both young and old, had just come out of the closet? Surely, you don’t believe God created Adam and Steve? If He did, why would “Adam and Steve” lust after

these two angels that were guests in Lot's house? This "sin of Sodom" is akin to whoredom. *"There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel."* Deu. 23:17. Young boys stand on street corners waiting for "johns" to pay the price of prostitution. I raised three children, two girls and a boy. I never had to move from a neighborhood over my girls, but I did over my son.

The "sin of Sodom" destroyed Rome, and it will destroy you! It is the only sin in scripture where God promises to deliver you over to a *"REPROBATE MIND."* Read Romans 1:18-32. Three times it is mentioned, *"and God gave them up."* When God gives up on you, how then can you be saved?

1. *"Wherefore GOD ALSO GAVE THEM UP to uncleanness (eat one another's fecal matter) through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves."* Rom. 1:24.

2. *"For this cause GOD GAVE THEM UP unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."* Rom. 1:26-27.

3. *"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, GOD GAVE THEM OVER to a reprobate mind (Gk.-worthless, rejected, unapproved)."* Rom. 1:28.

Whenever God gives up on you, you'll never again feel the need to repent. You're damned! *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."* Mk. 16:16.

The "sin of Sodom" will lower your self-esteem. Knock off the act of sodomy, and your self-esteem will improve! Tell that one on an Oprah Winfrey show, where self-esteem is so exonerated! In the home of my own son, I was forbidden to even use the word "Sodomite" or homosexual. If I did, I'd be asked to leave. This is the culture we have created, advanced tremendously by the election of Bill Clinton. Can we reverse this curse?

Why wasn't one of the questions about the sin of sodomy given to the candidates debating for the Presidency? Don't you have any concern over your son or daughter in a "sex-education" class in our public schools? They are being taught that sodomy is an acceptable lifestyle. Abraham Lincoln and George Washington would turn over in their graves if they knew what is being taught in the third grade in a school bearing their name. (I graduated from the Lincoln Grammar School in Evanston, Illinois.)

One of these two angels visiting in Sodom is Michael. Earthlings are no match for angels, especially the warring angels. *"And they (the angels) smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness."* Gen. 19:11. What would you do to a pedophile, a Sodomite, a lesbian attempting to knock down your door at 3 a.m.? Is this the reason Clinton-Gore want your handgun? To enhance the "queers"

sex life by rape of the unsuspecting? *“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”* Isa. 5:20. Believe me, sodomy is evil. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah as a sign to forever give mankind that message. Have you heard it?

I believe I heard from the Lord God of Sabaoth when He screamed out of heaven, *“From henceforth know we no man after the flesh.”* 2 Cor. 5:16. Since that time, I have been able to know Christian’s spirits. “Who are you? What is your name?”

“And as Esaias said before, Except the LORD OF SABAOTH had left us a seed (remnant), we had been as Sodom, and been made like unto Gomorrha.” Rom. 9:29. Earthlings cannot stop the spread of sodomy. It is like a fire being turned on that spreads quickly. AIDS has been a deterrent. If it were not for fear of AIDS, this fire of sodomy would sweep across our land unhindered.

Our only hope is not in politicians, but the LORD OF SABAOTH! “Sabaoth” literally means “hosts” in the Hebrew. The Lord of hosts is the Old Testament God of war under the leadership of Michael. Gabriel’s one-third of the heavenly host are all singers! They compose the “heavenly choir.” War is simply out of their league. *“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his (one-third) angels fought against the dragon.”* Rev. 12:7. Where was Gabriel? Probably blowing his trumpet before the throne of God. Michael is very busy in this end time! These warring angels won the Six Day War for Israel. *“Only he (Michael) who now letteth (hindereth) will let (continue to hinder), until he (Michael) be taken out of the way.”* 2 Thess. 2:7. When the Jews give up on God, Michael will cease hindering her enemies. We need to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and all the Jewish people.

“The battle is the Lord’s!” *“Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.”* Isa. 1:10.

Sodom and Gomorrah is being addressed with this message. We are helpless to deal with these militant Sodomites. But, there is one who is well able; Michael and his warring angels. He is the captain of the Lord’s hosts. The Lord of Sabaoth is being sent down from heaven just as the two angels smote the city of Sodom with blindness.

“Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” Rev. 12:12. *“But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.”* Rom. 5:20.

The very first time I was introduced to C. (for Cash) Thomas Patten, the deceased husband, business-manager for Dr. Bebe Patten of Oakland, California, I told him, “I don’t mind crooks in bars or dancehalls, but if I find one in church, I’ll have him thrown in jail.” Who was talking through me? I’m

convinced only Michael can cause a man to speak like that, and then see this, alias Jack Groves of Lyles, Tennessee, go to prison.

In a similar way, I spoke up to my “Assemblies of God” wife and simply said, “If you get in the way of the thing God has called me to do, God will take you out of the way.” Shortly thereafter, she came down with a terminal illness and died at the tender age of 48. God is an awesome God!

In the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, October 18, 2000 issue, there was an article concerning John Ashcroft of Missouri. This GOP Senator’s father was my very first pastor. His mother placed me at the top of a prayer list. She showed me the list after I accepted Jesus as my Saviour.

The Associated Press, WASHINGTON – Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan’s death in a plane crash prompted an immediate cessation of campaigning yesterday in a closely watched senatorial race.

Carnahan, 66, was locked in a tight contest with Republican John Ashcroft at the time of his death, and Democrats nationwide were counting on him to help narrow a GOP Senate majority of 54 – 46.

The opposition, Mel Carnahan died in an airplane crash three weeks before the elections! Was it fate, or the work of Michael the Archangel?

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” Eph. 6:12-13. Why are we to stand? Perhaps to watch and see what the Lord of Sabaoth will do!

When Ananias and Sapphira, his wife, lied to the Holy Ghost over money, they *“gave up the ghost.”* Acts 5:5. Two dead bodies in church! *“And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.”* Acts 5:11.

You say you don’t believe in such a God that would carry folk out of church feet first? Then, this is for you! Please read James 5:1-7. This is the final sign, never mentioned in the pulpits of America, of the coming of the Lord. God will deal with the very rich. *“Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, CRIETH: and the CRIES of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.”* Jas. 5:4. *“Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.”* Jas. 5:6. The poor can’t hire a lawyer, but one is coming to even the score—Michael!

“The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.” Jer. 50:28

Cardinal Says, "The Antichrist is Walking Among Us"

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A vegetarian antichrist is "walking among us." That's according to a leading Catholic Cardinal, as reported in the *London Times* (March 7, 2000).

Cardinal Giacomo Biffi, 71, the Archbishop of Bologna, said that the Antichrist's aim is "the destruction of Christianity and the death of God."

The leading conservative contender to succeed the Pope also said that the Antichrist was operating on Earth in the guise of a prominent philanthropist whose concern for human rights and the environment and advocacy of ecumenicism masks his real aim: The end of Christian truth and the exaltation of the Father of Lies.

Cardinal Biffi said the Antichrist was not the beast with seven heads described in the *Book of Revelation* but a "fascinating personality" whose outward charm and plausibility had deceived his enemies. Cardinal Biffi said the Antichrist espoused vegetarianism, pacifism, environmentalism and animal rights.

He also identified the Antichrist as an expert on the Bible who, nonetheless, promotes "vague and fashionable spiritual values" rather than the Scriptures. The Antichrist is described as one who advocates ecumenical dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and other Christian denominations, including Anglicanism and the Orthodox Church. This, said the Cardinal, appeared to be a worthy aim, but was in fact being used by the Antichrist in an attempt to water down and undermine Catholicism to the point where it collapses.

Cardinal Biffi did not say whether he had any particular world figure in mind. But he added that the mysterious usurper would promote "feel-good" causes such as ecology and humanitarian aid, with the masses deceived into thinking this is "true religion."

Cardinal Biffi's remarks appeared to outline the conservative agenda ahead of the next conclave to elect a Pope. The physical decline of Pope John Paul II, 79, has sparked a vigorous jostling for position among the Cardinals who stand to replace him.