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# Prologue

## The Mystery of Babylon

After the flood, Noah set up an altar for thank offerings, but three generations later, his great-grandson became a founder of cities and promoted the sculpting of idols. Nimrod, the eighth in the line of Cush the son of Ham, built an infamous tower. Defiantly, the king was rebuilding the culture that was destroyed, provoking God who remembered the grace He'd promised Noah: He'd never again destroy the whole world with a flood.

By wisdom the LORD had a plan. Dividing their speech into many languages, He confused the city and scattered its people across the earth. They resettled, founding cities that grew into nations. *He hath shown strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. (Lk. 1:51)*

Under Nimrod, the “Babel–onians” built a tower to reach to the heavens as Lucifer had done by coveting the throne of God. Though they left Babel, she never left them.

*And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven ... (Gen 11:4a) God spoke to Lucifer: For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God... I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (Is. 14:13a, 14)*

The historian Josephus wrote that Nimrod built the tower to be higher than the floodwaters to thwart any plans of God for another deluge. He noted they'd “used tar for mortar” to waterproof its walls.<sup>95</sup> (See Gen 11:3) Nimrod knew that Noah and his sons coated the ark *with pitch to float*. He did not doubt the historicity of the flood. Its story was repeated by many ancient cultures as a result of their ancestors' migration from Babel.<sup>96</sup>

Babel's civilization scattered across the earth, influencing the world. After Babylon's Baal and Nebo, Greeks worshiped Satan as Zeus. (Rev. 2:13) Enthroned in Babylon Nebo was their “god of science and learning, writer of destiny.” But Isaiah prophesied that Nebo [Satan] himself was destined for captivity (in Is. 46:1-2; Rev. 20:1-3).

*Nebuchadnezzar* means, “*Nebo protect the servant,*” or “*Nebo protect the border.*” Until his madness the king trusted in Nebo, the false god of his ancestors. In Daniel 2, the head of the idol was its king's, but till that time, Nebo [Lucifer] had ruled the king.<sup>97</sup> When he prayed to the true God He answered.

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11 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. <sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. <sup>3</sup> Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. <sup>4</sup> And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

<sup>5</sup> But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. (Gen. 11:1-9 NKJV)

Josephus wrote, “The place wherein they built the tower is now called *Babylon* because of the confusion of that language which they readily understood before; for this reason it was that the city was called *Babylon*; for the Hebrews mean by the word *Babel*, ‘Confusion.’”<sup>98</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.” <sup>10</sup> And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (Gen. 10:8-10 NKJV)

The Biblical evidence of Babel’s original location is seen in the Hebrew name *Zerubbabel*, or *zerub Babel*, translated, “shoot of Babylon.”<sup>99</sup> Conceived in Babylon during the captivity of the Jews, his name reveals the original site of the city. Archeologists dispute its location today, yet from its tower, men had defied God and fled in confusion.

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Here's a scholarly explanation: In 1906 Theophilus Pinches, Assyriology\* professor at UC of London, wrote an essay about Nimrod and his worship as king of the gods. According to Pinches, idolatry was practiced in Babel. [Page numbers are from the essay.] Pinches refers to the most ancient epic poetry, *Gilgamesh*: "The tenth chapter of Genesis tells us of the story of Nimrod, who cannot be any other than the Merodach of the Assyro-Babylonian inscriptions [of *Gilgamesh*] ... but the god of Merodach, if he be, as seems certain, a deified Babylonian king, must have been identified with the stars that bear his name after his worshippers began to pay him the divine honor as the supreme deity. (pp. 12-13) "The Greeks called the Babylonian Merodach by the name of Zeus ... concerning the importance of Babylon, Merodach's city, later on, there is no doubt whatever. (p. 16) ... "The great cities and the temple towers were pervaded by the god whose abode they were. (p. 17) "With the Babylonians, the gods were represented as stone at an early date, and it's possible that wood was also used. (p. 21) "All the great cities of Babylonia were sacred places, the chief in renown and importance in later days being the great city of Babylon, where Esagila, 'the temple of the foundation of heaven and earth' held first place. This building is called by Nebuchadnezzar, 'the temple tower of Babylon,' and may be better regarded as the site of the ... 'Tower of Babel.'" (p. 23) <sup>100</sup> [\*Assyriology is the study of the history, language, and antiquities of Assyria and Babylon.]

Babel's king, Nimrod, had a role in *Gilgamesh* as *Baal*, or "lord."<sup>101</sup> *Beelzebub* means "lord of flies" or "lord of dung."<sup>102</sup> In its poetry, Satan ruled Babel as Nimrod, the eighth listed in the lineage of Cush, son of Ham, son of Noah (in Gen. 10:7-8).

The third expert witness of Babylon as Babel shows a mortal king who was worshiped and idolized. Throughout history, kings have demanded worship. Some made idols and built towers "to heaven" as Nimrod, their forerunner, had done. People are awed by skyscrapers, but exalting these things is idolatry.

"Babylon" is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew, *Babel*. In Jewish tradition, the Tower of Babel was destroyed, but when Jews were captives in Babylon, they "recognized it in the famous temple of Belus, the present *Birs Nimrud*, a huge mound, about two hundred fifty feet high and twenty-three hundred feet in circumference, situated west of Hillah on the Euphrates."<sup>103</sup>

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Straddling both sides of its river, Babylon contained the temple of Belus [Bel/Baal] and its city Hillah. Approximately two hundred square miles, Babylon's perimeter is fifty-six miles, larger than NYC—a fourth witness, revealing Babylon as Babel.

### It's a Conspiracy!

Perhaps. Unseen kings, powers, and principalities have been striving for millennia. Our warfare is against them, not mortals. The interventions of God affect events by prayers of saints who agree with His Word; but its prophecies must be fulfilled for the great tribulation of the martyrs and saints who were chosen for the first harvest of believers at Christ's appearing.

We must believe God rather than men. We can only expose the darkness by knowing the truth. The words of God enlighten us who receive them because His words overcome the darkness.

*Lucifer* is translated, "brightness." He was the light carrier in heaven and disguises himself as an angel of light, pleasure, and truth, but the envious one rules by darkness, deception, and fear of death.<sup>104</sup> (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

As king of Babel, he'd influenced Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome—even Israel! The false prophets rose by him; then France, Germany, Europe, America—now all the world is affected, even the church, by his deceit. Babylon has persuaded the world against God by her spirit. The dragon's throne is the mystery the scarlet beast carries in chapter 17.

When the Medes and Persians defeated her empire, Babylon influenced their people, which was natural since they'd come out of her. The Greeks adopted their culture in the Seleucid Dynasty. Their empire "was basically a Babylonian one with a Greek veneer—but Babylonian to the core."<sup>105</sup> After Alexander the Great, the Seleucids were known as "Babylonian kings," reigning over the land of Nimrod, calling themselves by Lucifer's title, "king of Babylon."

Babylon's effect on the Persian, Greek, and Roman worlds was tangible. Their kings gained a motherland from those before them, but Babylon birthed them all. Romans and Greeks bowed to Baal, the Babylonian "god of gods," aka Zeus by the Greeks and Jupiter by the Romans.<sup>106</sup> Men received devils, worshipping their idols, and became savages.

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From the Mediterranean Sea to Persia, they adored Baal. The Seleucids embraced the worship of false gods and constructed the Temple of Zeus. (Rev. 2:13) Their gods fascinated Romans who visited its altar. Greek and Roman artisans made their living from sculpting images for their wealthy clients and depended on the popularity of idols for an income. Israel fell by worshiping the false gods, just as the institutional church did, but idols are nothing to us if our hearts are true to Jesus Christ.

Soon after their journey through the wilderness, the Hebrews turned to the nations and became rebellious and immoral, even sacrificing their children to Baal. How Israelites suffered when they turned from God! They were nearly destroyed but were saved because God keeps His Word, or we'd all be lost.

### Antiochus IV in Jerusalem

The Hellenized Jews received Antiochus the Great (III) into Jerusalem and refreshed his beasts. He spoke favorably of them for this in letters to his colleagues.<sup>107</sup>

Forced out of Egypt by the Roman army, in 167 BC his son Antiochus IV [called *Epiphanes* or, “God Manifest”] entered the temple in Jerusalem to set up an idol of Zeus and command his worship as God. He burned the Hebrew scrolls, outlawed the Mosaic covenant, and ravaged Judea with a great slaughter.<sup>108</sup>

Exalted as the “god of gods,” the eighth Seleucid king acted like the dragon. Yeshua said it returns before He does: *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) (Mat. 24:15)* A king like Antiochus rises as *the abomination of the desolation* once more.

Mystery Babylon has the attributes of the ancient city God cursed. She can't rise again, but the spirit of her evil culture dominates the nations and seduces their leaders. In 1945 she ruled Germany but fell only to rise again.

<sup>19</sup> And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. <sup>20</sup> It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. (Is. 13:19-20)

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Knowing the end is at hand, devils stalk the world to kill, steal, and destroy. God is testing hearts; who will agree with the deceivers and destroyers? They know a kingdom cannot stand when it's divided against itself and are determined to destroy the saints and the nations. They achieve their goals by deceiving and dividing us or else by deceiving and uniting us to deceive others.

The truth is the only weapon we have to defeat the powers of darkness. If we think we can't know the truth, we'll be deceived, and if we think we know it by what we've been taught, we are already deceived. The Word and the Holy Spirit, its Author, are the true light. And these two are One.

The prophecies must take place, but believers must also gain victories to receive their crowns. After recognizing our enemy, we should expose his darkness by the truth. When we understand the Word and speak by its faith, we shine like a light on a hill.

Beware of habitual or addictive sins, the personal deceivers, and of teachings that contradict the Word and indoctrinate the churches. We must believe God and please Him rather than those who appeal to our natural desires. We will be tempted to unite irrespective of the truth, but *this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. (Jn. 3:19)* If we love the truth, we will be saved. Jesus is *the way, the truth, and the life (in Jn. 14:6)*. Shunning none of it, discerning and believing the truth is crucial to knowing the Word of God.

Teachers who don't guard their hearts can turn the ears of men to myths. Deceiving spirits repeat their lies often to instill them in their listeners till they indoctrinate them. When the Bible challenges our faith, it warns us of our false beliefs. The light of the scriptures that confuse us exposes strongholds that prevent us from believing them. If we tear down the strongholds to believe God alone, we'll understand His words. It's difficult to see from inside the box, but His Word is not limited by its walls.

4 I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will

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accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,<sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. (2 Tim. 4:1-4 NASB)

Midnight is here. We must expose the darkness by the truth. At this hour, the enemy is wild with rage. Devils frenetically rush in furious confusion. It's happening all around us. It was foreseen by the prophets. When deceit is rampant, God sends a great delusion to all who refuse to believe the truth. (2 Thes. 2:11)

It's the end of the gentile age. We're facing great tribulation, and afterward the sun turns black and the moon turns red and the stars fall from the sky and the powers of the heavens are shaken. Then Jesus Christ appears with the great trumpet's sound. When we see the signs of His coming, He tells us, "Look up." We're pregnant with hope until He descends on a cloud and we shake off the dust to meet Him in the air! (See 1Thes. 4:16-17)

Now we'll study the differences in the beasts—their crowns, their heads, and their horns, indicating their times, their places, and their positions throughout history. We'll review some things about *the beast which was, is not, and yet is*, and *the beast that is the eighth of the seven*. Throughout Revelation we'll learn even more: we'll discover the eras of the trumpets and the bowls and know what to expect in advance of their arrivals.

History's events have taken millennia to occur, yet not many words fill their timelines; they took no time at all from eternity. Since prophecy is the knowledge of events before their time, it's helpful to have a sense of time's elasticity as we look into them.

Imagine how centuries seem from heaven's view. Prophecies foretell their eras that way. When history fulfills them, the reality of their words should wake us up to believe them. We must read *The Revelation of Jesus Christ* by faith in its Author. There's no other way to understand its words.

This particular prophetic book was unsealed millennia ago. As Jesus our Lord said, He gives the hidden manna to him who overcomes. It's not a free lunch, and we shouldn't expect to eat its manna by struggling to figure it out.

Yeshua won the war over Death the day He rose from the depths of hell to the Father's right side in heaven. From that holy place, He opened the seals of the scroll for its *Apocalypse*.

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