

Haiti: A Cursed or Oppressed Nation?



Introduction

You've probably heard that Charismatic Southern Baptist Businessman and Religious CEO Rev. Pat Robertson has stated that the recent earthquake devastating Haiti is the fruit of a national pact with the devil.

You can view Robertson's comments here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5nraknWoes>

In this brief clip, Robertson states the following:

“something happened a long time ago in Haiti, and the people might not want to talk about it. They were under the heel of the French. You know, Napoleon III and whatever. And they got together and swore a pact to the devil. They said, “We will serve you if you will get us free from the French.” True story. And so, the devil said, “OK, it's a deal.” And they kicked the French out. You know, the Haitians revolted and got themselves free. But ever since, they have been cursed by one thing after the other. Desperately poor.”



A few questions have arisen in my mind since hearing Robertson's comments.

- Did Haiti really swear a pact to the devil?
- If so, would God respond by cursing the nation with poverty and devastation?
- If not, why is Haiti so impoverished and devastated?

I began researching some of Haiti's history and have found it a very interesting one. I'd like to share what I learned with you along with some thoughts related to the question of whether or not Haiti is cursed or oppressed.

Pact with the devil

A Papal Bull by Roman Catholic Pope Nicholas V in 1452 authorized and encouraged the enslavement of non-Christians in Africa and the New World.

<http://www.romancatholicism.org/popes-slavery.htm>

As a result, millions of black Africans were cruelly enslaved by British, Spanish, French and Portuguese colonizers from 1452 up until the 1791 *Bwa Kay Iman Ceremony* alleged took place in Haiti.

<http://godisnotwhite.com/giantstep.htm>

<http://www.uhhp.com/haiti/history/revolution/bois.caiman.html>

The Bwa Kay Iman uprising of 1791 was reportedly a Vodou Ceremony organized as a revolt against racial slavery. It was led by Cecile Fatiman and Boukman Dutti. It's reported that Boukman Dutti prayed the following prayer while officiating at the Bwa Kay Iman ceremony:

"The God who created the earth; who created the sun that gives us light. The God who holds up the ocean; who makes the thunder roar. Our God who has ears to hear. You who are hidden in the clouds; who watch us from where you are. You see all that the white has made us suffer. The white man's god

asks him to commit crimes. But the god within us wants to do good. Our God, who is so good, so just, He orders us to revenge our wrongs. It's He who will direct our arms and bring us the victory. It's He who will assist us. We all should throw away the image of the white men's god who is so pitiless. Listen to the voice for liberty that speaks in all our hearts."

In my research, I've found that it's debated by reputable sources whether or not the Boukman ceremony actually took place.

<http://www.webster.edu/~corbetre/haiti/history/revolution/caiman.htm>

Over 200 years later, however, it's reported that Christian pastors in Haiti sought to exorcise the spirit of Voodoo priest Boukman Dutti from Bois Caiman located near the northern city of Cap Haitien. <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/43a/520.html>

Even if this Boukman Voodoo ceremony did take place, I don't believe that the prayer offered by Boukman Dutti would qualify as a "pact with Satan" as Robertson apparently believes. This prayer appears to be nothing more than a heartfelt cry of mercy to one believed by these suffering Haitians to be a good, powerful, caring and just Creator.

Haiti's Impoverishment

Robertson's allegations might lead one to believe that occult involvement results in financial ruin. His reasoning appears to be that God's reaction to Haiti's reliance upon false Voodoo gods for deliverance from inhumane racial discrimination was to impoverish and devastate the nation.

Haiti is predominantly Roman Catholic. Approximately 80% of the country is Roman Catholic, 10% Baptist, 4% Pentecostal, 1% Seventh Day Adventist, 1% other Protestant and less than 1% Muslim. Interestingly, about 50% of Roman Catholics practice Haitian Vodou in addition to Roman Catholicism. Haitian Vodou is a false religion involving abominable practices and communion with demonic spirits. Its roots lie in several West African religions incorporating Roman Catholic and Arawak Amerindian influences. Missionaries come to the island to convert Haitians back to the Christian religion which previously had been forced upon them. This has led abusive Haitian Vodou practitioners to project vodou as an evil religion by using Vodou to persecute missionaries. Vodou isn't just practiced in Haiti. It's practiced in the U.S. and other nations of the world.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haitian_Vodou

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2003/24496.htm>

<http://www.catholic-hierarchy.org/country/scht1.html>

The United States, on the other hand, is about 50% Protestant, 25% Roman Catholic, 2% Mormon, 1% Jewish, 1% Muslim, 10% other and 10% none. In addition, approximately 1500 occult secret society groups and orders meet in America. In light of these numbers, it's clearly illogical to attribute Haiti's poverty and devastation to a curse resulting from misplaced faith.

http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/rel_rel-religion-religions

Scripture teaches that Satan is the god of this world and controls the entire kosmos or orderly arranged world system under God's sovereignty. (Ephesians 2:1-2; Luke 4:5-7; John 17:15-16; Ephesians 6:10-12) Satan empowers great nations and gives them their position of influence. (Revelation 13:1-2; Revelation 17:18-18:3) The world system runs on greedy desires and the pride of ownership and accomplishment. (1 John 2:15-16).



The great global power Babylon, whom I believe is a prophetic reference to the United States of America, falls prey to demons and prospers through sorcery before her destruction. (Revelation 18:2; Revelation 18:23) Babylon's global superpower status contradicts Robertson's theology.

American Christians like to think that the U.S. has led the world and prospered because of its Christian heritage. The Lord corrected the Israelites for such prideful thinking. They thought it was their righteousness that kept them free and victorious over surrounding nations. He reminded them that they were a stiff-necked nation and their success wasn't due to their righteousness. (Deuteronomy 9:1-6)



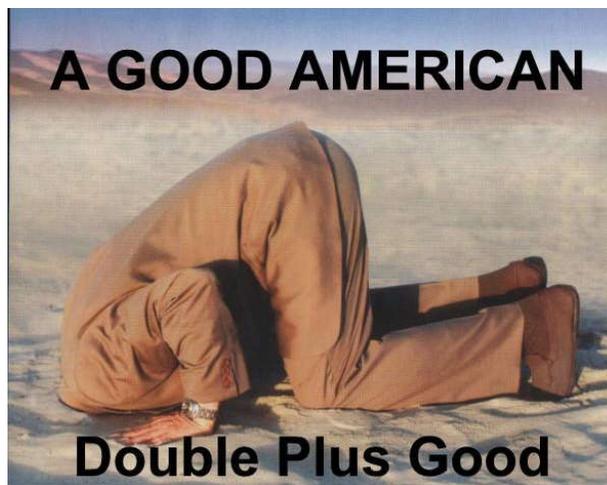
Babylon's global reign is biblically potent proof that a nation given over to the power of Satan prospers within his world system. In fact, the prosperous, oppressive rule of great powers over the poor and preferential treatment of the rich is condemned by a Holy God throughout scripture. (Psalm 10; Psalm 12; Psalm 35; Psalm 37; Psalm 72; Psalm 82; Proverbs 30:14; Isaiah 3; Isaiah 10-11; Isaiah 21:1-10; Isaiah 24-26; Isaiah 32; Isaiah 41; Jeremiah 22-23; Ezekiel 16:35-52; Ezekiel 18:1-20; Ezekiel 22; Daniel 11:36-45; Amos 2; Amos 4-5; Amos 8; Habakkuk 3; Zechariah 7; Zephaniah 2-3; James 2)

In light of the abuse of the poor by the rich, God commands that we dispense his mercy and grace to the poor by helping meet their physical and spiritual needs. (James 2; Luke 14:12-14; Galatians 2:10)

Jesus had time and compassion for "Legion" and healed him. (Mark 5:1-20; Matthew 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39) Sadly, "Legion" is usually nothing more than a "useless eater" to the self-righteous, merciless, overfed, wannabe elite leaders of the 50-1-c3 American church who look down their noses at his plight and resent that they might have to deal with his extreme needs.

Obviously individual poverty can be the result of personal sin. The American church likes to focus on this fact and thereby excuse herself from the God given responsibility to relieve the oppressed. Less obvious to prosperous Christians in America, however, is that extreme mass poverty, such as that which we see in nations like Haiti, has systemic causes. Within the Satanic world system, the great and treacherous powers slander, betray, oppress and pillage lesser nations for the sake of their own interests. This is not my opinion or conspiracy theory, its biblical fact. (Psalm 2) It's equally spiritually and intellectually foolish to believe that the order of natural creation is the random result of an explosive "big bang" and that the order of the global world system isn't systematically planned; sometimes in secret darkness, and executed; sometimes deceitfully, by the "kings of the earth"! http://www.bilderberg.org/afp_bb_2008.pdf

In my research, I have found that Haiti has suffered much because of the America and her interests. It grieves me to know that most Americans, including most professing Christians today, won't hear this truth because we believe we're the best and we deserve better!



501-c3 churches have silenced voices calling the nation and her leadership to repentance from greedy interests and deceitful, murderous warmongering even though God is calling all men everywhere to repentance from sin and salvation in the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ as their only God and Savior. (Acts 17:30; 1 Timothy 2:1-6)

Jesus taught us that there isn't a direct correlation between the victims of tragedy and the relative degree of their sin in comparison to others. (Luke 13:1-4) As a result, it's wrong to conclude that Haiti suffers more than other nations because it's more sinful or evil.

Let's not forget that the whole world lieth in wickedness. (1 John 5:19) We're told that in the near future, immediately prior to the Lord's glorious return, that the entire earth is wickedly defiled through the curse of cooperative trust in an unjust, immoral, unethical, global economic system. The entire earth is devoured by the curse of breaking the everlasting covenant of God's moral law through allegiance to the antichristian global economic system imposed upon the world by the beast kingdom. (Isaiah 24; Zechariah 5; Revelation 13-16)



Conclusion

So if Haiti isn't under a unique curse due to a satanic pact, why has this nation experienced such extreme suffering?

In my research I've learned that the nation has been the victim of French greed and an American led economic system which decided to use black Haitians as a means to increase corporate profits by reducing manufacturing costs. Haitian sweatshop laborers are abused by excessive hours, unfair quotas and unjust wages.



In 1804, African slaves imported to work in Haiti revolted against their French rulers and established the world's first free black state. France used a military blockade around Haiti to force them to repay people for the slaves that were freed. Haiti's proximity to the U.S. and U.S. interests there caused the U.S., a nation enslaving millions of black Africans at the time, to hate this.

Greg Palast summarizes the U.S. role in Haiti's suffering at <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article24416.htm>

"Haiti was once a wealthy nation, the wealthiest in the hemisphere, worth more, wrote Voltaire in the 18th century, than that rocky, cold colony known as New England. Haiti's wealth was in black gold: slaves. But then the slaves rebelled - and have been paying for it ever since. From 1825 to 1947, France forced Haiti to pay an annual fee to reimburse the profits lost by French slaveholders caused by their slaves' successful uprising. Rather than enslave individual Haitians, France thought it more efficient to simply enslave the entire nation."

"How did Haiti end up so economically weakened, with infrastructure, from hospitals to water systems, busted or non-existent - there are two fire stations in the entire nation - and infrastructure so frail that the nation was simply waiting for "nature" to finish it off?"

Don't blame Mother Nature for all this death and destruction. That dishonor goes to Papa Doc and Baby Doc, the Duvalier dictatorship, which looted the nation for 28 years. Papa and his Baby put an estimated 80% of world aid into their own pockets - with the complicity of the US government happy to have the Duvaliers and their voodoo militia, Tonton Macoutes, as allies in the Cold War. (The war was easily won: the Duvaliers' death squads murdered as many as 60,000 opponents of the regime.)

What Papa and Baby didn't run off with, the IMF finished off through its "austerity" plans. An austerity plan is a form of voodoo orchestrated by economists zombie-fied by an irrational belief that cutting government services will somehow help a nation prosper.

In 1991, five years after the murderous Baby fled, Haitians elected a priest, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who resisted the IMF's austerity diktats. Within months, the military, to the applause of Papa George HW Bush, deposed him History repeats itself, first as tragedy, then as farce. The farce was George W. Bush. In 2004, after the priest Aristide was re-elected President, he was kidnapped and removed again, to the applause of Baby Bush.”

Economic and political policies toward Haiti have since forced Haitians to migrate from open, countryside farmland to densely populated hillside into inadequately constructed structures like that found in the city of Port-au-Prince.



Haitian cities grew to accommodate a sweatshop labor force extremely vulnerable to excessive earthquake damage.

<http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/43a/index-da.html>

<http://www.nosweat.org.uk/category/haiti>



Excess U.S. farm produce unloaded on Haiti destroys profitable small farming. Through military intervention and occupation, the U.S. and Canada have kept Haiti politically and economically integrated within the U.S. led system which abuses and impoverishes them.

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article24416.htm>

<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/article.php?list=type&type=23>

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/1/15/bush_was_responsible_for_destroying_haitian

<http://dissidentvoice.org/Haiti.htm>

<http://www.haitiaction.net/About.html>

<http://aristide.org/>

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http://www.haitiaction.net/News/HA/2_5_9/2_5_9.html

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<http://portland.indymedia.org/en/2004/03/282954.shtml>

<http://killinghope.org/bblum6/aer8.htm>

<http://www.outofhaiti.ca/index.html>

<http://killinghope.org/bblum6/haiti2.htm>

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<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=16964>

http://www.haitiaction.net/News/HIP/5_8_5/5_8_5.html

<http://www.batayouvriye.org/English/Positions1/cafta.html>

Pat Robertson claims that Haiti needs to have a great turning to God. In the midst of this crisis it's reported that Haitians are praying and crying to God for help.

http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/world/story/6826268/

Only God knows whether or not this response is in sincere repentance with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, healing and provision.

In light of the selfish, greedy, unethical policies and actions of the United States and her partners in crime like Canada, the UN and IMF over the years there, however, it's clear that there are specific U.S. leaders and their supportive minions that need to repent for their selfish and greedy actions toward Haitians and the role that their policies and actions have played in making this earthquake so extremely devastating to Haiti and its people. It seems, however, as reports of the handling of this crisis flow in, that the Haitian earthquake crisis has become one more crisis that the powers at play are going to capitalize on as the U.S. moves to take control of Haiti.

<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=122199>

<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/press/release.cfm?id=4165&cat=press-release>

<http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/columns/Maxwell-Jan-17>

Instead of repentance, however, two horns, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, both whom played lead roles in impoverishing and enslaving Haiti over the past two decades, are sent by President Obama to play a self-righteous tune of good will on behalf of the most proud United States.



Pride comes before the fall. I pray God's enemies, the supportive friends of the corrupt U.S. led world system, humble themselves before God in repentance before they reap the destruction and lick the dust for what they've sown in Haiti and other regions of the world.