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Prologue to the Revelation

The Mystery of Babylon

After the flood, Noah set up an altar for thank offerings, but three generations later, his great-grandson founded the first cities and promoted the sculpting of idols. Nimrod, the eighth in the line of Cush the son of Ham, built the infamous Tower of Babel. In his defiance, he sought a culture like the one that had been decimated, provoking God who would never again destroy the world with a flood.

11 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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."

⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ 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. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ 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)

In His eternal wisdom, God began the plan: By dividing their speech into many languages, He confused the people to scatter them across the earth. They resettled, founding cities that grew into nations, the very nations into which He would scatter the tribes of Israel. *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 like Lucifer who'd fallen by coveting the throne of God. Though her people left Babel, she never left them: *And they*

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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, thwarting any plans God might have for another deluge. He noted they'd "used tar for mortar" to waterproof its walls.⁹⁷ [Gen 11:3] Nimrod knew Noah had coated the ark *with pitch to float*. He didn't doubt the historicity of the flood. Its story was repeated by a variety of cultures as a result of their ancestors' emigration from Babel.⁹⁸

Her people scattered to remote places, influencing the whole world. By Babel's Baal and Nebo, the Greeks worshiped the god of their own hands as Zeus. (Rev. 2:13) Nebo was Babylon's god of science and learning, writer of destiny; but Isaiah prophesied, Nebo [Satan] was destined for captivity (in Is. 46:1-2; Rev. 20:1-3).

Nebuchadnezzar is translated, "Nebo protect the servant," or "Nebo protect the border." Till his madness, the king had trusted in Nebo, the god of his ancestors in Babel. There's nothing to an idol except stone, wood, or plastic, but the devil is the deceiver. In Daniel 2 the idol's head was Nebuchadnezzar who denied the true God; yet when he cried out to Israel's God, he was saved.⁹⁹

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.'" ¹⁰⁰ [Now Babel is also called Babylon.]

⁸ Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. ⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." ¹⁰ 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."¹⁰¹ Conceived in Babylon during the captivity of the Jews, his name reveals the original site of the city. Archeologists dispute its location though, much like the present state of affairs, from its tower, men who denied God 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 ancient epic poem, *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) ¹⁰² [*Assyriology is the study of the history, language, and antiquities of Assyria and Babylon.]

According to Pinches, Babel's king, Nimrod, had a role in *Gilgamesh* as *Baal*, or "lord."¹⁰³ *Beelzebub* means "lord of flies" or "lord of dung."¹⁰⁴ In its poetry, Baal ruled as Nimrod, eighth 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, worshiped and idolized. Kings have demanded worship since the time of Babel. Men have built idols and "towers to heaven" like Nimrod, their forerunner. Over the years, most of the world has been fascinated by skyscrapers.

"Babylon" is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew, *Babel*. In Jewish tradition, the Tower of Babel was destroyed, but Jews held as captives in Babylon "recognized it in the famous temple of Belus, the present *Birs Nimrud*, a huge mound, two hundred fifty feet high, twenty-three hundred feet in circumference, situated west of Hillah on the Euphrates." Straddling both sides of

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its river, Babylon included the temple along with its city, Hillah. Babylon's total perimeter is fifty-six miles, with an area of two hundred square miles, larger than all of New York City.¹⁰⁵

Unveiling the Darkness

Invisible powers strive to steal our souls. [“Prince”: Heb.: *sar*, head person; *nāgāyd*, chief ruler. Gr.: *archōn*, first in power.] From heaven's perspective, the kings over the nations had fallen as princes with principalities. When the rulers of darkness fell from the light, they became kings over men, misleading all whose hearts are not devoted to God. (Mat. 4:4)

When God divided the languages, He broke the union that steeled Babel against Him. He sent them away to establish their own nations, dividing the lands into which He'd send His chosen people. At the end of the age, He gathers men from all nations to Himself. And so, God saves souls out of their destroyer's hand, redeeming His elect from all the world to the glory of His Name.

Lucifer is translated, “brightness.” He was the light carrier in heaven who disguises himself as an angel of light, pleasure, and happiness, but he's the father of lies. The enemy of God rules men in spiritual darkness by deception and fear, leading to their destruction. As the king of Babel, he'd influenced Egypt, Persia, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, Rome—even Israel and the church.

When the Medes and Persians defeated her empire, Babylon influenced their people. The Greeks adopted her culture in the Seleucid Dynasty, which “was basically a Babylonian one with a Greek veneer—but Babylonian to the core.”¹⁰⁶ After Alexander the Great, the Seleucids were called “Babylonian kings,” ruling Nimrod's land by Satan's title, “king of Babylon.” (Is. 14:3-20)

Although she was a spiritual principality, the city's influence on the Persian, Greek, and Roman cultures was enduring. People are attached to their motherlands like those who'd lived before them, but Babel had birthed them all. Merodach was Zeus in Greece and Jupiter in Rome.¹⁰⁷ Godless men received the gods they worshiped, falling into greater darkness and confusion.

The Seleucids embraced false gods and constructed the Temple of Zeus, their chief god. (Rev. 2:13) Their so-called gods fascinated the Romans who visited its altar, making them their own. Idols were political; artisans made their living by sculpting them for wealthy clients, depending on idols for an income.

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From the Mediterranean Sea to Persia, people adored Baal. After the trek through the wilderness, the Hebrews turned to the nations and grew rebellious and immoral, sacrificing their own children to Baal! When Israel and Judah turned from God, the people bore the burden as a nation. God sent them into captivity and scattered them among the gentiles; included with them were faithful prophets. Israel fell by serving Baal, and the church fell to pagans. If America learns anything from Israel's history, she should know that she's being judged for her ongoing sins.

Many Jews renounced their faith in the days when Seleucids overcame Israel. 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.¹⁰⁸

Forced out of Egypt by the Roman army, in 167 BC his son Antiochus [*Epiphanes*, "God Manifest"] had friends in Judea who opened Jerusalem's gates to him, and he slew his enemies there.

On a second trip, his pretense was peace, but he spared no one and cleared out the temple treasures. Desecrating the altar with a pig and setting up an idol of Zeus, he ordered worship and burnt holy scrolls; outlawed the covenant, and took ten thousand captives; as the abomination of desolation, he slaughtered many Judeans. He was the dragon whom Yeshua said would return.¹⁰⁹

Jews denied their faith, and Samaritans denied their Jewish ancestry.¹¹⁰ The spirit of Babylon no longer dwelt in her city in Iraq, yet continued to dominate nations and seduce kings:

²⁰ 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:-20) [never to be inhabited, nor to be dwelt in]

Knowing their end is at hand, the enemy's devils stalk the world to kill, steal, and destroy. But God tests the contents of our hearts: who agrees with the deceivers and destroyers? The devil knows his kingdom is divided and cannot stand. By deceiving the saints and their prophets, he divides the church to destroy her, or else he unites us but with false teachings. However, if we agree with the Bible, by faith in its words, we'll walk in the light as Jesus did, united by the truth of God (in Jn. 17:20-23). He also said the just live by our faith in His words. Do we love Him if we don't believe His words?

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The desire to know the truth must begin in each of us. Truth is the Sword that defeats the powers of darkness. If we think we can't know the truth, we'll believe deceptions, and if we think we know the truth by what we've been taught, we're probably already deceived; only the Bible is true, and its truth is eternal. Its prophecies are being fulfilled, but much of the future is past.

Beware of habitual or addictive sins, the personal deceivers; resist teachings that contradict the Word and indoctrinate their listeners. We must believe God and please Him rather than our peers or those who tell us what we want to hear. They'll tempt us to unite irrespective of the truth. This is the judgment: *that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.* (Jn. 3:19) Our human nature loves to hear about the promises but often refuses to acknowledge the tribulations that lead to eternal rewards; therein lies the battle.

Discerning and believing the truth is crucial in seeking His face and standing unashamed at the end, but teachers who don't guard their hearts turn the ears of men to myths. Lying spirits repeat their lies while the Bible's light challenges our beliefs.

4 I solemnly exhort *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: ²preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; correct, rebuke, *and* exhort, with great patience and instruction. ³For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, ⁴and they will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

(2 Tim. 4:1-4 NASB) [This is commonly called the apostasy.]

We're in a box. God is alive beyond its walls as the way of escape. The light of His words that confuse us exposes the false teachings that have kept us from believing every word of God. By tearing down the words that contradict His words, along with all the opinions and desires exalted above them, we can believe His words alone. (2 Cor. 10:4-5)

Now the enemy is frenetic with rage, confusing us who trust our own deceptive hearts. Liars are ubiquitous when God sends a great delusion to everyone who doesn't love the truth, and all who shun His words may be among them. (2 Thes. 2:11)

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The gentile age is closing. Great tribulation is at hand, yet the church is in apostasy by idolatry and unbelief. “Look up!” as Jesus said. Let’s be prepared, expectant with hope, until the Lord calls us away. We’ll shake off the dust to meet the Lord in the air with the living who remain till He comes, or else see Him face to face at His Great White Throne. (Rev. 6:12-17; 1Thes. 4:16-17; Mat. 24:29-31; 20:11-15; Ps. 17:15; Job 19:26) If we hunger and thirst for it, we’ll stand before Him in His righteousness.

Next we’ll study the crowns, heads, horns, and mountains; places and historical positions today and into the future. We’ll understand the times and review *the beast which was, is not, and yet is*, and *the one that is the eighth of seven*. We’ll find the eras of the trumpets and bowls and know what to expect in advance.

Prophetic events have taken millennia to occur, yet not many words fill timelines; they’ve taken no time at all from eternity. Prophecy is the knowledge of events before the timeline begins; history fills in its gaps. Imagine heaven’s perspective where *one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day* (from 2 Pet. 3:8). Consider the elasticity of time.

The Scroll was unsealed two millennia ago; it opens many mysteries, but as Jesus said, He’d give the hidden manna to him who overcomes. It’s not a free lunch. We can’t eat its manna by our own will; it goes to him who overcomes.

Yeshua conquered Death the day He rose from the depths of hell to the Father in heaven. In that holy place, standing before Him, He takes the Scroll from the Father’s right hand to open its seals for its *Apocalypse*. [Grk.: *apokaluptein*, “unveiling, revealing.”]