

The New Baalism

Introduction

I have written about Baal and Baal worship many times and have even drawn comparisons with modern movements in the secular world and in the churches. I first began examining and writing about this 30 years ago. I wrote an unpublished paper on this in 2000, which I will incorporate into this paper. Events over recent years have made it clear that there is a new Baalism emerging in Western societies. Whether this is a deliberate copying of the old religion or is just an accidental result of the new Luciferianism is hard to say.

It is interesting that in 2016, London, New York, Florence, Amsterdam, Washington DC and Dubai erected a facsimile of the Arch of Baal to great fanfare. Boris Johnson praised this as a celebration of the God of love! This was a large replica of the Syrian Arch of Baal destroyed by ISIS in Palmyra which formed the entrance to the Temple of Baal representing the entrance into a new world.¹ The irony of Johnson's words were lost on him, considering that this temple sacrificed children. Why was this Baal artefact touring the key centres of the world? Why was it called a global heritage? Why did national leaders praise it as a celebration of freedom?

Even worse is that the arch replica was associated with witchcraft and world power centres. In London, the first port of call, the archway was revealed on the feast of Beltane; an ancient Celtic festival celebrated on May Day. It is claimed that this name refers to 'the fires of Bel' (Bel being a Babylonian form of Baal). If so, these fires would refer to the sacrifice of children, as I explain later. The Celts originated from Galatia in what is now Turkey and Baal would have been very familiar to Celtic ancestors and ancient Baalism morphed into Celtic mythology in Britain.

London and New York are world centres of banking and commerce. London and Washington are world centres of political power. Florence and Amsterdam are centres of trade and were historically global centres for the Elite cabal. Dubai is a key link between Asia and Europe. The archway was also revealed to coincide with global events, such as the G7 meeting.

The expense of creating and transporting this archway around the world must have been huge. Yet certain Elite people believed this was value for money. We know how greatly the Elite prize symbolism, dates, and images. This was a statement of support of Baalism amongst the Elite cabal.

While there are similarities in modern apostate Christianity to the ancient Baal worship, we also need to look into the correlation between characteristics of Baalism and secular societal trends introduced in recent years.

Idolatry

The bases of worship is that of animism whereby natural phenomena (trees, storms, sun, rain etc.) are associated with spirits who have to be worshipped and appeased when

¹ It was actually erected by the Romans.

wronged. These can be good or evil spirits. Thus natural problems, such as famine, need to be appeased by sacrifices to the relevant spirit governing rain.

Idolatry is but one step up from base animism because it gives names and personalities to the spirit beings now called gods. These gods have various characteristics, histories, and associations. They usually begin with a sun god followed by a moon god and then a whole pantheon of gods covering fertility, war, love etc. Human and natural conditions are governed by the various gods. Thus a thunder god rules storms; a goddess of love controls libido, wisdom is centred in a certain god or goddess etc.

The various pantheons of the world began as the idolatry of Nimrod after the flood. This original pattern of a pantheon of occultism and idolatry spread and gradually changed in detail. Thus similarities can be found between the pantheons of Old Babylonia with those of Canaan, Greece, Egypt etc.

The key satanic object of idolatry is to take away the province of God and steal it, pervert it, and debase it. This then leads to practices associated with the worship of God that is a perversion of true godly worship. These practices involve violations of God's law, such as sacrifice of humans, worship of demons (through idol proxies), fornication, self harm and so on.

Baalism is an ancient form of idolatry that arose from Babylonia and was prevalent in Phoenicia and Canaan. It was the chief idolatry that corrupted ancient Israel and Judah. What is curious is that this old form of idolatry, once thought long dead, is now being resurrected in modern societies (cf. Rev 13:3, 12), often by stealth. Paganism is alive and well and Baalism is a key part of it.

Background: Baal worship in the ancient Middle East

Worship of Yahweh begins as a separation from Baalism

It is interesting that the worship of Yahweh began with the calling of Abram out of Ur of the Chaldees (Mesopotamia). Jewish tradition teaches that Abram began his spiritual journey with a revelation from God whereupon he smashed the family idols of Baal in his father's house. It is also noteworthy that his father Terah was not allowed to go with Abram into Canaan.

Abram lived with his family in Ur (an advanced city) until he was aged 70. After receiving God's call (Acts 7:2-4) he left Ur with his family going to Haran 300 miles away where he stayed 15 years. There is no mention of this first call in the Old Testament but it is implied in Gen 12:1. While staying at Haran, Terah died at the age of 205 years. Abram now received a second and more definite call, accompanied by a promise from God (Gen 12:1-2). Abram left not knowing where he was going (Heb 11:8) with his household of probably 1,000 people dwelling in tents in the land of Canaan, settling first at Shechem (Gen 12:6) in the vale of Moreh.

The point in this origin narrative of Judaism is an abrupt separation from the idol worship of Baal.

Baal

Originally from the Hebrew ba'al meaning 'lord', but it also means 'possessor'. The feminine counterpart of Baal was Baalah or Baalath. It is found in many of the local place names (e.g. Baal-Hermon). The Hebrew article distinguishes the proper name 'Baal' from

the common noun for 'lord' (in the sense of owner; cf Adown – 'lord and master' used of the true God). The plural of Baal is 'Baalim' (Judg 2:11, 10:10; 1 Kg 18:18; Jer 2:23; Hos 2:17).

Baal is usually considered as the principal god of the Phoenicians, but for the Canaanites he was the sun god and chief object of worship along with his wife.

In the plural form ('Baalim') the word is often used as a term for idols as Baal can also be a general title for various local demi-gods. These demi-gods supposedly controlled the fertility of the soil and domestic animals. There is discussion as to whether these local Baals were variations or emanations of the one deity Baal.

Appearance

There is some confusion about his appearance. In the form of Molech, Baal would appear as a Minotaur – a man with a bull's head. Thus there are images of a molten statue of Molech with a hand outstretched on which children were roasted in the flames. Thus Baal would be a horned god.

There are other engravings and artefacts that seem to show Baal as a horned god. Some are in the British museum.

Fertility and storm god

Baal (also Bel) was the male Phoenician / Canaanite god of fertility, the storm, and winter rains, whose annual struggle with Mot, the god of harvesting crops, symbolised the renewal of the Earth's vegetation each spring. Each locality had its special Baal, and the various local Baals were summed up under the name of Baalim.

The name Baal, as a general title meaning 'lord', came to be applied to any of the male fertility gods whose sacrificial cult, so often condemned by the Hebrew prophets, was widespread in ancient Phoenician and Canaanite lands. In Babylonia Baal became Belu or Bel with the title being specially applied to Merodach, i.e. Bel-Merodach. Baal was also known to the Egyptians from the 19th dynasty. For the Philistines the deity was Baalzebub ('lord of the flies'), for the Shechemites there was Baal-berith ('lord of the covenant'). He is equated with Molech (Jer 19:5) and was also known by the Israelites as 'Baal-peor' (Num 25:3).

Multiple forms

Each locality had its own Baal who took his name from the city or place to which he belonged, e.g. Baal-Zur (Baal of Tyre), Baal-hermon (Baal of Hermon), Baal-Lebanon (Baal of Lebanon), Baal-Tarz (Baal of Tarsus).

The title was also attached to the name of an individual god. For example: Bel-Merodach (the Lord Merodach;² or Bel is Merodach) at Babylon, Baal-Melkarth at Tyre, Baal-gad in the north of Palestine.

Occasionally the second element was as a noun, as in Baal-Shemaim, (lord of heaven), Baalzebub (lord of flies), Baal-Hamman (usually interpreted 'lord of heat'; but more probably 'lord of the sun-pillar', the tutelary deity of Carthage).

Sun-god

Baal is identified with Molech (Jer 19:5), the fire-god who was the guardian deity of the Ammonites and essentially identical with the Moabitish Chemosh (though he was a fish

² AKA Marduk.

god). The Canaanite Baal was also a sun-god, whose full title was Baal-Shemaim, 'lord of heaven'. Baal was originally known to the Israelites as Baal-Peor³ referring to a Moabite god (Num 25:3; Deut 4:3).

The sun-god, under the general title of Baal (lord) was the chief object of worship of the Canaanites.

The original god was always the sun god⁴ (cf. Nimrod) and in later pantheons was often the chief god, the 'lord of heaven' (Phoenician *Beel-samen*). As the Sun-god, Baal worship had two aspects; he gave light and warmth but on the other hand the fierce heat of summer could destroy vegetation. Human victims were sacrificed in order to appease this god's anger in time of plague or famine, the victim being usually the first-born of the sacrificer being burnt alive ('passing through the fire', 2 Kg 16:3; 21:6).

Used by early Israelites

In early Hebrew history the title Baal, or 'Lord', was given to the God of Israel. Jonathan and David both had sons called Merib-baal (1 Chron 9:40, 'the lord is my advocator') and Beeliada (1 Chron 14:7, 'the Lord knows'). From the time of Ahab the name became so associated with the idolatrous worship of the Phoenician god introduced into Samaria by Jezebel that it fell into disrepute. Hosea (Hos 2:16) declares that henceforth the God of Israel should no longer be called Baali ('my Baal') and personal names like Esh-baal (1 Chron 8:33; 9:39) and Beeliada were changed in form, 'Baal' being turned into *bosheth* which in Hebrew conveyed the sense of shame.

For interest, Hannibal means 'grace of Baal'. He came from Carthage, a colony of Phoenicia.

Summary

- 'Baal' means 'lord'. The plural is Baalim.
- Baal was also called Bel in Babylon.
- Baal was the male Phoenician god of fertility, the storm, and winter rains.
- Baal was the sun god of the Canaanites.
- Each locality had its special Baal.
- Baal is identified with Molech, the fire-god of the Ammonites, which equates to Chemosh of the Moabites.
- In Babylonia 'Baal' was a title applied to Merodach.

Baal worship in Israel

The whole Ancient Near East worshipped Baal in one form or another. He had arisen from the corrupt Babylonian / Mesopotamian pantheon of gods in ancient times and was taken over by various cultures. The emerging Canaanite tribes had travelled to the Levant (the area containing Palestine) taking Baal from Nimrod's rebellious kingdoms in Shinar⁵ (Gen 10:10).

Early Jewish Baal worship, initiated in the time of the Judges, was eradicated in the time of Samuel (Judg 2:10-23; 1 Sam 7:4); however it was resurrected by the Northern King Ahab, and his idolatrous wife, becoming the religion of the ten tribes in the time of Ahab (1 Kg 16:31-33 18:19,22). Later kings followed suit (2 Kg 3:2) and it sporadically prevailed in Judah (2 Kg 8:27) until finally ended by the Babylonian Captivity (Zeph 1:4-6).

³ A certain mountain in Moab, Mount Peor (Num 23:28).

⁴ Sanchuniathon ('Philo Byblius', Fragmenta II).

⁵ Babylonia or Southern Mesopotamia.

The worst expression of Baal religion was when the focus was upon Moloch (Hebrew form, Molech, meaning 'king' or 'counsellor') who was a malevolent expression of the deity, demanding human sacrifice, ordeals by fire and self-mutilation. How far Israel sank is seen in the burning of first-born sons as an offering to Moloch. The first recorded Jewish worshipper who did this is King Ahaz (2 Kg 16:3), but other kings followed e.g. Manasseh (2 Kg 21:6). In this practice Israel followed the Moabites and Ammonites (2 Kg 3:27).

The prophets waged fierce war against the Baal cult (Jer 2:8, 23:7-9) and Israel's second greatest champion, Elijah, is noted for his opposition to it (1 Kg 18). Even the deficient King Jehu gained credit for slaying the Baal priesthood (2 Kg 10:18-25).

Priesthood

There were many priests of Baal (1 Kg 18:19) in various classes (2 Kg 10:19). Their sacrifices are described in 1 Kg 18:25-29. In the reign of Ahab, Baal was served in Israel by 450 priests (1 Kg 18:19), as well as by prophets (2 Kg 10:19), and his worshippers wore special vestments when rituals were performed (2 Kg 10:22). Sometimes the priests worked themselves into a state of ecstasy, and dancing round the altar slashed themselves with knives (1 Kg 18:26, 1 Kg 18:28).

Temples

Temples of Baal in Samaria and Jerusalem are mentioned in 1 Kg 1:18. They were erected when the Ahab dynasty tried to fuse Israelites and Phoenicians into a single people under the same national Phoenician god. The temple of Baal in Jerusalem contained an image of the god in the shape of a pillar (2 Kg 10:26, 10:27).

Altars

Altars, on which incense was burned to Baal, were set up in all the streets of Jerusalem according to Jeremiah (Jer 11:13) apparently on the flat roofs of the houses (Jer 32:29). The ordinary offering made to Baal consisted of incense (Jer 7:9) and burnt sacrifices but on extraordinary occasions the victim was human (Jer 19:5). High places were chosen for Baal worship.

Pillars

Standing images, or pillars or obelisks (*matsebah*), were used as symbols for Baal.

For they also built for themselves high places, *sacred* pillars, and wooden images [Asherah] on every high hill and under every green tree. 1 Kg 14:23

He removed the high places and broke the *sacred* pillars, cut down the wooden image [Asherah]. 2 Kg 18:4

And he broke in pieces the *sacred* pillars and cut down the wooden images [Asherah], and filled their places with the bones of men. Moreover the altar that *was* at Bethel, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place *and* crushed *it* to powder, and burned the wooden image [Asherah]. 2 Kg 23:14-15

He shall also break the sacred pillars [monument, obelisk] of Beth Shemesh that are in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians he shall burn with fire, Jer 43:13

Your carved images I will also cut off, and your sacred pillars from your midst; you shall no more worship the work of your hands. Mic 5:13

Obelisks are occult phallic symbols stressing fertility and sexuality. These were fitting images projecting principles of Baal worship. As some worship of Baal centred on poles (*Asherah*), obelisks were very large poles made of stone.

Sun images

These *chammanim* were on high above the altars of Baal.

He will not look to the altars, The work of his hands; He will not respect what his fingers have made, Nor the wooden images [Asherah] nor the incense altars [*chammanim*, sun pillars]. Isa 17:8

Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob will be covered; and this *is* all the fruit of taking away his sin: When he makes all the stones of the altar like chalkstones that are beaten to dust, wooden images [Asherah] and incense altars [sun pillars] shall not stand. Isa 27:9

They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars [sun pillars] which *were* above them he cut down; and the wooden images [Asherah], the carved images, and the moulded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered *it* on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. 2 Chron 34:4

Worshippers also kissed the images of Baal (1 Kg 19:18; Hos 13:2).

Fornication and homosexuality

Terrible licentiousness not only was sanctioned, but formed part of the worship, as at Baal Peor. Baalism is noteworthy for ritual prostitution and orgiastic rites.

The Hebrew for 'Sodomites' (1 Kg 14:24, 15:12, 22:46; 2 Kg 23:7) is *qideshim*, 'those consecrated' to the vilest filthiness, which constituted part of the sacred worship!

Ritual sacrifice of children

The Arch of Baal was originally built by the Romans as the entrance to the Temple of Baal in Palmyra, Syria; though the temple had existed for 3,000 years.

Below the temple was a huge furnace underneath a bronze statue of a man with a bull's head (minotaur) representing Baal. Temple priests put children and babies on to an outstretched hand who would then fall into the blazing fire after roasting. Loud drumbeats were used to drown out the screams.

Consort

Each Baal had a wife who was a colourless reflection of himself; such as the female Ashtoreth (plural Ashtaroth) and Ashtrim. In Carthage the female consort of Baal was termed Pene-Baal, 'the face' or 'reflection of Baal'.

Ashtoreth is the chief goddess, of the Canaanites and Phoenicians. While Baal's generating, vivifying power is symbolised by the sun (2 Kg 23:5), Ashtoreth's is by the moon, Venus, and the heavenly hosts. She was the goddess of love and fruitfulness and ideally suited for the agricultural Canaanites. Particularly associated with the Phoenicians, she is found frequently in the Old Testament.

Cf. Astarte: the Greek name for Ashtoreth, the Phoenician goddess of the Moon, fertility, and sexual love. In the Bible her worship is linked to that of the Canaanite Baal. The cult of Astarte, in various forms, was widespread in the eastern Mediterranean world. In Egypt she was identified with Isis, in Greece with Aphrodite, and in Babylonia with Ishtar.

Although identified with various Greek goddesses, the Babylonian / Assyrian counterpart was Ishtar who was the chief goddess. Like Baal there were variations of the deity even within Babylonia. In Erech, Ishtar was the goddess of the evening star but in Akkad was a male god of the morning star. However, Ishtar is normally seen as the Great Mother, the

goddess of fertility and the queen of heaven. Pillars associated with Baal sacrifices were often inscribed with the name of Ashtoreth.

She had a destructive character and was worshipped by the cruel Assyrians as the goddess of hunting and war, often depicted with weapons (note comparisons with Shiva's consort Kali). For the Babylonians she was primarily the mother goddess, often portrayed naked and with prominent breasts, or in the mother/child configuration. As a lover she destroyed many of her partners, most notably Tammuz (= Adonis).

Asherah

Baal is also associated with Asherah, wrongly translated 'the grove' or 'groves' (Judg 3:7; 2 Ch 33:3; 34:4; 2 Kg 23:5-6 KJV); a Babylonian / Canaanite goddess of fortune and happiness, the supposed consort of Baal. Worshipped at sacred trees or poles set up near an altar.

Babylonian religion

Babylonian religion developed out of the original Sumerian culture, the source of all false religions but was modified according to the dispositions of the dominant, ethnic Amorite strain who had made Babylon their capital. For instance, to satisfy their warlike character, the head of the pantheon had to be Marduk, a minor Amorite tribal god before the reign of Hammurabi (18th c. BC) but to justify this change a legend was drawn up (in the 'Enuma elish' poem) that the previous Sumerian gods (Enlil and An) gave their powers to him. The supreme god of the Babylonians was also called Bel (Isa 46:1), Bel being the Chaldaic form of Baal which also means 'lord' or 'owner'. He presided over the air with his consort Belit but had various emanations; e.g. as Bel-Merodach he was the lord of nature.

The Babylonian cult contained many elements but included the burning of incense, libations of water and other liquids, annual and monthly festivals, penance, purification rites and colourful processions. The formal religiosity of the Babylonians became proverbial as all of social life was dominated by the cultus.

Canaanites

As agricultural people fertility was paramount; thus worship of their god was focused upon fertility rites with its associated cult prostitutes and wild orgies as well as the usual offerings of first fruits and firstborn animals at simple altars. Tied in with its economy and religion was the cultivation of vines.

Originally, Canaanites and Phoenicians were a united people but the Phoenicians later developed as a separate nation. God states unequivocally that the Canaanites were a wicked and rebellious race that he condemned to annihilation by the Israelites. Their failure to comply with this led to an assimilation of Canaanites along with their religion and culture which eventually ruined Israel.

Summary of Baalism in Israel's history

Israel (Northern Kingdom)

- Baal worship prevailed in Israel, except under Gideon's leadership, up to Samuel's time (Judg 2:10-13; 6:26-32; 8:33; 10:6-10).
- At Samuel's condemnation of it, Baal worship was eliminated (1 Sam 7:4).
- Solomon brought back Ashtoreth worship to please his foreign wives.
- Ahab under Jezebel's influence (daughter of Ethbaal, priest of Baal and king of Sidon), established the worship of Baal and Asherah 1 Kg 16:31-33, 18:19-22.

- Elijah resisted it. His influence, and that of king Jehoshaphat, reduced its effect in the following reign and that of Jehu, but for the most part it prevailed until the Lord exiled the ten tribes (2 Kg 17:16).

Judah

- Baal worship continued under Ahaz (2 Chron 28:2-3), but was suppressed by Hezekiah (2 Kg 18:4).
- Manasseh sought to bring Judah to the same state of Baal worship as Israel had been under Ahab (2 Kg 21:3; compare Mic 6:16).
- Josiah eradicated it (2 Kg 23:4-14).
- A remnant of it and an effort to combine idolatry with Jehovah worship survived until the final cessation of idolatry was effected by the discipline of the Babylonian captivity (Zeph 1:4-6).

Features of ancient Baalism and comparisons today

All the features of Baalism reverse the truth about God and his law for men. This is a characteristic of the Elite cabal that controls society. The goal of this is the man of sin, the lawless one spoken of in 2 Thess 2. This is mankind becoming the opposite of all that God intended for humanity; the fulness of sin.

Nature worship

Cf. No other gods before Yahweh. We worship him alone.

**I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
You shall have no other gods before Me. Exod 20:2-3**

You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who *are* all around you. Deut 6:14

Environmentalism was long ago recognised as a religious movement by astute commentators. This is the essence of Green activism and especially climate alarmism, which is fast becoming a religious cult. It ceased to have any scientific credibility years ago and all its fulminations are utter lies based on corrupt computer models and statements by propagandists. There is no scientific truth in any of it; the whole thing is a lie. In fact CO₂ is hugely beneficial to life on Earth; without it the world dies.⁶

Yet, like religious zealots, Green activists continue to make fools of themselves, gluing themselves to roads or ruining events by throwing orange paint everywhere. This is religious zealotry committed by convinced fools.

Climate alarmism is, without doubt, a new form of religious zeal. Its tenets are believed by faith with no substantiating evidence at all. Proselytism is forced upon society all the time by the media, television and documentaries. Green activism is pursued with ardent abandon with many prepared to become martyrs. Very serious Greens are open Gaia worshippers, especially those in New Age circles. In Gaia, the mother figure becomes a bridge for Green disciples and radical Feminists.

⁶ E.g. polar bears are thriving; sea ice is expanding; the Great Barrier Reef is growing and thriving; wildfires have diminished in the last 100 years; hurricanes are not increasing; global temperatures have not risen for eight years and have not increased significantly for more than 20 years.

Because the Green ideology is held as an article of faith by its followers, all those opposed to its tenets are vehemently attacked with castigation, denunciation, smear campaigns, slander, libel, cancellation and sometimes physical violence. Yet the chief opposition stems from the best climate scientists in the world who use actual evidence to destroy all the claims of climate catastrophism as pure lies.

Like Baal worshippers, the supporters of the new Baalism in the form of climate alarmism and sustainability, have been indoctrinated by years of propaganda from the new Baalism high priests – the Elite cabal who use this tool to further their strategy of global control of people and plundering of the Earth's resources.⁷ Just as Baal worshippers believed in this sun / storm god and were prepared to sacrifice their children to it, so modern Baalists completely believe the equally fallacious claims of climate alarmism and sacrifice their children to a bleak future under Net Zero plans.

Mother goddess

Cf. Yahweh is male, the Father.

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Matt 6:9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Rm 1:7

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' Gal 4:6

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory. Eph 1:17

I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. Eph 3:14-15

The corollary of submission to Baal was the worship of his consort, such as Asherah. This goddess was seen as both the earth mother and also a fertility symbol, worshipped through ritual fornication.

The modern equivalent of this is Gaia worship. Many in the Green movement have travelled into spiritual extremes and have become outright Gaia⁸ (mother Earth) worshippers. In other words, this is pure paganism. It was once considered impossible that Post Enlightenment modern people could ever again fall into pursuing pagan idol worship; but it has so transpired.

Baal controls the weather

Cf. God is sovereign of all natural processes for his purposes.

I will call to the LORD, and He will send thunder and rain, that you may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great. 1 Sam 12:17

He stirs up the sea with His power, and by His understanding He breaks up the storm. Job 26:12

You will be punished by the LORD of hosts with thunder and earthquake and great noise, *with* storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire. Isa 29:6

⁷ The Rockefellers devised climate alarmism as a tool for controlling the planet's resources and populations in 1956.

⁸ Gaia (also Gaea, Ge) in Greek Mythology the Earth personified as a goddess, the daughter of Chaos. She was the mother and wife of Uranus (Heaven); their offspring included the Titans and the Cyclops. To modern environmentalists: the earth viewed as a vast self-regulating organism; coined by James Lovelock, from the Greek, at the suggestion of the writer William Golding in the 1970s.

It is a current feature of Elite control that they are pursuing geo-engineering. This is weather manipulation by stratospheric aerosol injection (which creates chemtrails in the atmosphere - criss-cross patterns that are not contrails). This involves spraying highly toxic chemicals into the air, such as aluminium oxide, that poison the air we breathe and the ground in order to pursue certain control objectives.

A big feature of modern Baalism is weather control.

Baal rules by fear

Cf. God is to be loved and perfect love casts out fear. The fear of God is not abject fear but reverence for God's station and authority in majesty.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men! Lk 2:14

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Jn 3:16

God demonstrates His own love toward us. Rm 5:8

When the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward man appeared. Titus 3:4

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 1 Jn 4:9

The Covid hoax demonstrated the level that governments would go to control populations by spreading militarised psychological fear campaigns. Produce enough fear and populations will do anything they are told. This is why people willingly complied with actions that denied any common sense and in fact caused serious societal harms.

It is no surprise that modern Baalists manipulate populations through the use of behavioural psychology to create fear and panic.

Fornication and sex worship

Cf. God's institution of marriage and condemnation of fornication.

Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications. Matt 15:19

Many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practised. 2 Cor 12:21

No fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Eph 5:5

Today pornography is available everywhere on any device. Hollywood has also made gratuitous sex a matter of normality in all sorts of films. This has driven a powerful influence, especially on the young, into all forms of fornication. This has led to the degrading of character and reducing nakedness and the sex act to a base, trivial, superficial level. Immorality means nothing to modern people; it is as trivial as eating.

Frivolous fornication also leads to other evils such as adultery, which has serious ramifications on many people: children, friends and relatives of the people concerned for example.

Fornication is now so widespread that it is virtually worshipped in some parts of the population. Serious sexual aberrations are celebrated on pornography websites. Children

and teenagers are now so sexualised that normal relationships are impossible. Teens start the dating process by sending images of their genitals to prospective girlfriends via their mobile 'phone.

It is now considered to be normal to have multiple sexual partners before settling down. Indeed many young people are not even doing that but are engaged on a permanent lifestyle of short sexual encounters. This behaviour usually results in depression and self-loathing after a few years.

The provision of free pornography online was a deliberate ploy of the Elite cabal in order to distract and dumb-down young people to help prevent the emergence of political dissidents. The emotional and psychological dangers of heavy consumption of pornography are now becoming well known.

In ancient Baalism open flagrant fornication was reserved for occult rituals, fertility orgies and suchlike. These were hidden away from the public in groves on hills and woods. Today, flagrant fornication is open and everywhere. It is in the streets, movies, plays, musicals, and constantly on television programmes (just one reason for getting rid of it).

Homosexuality

Cf. God's condemnation of homosexuality.

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites. 1 Cor 6:9

The law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, ... for fornicators, for sodomites. 1 Tim 1:9-10

As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Jude 1:7

Today sodomy is virtually celebrated. Not a day goes by without there being some commemoration of this or that Gay person, society, crusade, movement or march.

Homosexuality was only legalised in the mid-1950s in Britain. Before that it was considered as a perversion to be shunned. Despite Gay propaganda, most well-known homosexuals were treated with respect, despite abhorrence of their sexual choice. Thus homosexual celebrities were still beloved by audiences, such as Liberace, Frankie Howard, Larry Grayson etc. Gay actors were given honours, such as Oscar-award winning John Gielgud or Ian McKellen. Homosexuals were painters, playwrights, actors, songwriters, singers, dancers, writers and so on. Most people care nothing about a person's private life.

However, the Gay apologetic was based upon the narrative that homosexuals were ruthlessly persecuted in the past. While there were some cases of this (just as certain heterosexuals have been persecuted)⁹ it was not commonplace. For decades certain Brighton pubs were well known as meeting places for Gay people and they mixed with heterosexual people openly without incident. This quiet toleration has now been replaced with in-your-face crusading by Gay activists to dominate the societal narrative (against the wishes of traditional, quiet homosexuals).

⁹ For example in the 1960 hippies were ruthlessly persecuted by skinheads.

Today society has become like Sodom and Gomorrah. Pride Marches have Gay people committing lewd acts in public (including fellatio) with the police being too scared to arrest them. This is being done in front of children bystanders. In Brighton homosexuals walk down the street with chaps on and bare buttocks flashing out. Sexual acts are committed in green areas in cities where ladies walk their dogs but police cannot take action for fear of discrimination laws. Pride colours now dominate all aspects of society, including the police.

This openness of homosexuality in public is straight out of Baalism.

Baal takes with the one hand but gives with the other

Cf. God blesses his people without partiality or whimsy.

Men shall be blessed in Him; all nations shall call Him blessed. Ps 72:17

They *are* the posterity *whom* the LORD has blessed. Isa 61:9

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ. Eph 1:3

God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 1 Tim 6:17

On the one hand Baal promises a prosperous growing season but on the other hand demands worship, support of the priesthood hierarchy, the cost of rituals and orgies and the sacrifice of children. The demands are greater than the blessings.

This is typical of Western governments. The population is conditioned to think that the government is benevolent and helping them by giving them free health care and benefits in certain circumstances. In reality the government is stealing their hard-earned income through multiple taxes, most of which people have no clue about. If they had all their income they could afford far better services than the government provides (especially in health care).

Most taxes have only arisen in the last 100 years or so; even income tax is relatively recent. In America it appeared after WWI. But most taxes are stealth taxes that people have no understanding of because they are hidden within other things, like Road Tax (of which very little goes to road repairs). There are scores and scores of taxes levied upon people.

In fact, the term 'daylight robbery' was invented to describe the Georgian tax on windows levied upon people in houses. This led to an increase in disease since people bricked up windows to avoid the tax and decreased access to fresh air. This was eventually abolished in 1851. Yes, the government can be that callous.

Sacrifice of children

Cf. God loves children.

Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. Matt 18:10

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven'. Matt 19:14

The satanic Elite hate children because God loves them. They are merely viewed as pawns for their pleasure. The attack on children is all around us – yet most people are clueless. I will merely list some of the factors.

- Abortion. This is simply child sacrifice by another name. Millions of babies are killed every year in an ongoing genocide. This is one of humanity's greatest sins. Not only are babies aborted but they are also harvested of organs while they are alive, especially for the vaccine industry.
- Paedophilia. The Elite contain many paedophiles and there is a widespread sexual abuse of children in most state institutions. This has been claimed by whistleblowers¹⁰ and victims for decades but every case is covered up from a high level. Famously there is a Westminster child abuse ring that has existed for decades.
- Care home abuse. Multiple care homes have been accused of farming out children for sexual abuse. These are not isolated cases but there is systematic abuse in care homes all over the country. Only a few of these scandals have come to light.
- Sexual education of children as young as three. This is the sex education principles established by the UN and the WHO that are being foisted upon governments and councils throughout the UK. Parents that have stood against this, such as in Wales, have faced huge legal battles that are continuing.
- Teaching of Transgender and homosexuality to vulnerable children. This is being actively pursued by all UK schools, with a very few exceptions.
- Political brainwashing of children in schools. This is being done by Socialist progressives to condition children to their viewpoint and to hate all those opposed to it.

The scale of child trafficking and abuse in the UK is beyond belief. Those that have studied this topic for years¹¹ have found huge amounts of creditable data showing that tens of thousands of children are trafficked every year with no action taken. Note, for example, the 400 Syrian child refugees that entered this country and then immediately disappeared. Vanished. There was no police investigation of 400 missing children. Why? Children are stolen from parents and single mothers all the time. There is a secretive child court system that is worth billions of pounds in fees to professionals (psychologists, lawyers, carers, police, investigators, court fees etc.); stealing children is a lucrative business. Stolen children go into care and are later trafficked into sex abuse or worse. Many victims that have survived (most don't) have told harrowing stories of years of abuse, torture and even witnessing ritual murder. Ritual Satanic abuse and sacrifice is not a fantasy; there are many witnesses to it; some that involve VIPs, celebrities and politicians.¹²

The state does not protect children; it trafficks them.

In many forms, children are being sacrificed to the god of the Elite cabal.

Self mutilation

Cf. God created the body and we are stewards of it for good.

You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I am the LORD. Lev 19:28

They shall not make any bald *place* on their heads, nor shall they shave the edges of their beards nor make any cuttings in their flesh. Lev 21:5

You *are* the children of the LORD your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave the front of your head for the dead. Deut 14:1

¹⁰ E.g. Maggie Oliver, ex-policeman Jon Wedger.

¹¹ See for example the work of Brian Gerrish, UK Column.

¹² See the RAINS (Ritual Abuse Information and Support) list compiled by Dr Joan Coleman, who only listed names from more than one source. It features many household names and VIPs.

In recent decades it has become fashionable to mutilate the body in a variety of ways. This includes: tattoos, body-piercings in multiple body parts (including the genitals), surgical manipulation of the body for various ends (such as splitting the tongue to look like a snake or enlarging the buttocks), Botox injections to swell certain body parts (such as the lips) and more.

The reason for this is simply because it is fashionable in certain circles. In order for a person to fit in within those circles, body mutilation must be undergone. Some will claim that it is a personal choice but really it is social manipulation.

With serious mutilations, such as a body being covered in metal piercings, the cause is mental derangement. It is abnormal behaviour to do this to yourself.

Baal worshippers and priests were famously given to self-harm. They believed that gushing blood would aid their petitions to their god, so they cut themselves with knives and lances whilst performing ritual dancing (1 Kg 18:28).

Violence and death

Cf. God abhors violence and commands love, forbearance, longsuffering and patience in social situations.

The LORD tests the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. Ps 11:5

The violence of the wicked will destroy them, because they refuse to do justice. Prov 21:7

Thus says the LORD: 'Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place'. Jer 22:3

Baalists revelled in violence and death. This was particularly evidenced in the sacrifice of babies and children. Their high priests even performed violence upon their own bodies. Baal loved the slaughter of people and his idols were often draped in blood.

The Elite cabal today thrives on violence and death. A great deal could be said about this but I will limit myself to a few bullet points.

- They seek to rid the Earth of 95% of the people on it.
- Their toxic schemes are killing millions of people: toxic food, toxic medicine, toxic water, toxic drinks, toxic radiation etc.
- Their Covid vaccines have already killed millions of people but will kill many more millions by 2026.
- Abortion kills millions of lives every year.
- Huge numbers of children used as virtual slaves in open cast mining to produce lithium and cobalt for batteries die as a result of lung diseases.

But it is not just people that are killed; the cabal kills animals for ulterior reasons.

- The Australian authorities are inaccurately shooting wild horses from the air leaving them to die slow deaths in the name of saving the planet.
- The US government has killed tens of thousands of cattle in the name of climate change necessity.
- The US government has killed millions of chickens in the name of Covid or Avian Flu.

- Wildfires started by arson (including directed energy weapons) has killed huge numbers of insects, rodents, small mammals, birds, and reptiles in large areas (as well as people).
- Wind turbines (that are useless) are killing huge numbers of cetaceans, insects, bats and birds (especially raptors).
- Various products (insecticide, herbicide, GMOs, EMF radiation) are killing millions of bees.

The Elite cabal is a cult of death. It thrives on death and suffering.

Raucous music and frenzied dancing leading to trances

Cf. God commands self-control and taking thoughts captive.

So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, 'O Baal, hear us!' but *there was* no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them. I Kg 18:26-27

A whole book could be written on the use of music by the Elite to achieve certain objectives. The type of music is changed for each new generation to enable control of thought patterns and drive social control systems. For example, Rap music is used today to generate hatred, misogyny, drug abuse, gang culture, social destabilisation, schism, and so on.

Modern dancing, as in raves, is also used to promote hedonism, eradication of self-control, abandonment and passivity leading to demonic influences. It is very similar to the ritual frenzied dancing of Baal cult prostitutes and zealots.

Descending into trances (altered states of consciousness) is also a very dangerous endeavour. This can result from drugs, dancing, alcohol or frenzied behaviour. It leads to demonic control of the submissive intellect.

Obelisks

Cf. God demands no idols made of stone or anything else.

Those who make an image, all of them *are* useless. Isa 44:9

Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have, but they do not smell; they have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have, but they do not walk; nor do they mutter through their throat. Those who make them are like them; *so is* everyone who trusts in them. Ps 115:4-8

For the customs of the peoples *are* futile; for *one* cuts a tree from the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. They decorate it with silver and gold; they fasten it with nails and hammers so that it will not topple. They *are* upright, like a palm tree, and they cannot speak; they must be carried, because they cannot go *by themselves*. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, nor can they do any good. Jer 10:3-5

The Elite have erected large stone obelisks in all the chief centres of world power under their control. These include London, Paris, the Vatican and Washington DC. This is a celebration of sexual (phallic) or reproductive power that is an essential feature of Baal worship.

Sun iconography

Cf. God forbids occult symbols and iconography; especially regarding worship of heavenly objects.

And *take heed*, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and *when* you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them. Deut 4:19

Then he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech, the officer who *was* in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. 2 Kg 23:11

And the houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah shall be defiled like the place of Tophet, because of all the houses on whose roofs they have burned incense to all the host of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to other gods. Jer 19:13 [Tophet: in the valley of Benhinnom, an unclean region full of unburied bodies and rubbish. Host of heaven: sun, moon, stars and planets.]

Sun designs adorn all sorts of products, company logos, adaptation of symbols and such like. These are usually part of a prior occult or Freemasonry conviction with the symbols being a secret exclamation of support for this or that (such as Hermetism, astrology, Luciferianism or witchcraft). The sun design in these is usually a symbol of illumination, enlightenment or spiritual wisdom or a reference to the sun god. For Elite Luciferians, the sun and Venus (the morning star) refer to Lucifer, the light bringer.

Summary

In multiple ways Baalism is alive and well in modern life. Everywhere you look you find similarities between this ancient idolatrous cult and the degeneration of modern society.

Modern Baal Worship in the church

When Ephraim spoke, trembling, he exalted *himself* in Israel; but when he offended through Baal worship, he died. Hos 13:1

Israel - the church's object lesson

God frequently uses pictures, symbols, typology and figurative language to help his children understand his will more clearly. Jesus himself frequently taught the masses in parables because they could not cope with clear theology, but also to use them as a filter; only those whom the Spirit illuminated saw the truth in them (Matt 13:10-13).

The great object lesson for the New Testament people of God is to see God's providential working with the Old Testament called-out people of God. Israel is a picture of a redeemed people called to obey God and walk in his will so there is much we can learn from their mistakes.

Israel - separated to God

When God called Abram out of Ur in Chaldea (Southern Babylonia), he did so to make a great nation from his progeny, a people called to love God (Gen 12:1-2). In calling him he separated him from the Mesopotamian (Sumerian, Babylonian) idolatry he grew up with. Abram would have been no stranger to this as Sin, the moon god, had his main temples at Ur and Haran and Abram must have been a worshipper of Sin before God called him and changed him. Baal would have been familiar to Abram in the form of Bel, the chief god.

Babylonian worship grew out of Sumerian religion, the seed plot of occult and false worship which gave birth to all the various forms of false worship found in the earth today. As a nation it symbolised rebellion to God and a seeking to be in the place of God in true Satanic fashion (Gen 11:1-9). The whole point of calling Abram out of this great city was to give rise to a nation which rejected this false, Satanic religion; a nation which would worship the true God.

Abram thus represented separation from idolatry and Baalism in particular. The severance from Sumeria (the cradle of civilisation) also represented turning away from the initial principles of sinful society first developed in Sumeria:

- False religion. Cf. multiple modern false religions.
- Fabricated legends to explain creation. Cf. evolutionary theory.
- Rebellion against God. Cf. modern rebellion against God in many forms, such as atheism, blasphemy, idolatry.
- Elevation of humanism and self-deification. Cf. the hubris of the Elite cabal in humanism, self-deification and control over people. Cf. the fruit of the Enlightenment..
- Clay tokens as fiat money supply. Cf. modern fiat money systems.
- The laws of men based on rebellion to God. Cf. modern anti-God laws.
- Violence. Cf. violence the world over and modern warfare.

'I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,' says the LORD; 'and I will make it a perpetual desolation'. Jer 25:12

I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all the evil they have done. Jer 51:24

The LORD ... He shall do His pleasure on Babylon, and His arm shall be against the Chaldeans. Isa 48:14

The Chaldeans, a bitter and hasty nation which marches through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful. ... he transgresses; He commits offence, ascribing this power to his god. Hab 1:6-7, 11

Israel - betrothed to God

God did not act like a despotic, unfeeling, autocrat but called Israel into an intimate relationship of love: In his love and in His pity He redeemed them (Isa 63:9). God repeatedly uses language of love to illustrate his association with Israel, calling the nation: Beulah ('married', Isa 62:4); his wife (Jer 3:14); his son: 'When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.' (Hos 11:1), 'I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love' (Hos 11:4); and his 'betrothed' (Jer 2:2). This image of a bride called into closeness and intimacy with God is repeatedly drawn upon in the prophets.

Israel's besetting sin

Instead of remaining faithful to this loving God, Israel steadily became more rebellious and disloyal.

The more they increased, The more they sinned against Me... They set their heart on their iniquity...They shall commit harlotry, but not increase, because they have ceased obeying the LORD... My people ask counsel from their wooden idols, and their staff informs them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused them to stray, and they have played the harlot against their God. They offer sacrifices on the mountaintops, and burn incense on the hills...Therefore your daughters commit harlotry, and your brides commit adultery. Hos 4:7-13

The Old Testament prophets continually denounced Israel for deserting God, the God who had brought the nation up out of Egypt with a great deliverance and planted her in a land flowing with milk and honey. From being married to God, Israel turned her back on him and went after false Canaanite Gods, usually Baal in one of his forms, and worshiped a demonic entity in the form of idols (Hos 4:12, 5:4) in order to get prosperity and fertility in the Canaanite fashion. This idolatry killed Israel's spiritual union with God.

When Ephraim spoke, trembling, He exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended through Baal worship, he died. Now they sin more and more, and have made for themselves moulded images, Idols of their silver. Hos 13:1-2

I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me; for now, O Ephraim, you commit harlotry; Israel is defiled. Hos 5:3

This idolatry was spiritual adultery.

How the faithful city has become a harlot! Isa 1:21

On every high hill and under every green tree You lay down, playing the harlot. Jer 2:20

Ephraim is joined to idols, let him alone. Their drink is rebellion, they commit harlotry continually. Her rulers dearly love dishonour. Hos 4:17-18

Their names: Oholah the elder and Oholibah her sister; they were Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. As for their names, Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem is Oholibah. Oholah played the harlot even though she was Mine; and she lusted for her lovers, the neighbouring Assyrians ... Thus she committed her harlotry with them, all of them choice men of Assyria; and with all for whom she lusted, with all their idols, she defiled herself. She has never given up her harlotry brought from Egypt ... Now although her sister Oholibah saw this, she became more corrupt in her lust than she, and in her harlotry more corrupt than her sister's harlotry. She lusted for the neighbouring Assyrians, Captains and rulers, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men. Then I saw that she was defiled; both took the same way.

But she increased her harlotry; she looked at men portrayed on the wall, images of Chaldeans portrayed in vermillion. Ezek 23:4-8, 11-14

Perhaps the story of Hosea and his wife Gomer best illustrates the effect of this desertion on God.¹³

'Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry by departing from the LORD.' So he went and took Gomer. Hos 1:2-3

Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods. Hos 3:1

Only the picture of a man devastated by his wife's desertion and unfaithfulness with a neighbour comes close to the weight of the sin of Israel's idolatry.

After the split in the nation, Judah followed Israel (Ephraim) into spiritual adultery (Jer 3:8). The Southern Kingdom, Judah, 'played the harlot' just as badly as the Northern Kingdom.

They have committed adultery with their idols. Ezek 23:37

Your children have forsaken Me and sworn by those that are not gods. When I had fed them to the full, then they committed adultery. Jer 5:7

The repeated denunciations which follow are severe, so great and stubborn was this sin in God's eyes; just read Jer 23 and Ezek 23 to see what I mean. God even begins to speak of Israel in masculine terms as committing harlotry with a wicked woman: 'He has married the daughter of a foreign god' (Mal 2:11).

Key point

The overriding problem that beset God's Old Testament people was idolatry and following other Gods. Sometimes this was a clear apostasy when Jews deserted God and worshipped an idol, but at other times there was a formal move by the rulers to intermix true worship with Baal worship, or even to substitute Baal's name for God's. The name for this process is syncretism. When Aaron made a golden calf it is unlikely that he was abandoning the true God, rather he fearfully gave in to the people and sought to direct their desire to worship via a material object, which is profanity.

What were the key features of Israel's idolatry?

Having noted the importance of the lesson of Israel's idolatry, and having briefly scanned her syncretism with Baal worship, we must now draw lessons for our own modern age. In a period of almost unparalleled apostasy in contemporary churches, what can we learn from Israel's failure?

Syncretism

The Israelites were susceptible to the spiritual influences of the popular religion of the age. Instead of combating false worship, they adopted it. Only during times of great spiritual leadership by prophets and kings like Samuel or David did the nation avoid idolatry. They thought that they could mix elements of Baal worship with true godliness and it would be all right; or worse that they could perform Levitical worship by addressing Canaanite deities.

¹³ Although we cannot impugn God as being passionate, i.e. affected by emotions and changeable, nevertheless God uses strong and emotive language to demonstrate how Israel's cruel desertion was received by him

Materialism

There was a material focus to the false worship - i.e. prosperity. They desired to make the ground fertile, bring on rain or improve their stocks of herds etc. Baal was a fertility god.

Fornication

There was a sexual focus to the worship, the necessary corollary to fertility cults. Temple handmaidens would indulge in cult prostitution. As the offerer had sex with the prostitute, he believed that his ground, herd etc. would become more fertile.

Sacrifice of children

They have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind. Jer 19:5

And they built the high places of Baal which *are* in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. Jer 23:35

Violence

There was a violent edge to the cult, brought into prominence with the worship of Baal as Moloch where children were burned alive.

Sacramentalism

There was an increase of Sacramentalism: additional libations of water, beer, wine, colourful processions around the town, etc.

False prophecy

The prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. Jer 2:8

They prophesied by Baal and caused My people Israel to err. Jer 23:13

How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart. Jer 23:26

Prayer to Baal

Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know. Jer 7:9

You have set up altars to that shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal. Jer 11:13

Incense is symbolic of prayer. Here the burning of incense accompanied prayer and worship.

Forgetting God's name, trusting dreams

[Prophets] who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbour, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. Jer 23:27

A focus on demons

There was a need to gain heaven's help to wage war against malevolent demonic forces in one's local area (especially in Babylonian worship). One had to back the most powerful god to defeat the troublesome demon.

Hedonism

There was an emphasis upon intoxication, drinking and carousing.

Aberrations of behaviour

There was much evidence of extreme physical behaviour: screaming, dancing, laughing, jerking and even self mutilation etc.

A focus on music and dancing

Loud music and frenzied dancing were regular features of fertility cult worship.

Comparisons with modern practices*Iconography*

Hislop demonstrates that the Madonna and Child iconography, very familiar in Romanist and Eastern Orthodox churches, is a straight copy of Babylonian imagery regarding Tammuz (the precursor of Adonis). A number of other influences seeped their way from Babylon into Romanism.

Syncretism

Charismatic churches are increasingly taking on board beliefs and practices that arise from Oriental religions, worldly psychology or business practice. To list all these would require at least one large book. The Charismatic Movement has also been a Trojan Horse for all sorts of oriental mysticism, witchcraft and occultism, (divination, spiritualism and magic). These entered by stealth under various pretentious coverings claiming to be a new spirituality. The Toronto Blessing aberrations and similar heresies are sheer Babylonian occultism.

I will give a few examples.¹⁴

- Channeling: this is merely communication with demons under the guise of ‘channeling’ the Spirit of God (through a word of knowledge), an angel or even a dead person. It is a form of spiritualism (speaking to demons pretending to be dead people) and used to be called clairvoyance. When William Branham received knowledge from his angel (spirit-guide) regarding a healing, this was channeling.
- Rain dances: one Charismatic church (part of a famous Charismatic denomination) performed a public rain dance (a là paganism) in South Wales during a dry spell.
- Another church from the same stable featured a church leader (televised) dancing in a frenzied fashion waving a staff covered in feathers like an American Indian witch doctor.
- Grave sucking: this is necromancy. Fanatics lie on the grave of a dead Pentecostal leader (e.g. Kathryn Kuhlman) believing that they will absorb some of the power that this person supposedly manifested in life.
- Speaking to dead apostles, such as the apostle Paul.
- Making people fall over backwards (‘slain in the Spirit’) through mystical techniques to gain healing or power.
- Visualisation: concentrating on an image of a desired object to aid faith to receive it. This is a form of magic.

Materialism

Word-Faith churches, as well as many Charismatic churches, have devoted themselves to a false prosperity gospel which treats God like a heavenly vendor and has a false view of faith and no place for Biblical suffering. Material desires are to be satisfied by faith and claiming them rather than hard work and saving.

¹⁴ For detailed exposition of this see my paper, ‘A Summary of Occult Inroads into the Charismatic Movement’.

Sexual impropriety

Time after time we have heard of cases where modern churches have followed false doctrine, which resulted in cases of sexual immorality and physical abuse of women by leaders. This is particularly true of Charismatic churches. It is not appropriate to speak of the appalling things done in this abuse. In addition, adultery committed by church leaders is by no means uncommon; indeed some leaders known to me have committed multiple adultery within one church.

Music and dancing

Cf. God commands the sacrifice of praise as human voices singing in harmony with no instrumental music. The instrumental music of the Old Covenant (now abolished along with priestly vestments, temples and blood sacrifices) is a type of the harmony of voices in the New Covenant.

Luther famously called the introduction of organ music into Romanist churches as, '*ensigns of Baal*'.

There is no instrumental music in the churches founded by the apostles and no direction to use it in the NT anywhere. The earliest churches had no music and denounced external cults that used it as idolatrous behaviour. For hundreds of years instrumental music was rarely found in any church except fringe cults. In Protestant, Reformed churches this continued well into the mid-19th century. Spurgeon had no instrumental music in his church. Popular music and instrumentation only became widely accepted after the Arminian crusades of Moody and Sankey.

The introduction of instrumental music gradually led to the position today whereby rock bands dominate what is called worship but which is really fleshly / worldly entertainment. This is Baalism.

Baalism featured very loud drums to drown out the screams of sacrificial victims in the fire and direct orgiastic dancing. Only in modern times has Christianity featured drums. For decades it was one thing to introduce instrumental music into church meetings but drums were never considered. Only in recent years has the appearance of rock bands, featuring loud drums, been allowed into churches. In the Bible drums are always associated with pagan rites (by extension – the words 'drum' and 'drums' do not appear in the text).¹⁵ Even the old covenant only used cymbals but not drums because of the association with orgiastic rites.

Sacrifice of children

Modern churches do not kill children (Ritual Satanic Abuse groups do) but they do sacrifice children to Baal in other ways. There is not the space to analyse this properly but I will list examples.

- They abandon their children to the state school system, which then teaches them satanic things, such as graphic sexuality at an early age.
- Parents fail to properly educate their children from a young age into the truths of the faith, leaving it to Sunday school.
- Parents allow their children to spend hours on mobile 'phones and tablets which do immense harm from EMF radiation. A three-year old kid spending one minute on a cell phone requires 12 hours to repair the damage done to brain cells.
- Parents are not careful with whom their kids become friends with or hang out with.

¹⁵ We know of the use of drums to produce energetic rhythms in Baalism from historic records.

- Parents do not offer guidance regarding what movies their kids watch or what music they listen to.
- Parents fail to discipline their kids and ruin their character.

I once saw a Christian couple glam-up their four-year old daughter in a skimpy pink dress and make-up who then did a provocative dance to a pop record mentioning the word 'sex' all the time. They thought that this was sweet. I rebuked them.

False prophecy

Charismatics prophesy to Baal (a mask for Satan) when they prophesy falsely – something that happens constantly in Charismatic churches.

There are various levels of Charismatic prophecy. 1) The low level is fleshly enthusiasm without wisdom whereby people prophesy what is in their heart; their soulish feelings, that is not a word from God at all. 2) A higher level is when people follow a deceiving word from a demon and speak a word that is demonically inspired. 3) The highest level comes from the lips of so-called official prophets; formal leadership prophets, who claim to minister like OT prophets and with the same authority, despite that office being terminated (Matt 11:13; Lk 16:16). Words from these prophets are satanically inspired dangerous directive prophecies that take the church down new paths of error. They are directives, not encouragement.

Any church that claims that their house prophet gave a directive word that they follow and change strategy is following demonically inspired instructions. God never uses men's magic utterances (or women in today's prophetic world) to issue directions to a church to change plans. God speaks by his Holy Spirit through the Bible alone and will produce a consensus of understanding. Acts 15 is an example of a consensus following prayer and teaching to make an important church decision.

Giving to Baal

I gave her grain, new wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold -- *which they prepared for Baal.* Hos 2:8

Churches continually waste the gifts of congregations, which ultimately go to Baal. Nearly all the expenditure of many churches today is wasted on the world because their venues are not Biblical. By not meeting in a home, churches waste huge amounts of money given to the world: council tax, rents, mortgages, utility bills, building, maintenance and renovation bills, fire certificates and so on.

But there are also salaries paid to leaders, new cars given to leaders, houses bought for leaders, tax breaks given to leaders (requiring submissions to HMRC) and so on. All of this is God's money wasted.

Forgetting God's name, trusting dreams

Dreams are not New Covenant means of instruction but were an Old Covenant method, now terminated, along with Urim and Thummim.

Charismatics often boast of their dreams, which are then used as a directive in some churches. This is folly.

False prophets teach people to forget God's name and focus on Baal (Satan). This happens often. It is when the attributes and character of God are forgotten or never taught and people have no understanding of who God is. As such they follow dark avenues which even

a slight amount of knowledge about God's character would obviate. This is why churches fall into deceptions, like the Toronto Blessing. No one with an ounce of knowledge about who God is would fall for that deception, which was demonically-inspired outright pagan occultism and mysticism.

Violence

There has been a worrying focus upon violence in some of the Charismatic prophecies in recent years (e.g. from Rick Joyner or Paul Crouch). These have threatened violence or death to other Christians who refuse to accept their false dogma and 'prophetic' words.

Sacramentalism and sacerdotalism

'Sacrament' is Latin for the Greek word, 'mystery'. The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper were called 'mysteries' by the ancient church because they outwardly symbolised the participation of believers in the union of God and man effected by Christ's atonement. Augustine first gave the definition of, '*an outward and temporal sign of an inward and enduring grace*'.

Sacerdotalism originally meant relating to or denoting a doctrine which ascribes sacrificial functions and spiritual or supernatural powers to ordained priests. This is similar to the Baal priesthood which claimed supernatural powers. Modern Charismatic leaders act more like sacerdotal priests wielding spiritual power. One Charismatic leader even wore OT priestly garments and conducted incense burning on a copy of the Tabernacle's altar of incense. Others forgave sins after members came forward and burned papers listing their sins. Another wielded a broadsword in order to fend off demonic forces. Yet another blew a ram's horn (shofar) atop a Sussex hill in order to instigate a revival (it never happened and the leader was later scandalised).

There is a widespread increase of sacramental ideas and practices flooding the Charismatic churches as they reach out for new 'priestly' experiences. Aberrations like, burning candles, waving flags with symbolic icons or gazing at crystals to aid prayer for healing have occurred for example. In Charismaticism, Sacramentalism has reached levels of occult fetishism. Yet other leaders promised spiritual blessing to those who purchased wooden crosses they had made.

The March for Jesus, which arose in the British Charismatic movement, prompts obvious parallels with the Babylonian system of ritual marching. Charismatic churches went through a period when it was common practice to get the whole congregation to march around the room shouting. This attributed a claimed spiritual release of power through performing a ritual physical exercise or the ability to dispel demons.

Demonic focus

The strategic level spiritual warfare programs of those advocating territorial spirits (e.g. the New Apostolic Reformation) bears direct comparison with Babylonian ideas. In Baalism, local demigods and demons needed to be overcome before a proper harvest could be brought in or a new home built for instance. In Charismaticism, local demons need to be overcome through various different strategies in order for any spiritual advances or Gospel outreach to occur.

Lack of self control

Some Christian cults have been known for their intoxicated leaders and those found guilty of adultery and fornication. This is particularly common in Pentecostalism. However, with the Toronto Experience there was a great emphasis upon a spiritual drunkenness, at the expense of sound judgment, in order to partake of supposed spiritual blessing. Whether it

is physical or figurative drunkenness the result is the same - lack of self-control and passivity, a dangerous concoction asking for spiritual trouble.

Mysticism

There is an obvious direct comparison here with the physical manifestations of the Toronto Experience and several other Charismatic extremes, associated with their conception of the baptism in the 'Spirit'. This is based upon a mystical experience not Biblical doctrine.

Many of the practices in modern Charismaticism are centered on creating passivity and suggestibility (e.g. long repetitive chorus singing, singing in the Spirit) in order to induce a mystical experience. This is where the intellect and volition are put aside (*'drink don't think'*) and the emotions elevated to prompt a deep experience claiming to be of God but in reality is emotionalism.

Summary

To me there is little doubt that there is much to learn from Israel's failure to avoid Baal worship. Though we are not seeing a return to a literal practice of Babylonian syncretism, we cannot avoid noting very similar practices and aberrations in terms of the effect upon God's people. Satan has been working to fight God's people for thousands of years and will always employ tactics that have proven effective in the past. Man does not constitutionally change, his psychological weaknesses are always the same, his appetites do not alter. It should not surprise us that many of the strategies used against ancient Israel are being utilised against the church today. This should alert Christians to the source of many modern experiences and teachings.

The dangers of modern idolatry

Idolatry is often spoken of in terms of Christians putting material objects or personal affairs in the place of God. A focus upon money or a career can thus be idolatry. But while a concentration upon material objects, which distract the Lord's people from their duties, is worthy of warning, Israel's idolatry was spiritual. It is not enough to draw devotional lessons from Israel's idolatry and discourage believers from watching TV or going to dances. There is much more at stake here. The Lord's people can be deceived into a false spiritual experience and think it is acceptable (Jm 1:22,26; Gal 6:3,7; 1 Cor 15:33; 1 Jn 1:8, 3:6-10; 2 Tim 2:26). The apostles show that Christians can be deceived by demonic forces into believing a lie (*'doctrines of demons'*), accepting demonic revelation as from an 'angel of light' or conducting worship falsely.

The result of Israel following Babylonian doctrines and practices was to be sent into captivity into Babylon.¹⁶ Just as Romans 1 explains that when man seeks to wallow in sin God gives him up to live in it, we should be warned that if we ignore God's warnings to separate from false doctrine and aberrational worship, we will suffer captivity.¹⁷

Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, ... And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Rev 18:2-6

¹⁶ Note that Martin Luther saw that the aberrations of the Roman Church was akin to a Babylonian Captivity.

¹⁷ 1 Cor 5:5, 'deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus'.

Conclusion

Baalism was an ancient Babylonian / Canaanite worship system that emanated from the inspiration of Satan. It was a means, used at the time, to assist in his control over nations. Baalism is the opposite of godliness.

Man doesn't change and Satan's methods don't either. What was successful in the past will be utilised today but under a different covering. The world is being directed into Baalism in secular society and in the churches. Whether the Elite cabal is doing this knowingly or accidentally is irrelevant – it is being directed by Satan.

It is useful to be able to understand this so that one can avoid it and combat it.

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