

Title: Combating Divination and Enchantments Against the Premillennial Temple

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Opening Scripture: Jeremiah 51:34-35 (KJV)

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"Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out. The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say."

Introduction: Standing in the Shadow of His Wings

Praise God! Today, we are taking our stand against the ancient forces of divination and enchantment that oppose the premillennial temple—that is, ourselves, the living temple of God being built up in preparation for the millennial reign. This battle is waged under the covering of His wings, a place of safety, power, and divine authority.

We are in a journey toward the fullness of God's glory, a people in formation according to Ezekiel 40's vision of the temple. But in this hour, opposition is fierce. The earth is saturated with spiritual darkness—a time when, spiritually, every believer is faced with the attention of legions of demonic entities. Yet, the Word says, *"One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight."* What determines your chasing capacity? Abiding in the shadow of His wings.

Declaration and Prophetic Posture

Before engaging the message, declare Jeremiah 51:34-35 aloud. This declaration is more than words—it is a prophetic positioning, a spiritual warfare cry against Babylon, the system of sorcery that devours God's people.

The Vision: An Empty Vessel

A revelation was shared of a vessel once useful, now dry and useless. This is what the spirit of Babylon does—represented by Nebuchadnezzar, it devours, empties, and casts out the people of God. But the Lord says, *"Take that violence done to you and place it upon Babylon."* There is a season of inquisition for blood, and our cry shall be remembered.

Understanding the Enemy's Tactics

Two ancient tools of the enemy stand out: **divination** and **enchantment**.

- **Divination** is the act of foretelling the future through omens, signs, and interaction with elemental and principal spirits. These spirits lack omniscience and thus must divine, deducing partial truths to predict destiny.
- **Enchantment** is the act of manipulating or controlling a person using spells, incantations, and spoken words. It captivates and distracts, derailing believers from their purpose.

Every believer has faced these tactics. If there's a weakness in your life, it is often directly opposed to your true destiny. The enemy, through divination, identifies your potential and then crafts enchantments to subvert it.

The Ancient Root: Mesopotamia and Rebellion

The root of this system is ancient Mesopotamia—the bedrock of all false religions, sorcery, and rebellion. Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, was the first to establish this order. He founded Babel and other cities in Shinar (Mesopotamia), becoming a mighty man of rebellion against God.

From Nimrod's rebellion came successive empires: the Sumerians, Akkadians, Babylonians, and Assyrians. These became the seats of dark arts, and their spiritual influence continues today.

Nebuchadnezzar: The Dragon Opposing the Redeemed

Today, we focus on Nebuchadnezzar, the spiritual prince opposing the redeemed. He does not operate alone but through **three principal spirits**:

1. **Nergal-Sharezer the Rabmag**: Chief of divination, representing fiery darkness.
2. **Shamgar-Nebo**: The sword of Nebo, a spirit of enchantment and manipulation through bitter words.
3. **Sarsechim the Rabsaris**: The chief of eunuchs, a spirit that organizes and deploys demonic staff against God's people.

When Jerusalem was breached, these three entered and sat at the gate—signifying total spiritual capture. But today, every gate occupied by these powers must be reclaimed.

The Work of Nebuchadnezzar: Emptiness and Devouring

"He hath made me an empty vessel. He hath filled his belly with my delicates."

This dragon swallows the virtues and destinies of believers. Yet the Lord declares, *"I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee."* Babylon shall be laid waste, and everything stolen shall be restored.

The Shadow of His Wings: Our Place of Victory

Our refuge is the shadow of His wings. Psalm 91 and Hosea 14 reveal that those who dwell there shall **return, revive, and flourish**. Under the mercy seat—shadowed by cherubim—there is healing and nurturing.

This is where feathers grow. Where wings are formed. Where we become wings ourselves, covering others. This is the place of truth, the exaltation of the Word of God above all.

Dynamics of Dwelling Under His Wings

The core dynamic of this place is **cooking in truth**. The Word becomes our highest authority. Jesus, the Living Word, trusted the written Word when He came in the form of a man. He exalted the Word above His name.

We must:

- Worship continually.
- Meditate deeply.
- Declare truth despite circumstance.
- Return to a lifestyle anchored in Scripture.

Sowing in Righteousness: Breaking the Ground

From Hosea 10:12:

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."

Sowing begins by receiving the love of God. Some resist love due to wounds. But we must receive His love, believe His Word, and let His judgment rule in our favor.

- **Love for God becomes the love of God.**
- **The love of God to God becomes the love of God to the brethren.**
- Then it extends to all mankind.

The Final Call: Tear Open the Dragon's Belly

The time for deliverance is now. Every virtue swallowed must be released. Let the belly of Nebuchadnezzar be torn open. Let every work of enchantment be destroyed. Let the redeemed declare the violence done to us be upon Babylon.

Closing Exhortation

The Word of God is our only sure defense. We are in high-traffic spiritual zones. Let us be anchored. Let us sow now, for the rain that is coming is selective. It will fall on those prepared under His wings.

Let us rise and contend. Let us cry for the release of our graces, our virtue, our purpose. Let us wage war from the secret place.

Amen.