

# **The Prince - his ancestors**

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## Introduction

We are getting to understand the Prince more and more - which must annoy him greatly! All the dark powers prefer the dark, where they can move without us seeing them. This way they can sow the weeds over the centuries.

**“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. (Matthew 13:24-26)**

The Prince has been setting up his strongholds in Ghana over the centuries. He has had plenty of freedom to do so - no one has challenged him. I want to look at the places where he draws strength. This will equip us better to break his power. The more we know about him the stronger we are.

### **\* 1. Babel: Exalt the person**

#### **“Make a name for ourselves”**

**Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.**

**They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” (Genesis 11:1-40)**

This approach has always been a favourite with the Prince. He wants to exalt us in pride and arrogance. Why is this so popular? This verse makes it clear:-

**He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. (Luke 1:51-52)**

The Lord opposes pride, because he sees it as an attempt to take his position as Lord. Is Ghana arrogant and proud? Many times I have commented on this attitude:-

“God loves Ghana. He will never judge us.”

The assumption is that God has one standard for the world and one for Ghana. Is this arrogance? The Prince draws his flow of arrogance into the Nation from Babel. If we can be made proud, then the Prince can separate us from God.

## **\* 2. Babylon: Destroy**

### **“Judah was carried away into exile.”**

If Jerusalem is God’s chosen throne then Babylon is the complete opposite - the place where evil, violence and destruction has its throne. Forces from Babylon or from that area constantly swept down on Israel, to capture, enslave and destroy. Here is the final solution from Babylon’s point of view:-

**So all Israel was enrolled by genealogies; and behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel. And Judah was carried away into exile to Babylon for their unfaithfulness. (1 Chron 9:1)**

This is how John saw it:-

**“For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.”**

As we know the Prince is a killer. (John 10:10) But the Prince of Ghana did not invent this desire. He draws on Babylon for his evil intentions. Violence and destruction have always been the work of darkness. We need to remember that the beast is a holocaust beast – his aim is the complete destruction and annihilation of Ghana.

The ultimate destiny of Babylon is the ultimate destiny of the Prince, although he would rather we did not know it:-

**And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery." (Rev.18)**

### **\* 3. Evil and violent people**

The Prince has always worked through evil and violent people. For example:-

#### **\* Pharaoh**

When a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."

So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labour, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with harsh labour in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labour the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly. (Ex 1:8-14)

#### **\* Jezebel**

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." (1 Kings 19:1-2)

There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited. (1 Kings 21:25)

#### **\* Saul**

And Saul approved of their killing him. (Stephen) On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. (Acts 8:1-3)

Violence is just below the surface in the mind of the Prince, and he knows who to use.

## **\*4. Shutting up**

### **Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred**

The Prince likes to shut people in - to bind and imprison. He shut up Jericho, so no one could escape, even if they wanted to:-

**Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. (Josh 6:1)**

He bound Jesus to the cross, so that there was no way out.

**So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. (John 19:17-18)**

He locked Peter in the deepest dungeon:-

**It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. (Acts 12:-4)**

We need to take careful notice of this – its subtle but very effective. It silences opposition and any voices which warn and speak out.

## **\* 5. The Golden Statue: Open apostasy**

When he has broken through, the Prince changes his approach and becomes very public. He tries to force apostasy onto the people:-

**\* Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace." (Daniel 3:5-6)**

The Princes have a long history and have many experiences of how to destroy a nation. Many in Ghana, however have no knowledge of how evil works, and in a naive way, shout Victory” and expect the Princes to leave. In my experience there is no chance of them leaving. We have to learn their weaknesses and how to confront and defeat them.

**\* When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting:  
“Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” (Acts 19:28)**

This apostasy did great damage to Paul, and as a result of it he nearly lost his life. Apostasy is so dangerous. It blinds people to the truth, n dead them into violent and destructive ways, without any conscience or awareness of the consequences. Once to takes deep root, it is almost impossible to tear it out.

## **To think about**

This material is not meant to be read in isolation. It is part of the “Prince” material, and only really makes sense when it is read as part of the fuller material. So I am not gong to pend too much time in application. But the point is this - the Prince is strong. He has much in his past to draw strength from. He knows what works and how to use what he has learnt.

This does not mean we cannot break him. The cross breaks everything. But it does mean that naïve arm waving and shouting of “Alleluia” is not going to trouble him.

To break this enemy is going to be costly.

## **Further reading**

To study the Princes, this material is available:-

- \* Bringing down the Prince.
- \* Bringing down the Prince (2). Breaking his hold.
- \* The Princes of West Africa.

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