



W E L C O M E

# — THE STUDY OF — REVELATION

WHICH IS, WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME

# Revelation 16: 1 (NASB)

*Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."*

## Revelation 16: 2 (NASB)

*So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and a harmful and painful sore afflicted the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.*

# Revelation 16: 3 (NASB)

*The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.*

Note this is not saying like blood  
but it is actual blood. Also note  
John says the blood is like that of  
a dead man.

# Question?

What is the blood of a dead man like?

Dark, thick, black, coagulated, rotting and putrid.

# Revelation 16: 4 (NASB)

*Then the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood.*

Now we are seeing not just the ocean, but all fresh water sources, including underground sources such as springs, are now blood.

Drinking water is now becoming scarce.

# Revelation 16: 5 (NASB)

*And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, the One who is and who was, O Holy One, because You judged these things;*

Note we are introduced to the angel in charge of the waters.

There will be angels assigned to specific roles during the tribulation period. We saw this earlier.

# Angel's Duties

## Revelation 7: 1

(Angels in charge of wind.)

*After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind would blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree.*

# Angel's Duties

## Revelation 14: 18

(angel in charge of the fire.)

*Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe."*

# Question?

Why do you think God is turning  
all the water into blood?

# Revelation 16: 6 (NASB)

*for they poured out the blood of  
saints and prophets, and You have  
given them blood to drink. They  
deserve it."*

# Question?

Who is this angel speaking to and  
why is he saying what he is  
saying?

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saints and prophets, and You have  
given them blood to drink. They  
deserve it."*

They are showing their support of the judgement of God. I believe this demonstrates how these angels know that God is not enjoying this so they are praising Him for taking action.

# Revelation 16: 7 (NASB)

And I heard the altar saying, "Yes,  
Lord God, the Almighty, true and  
righteous are Your judgments."

# Question?

Do you remember who is under  
the altar?

Look back to Revelation 6:9-11,  
this is fulfillment of this passage.

# Revelation 6: 9 (NASB)

*When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained,*

# Revelation 6: 10 (NASB)

*and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who live on the earth?"*

## Revelation 6: 11 (NASB)

And a white robe was given to each of them; and they were told that they were to rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers and sisters who were to be killed even as they had been, was completed also.

# Revelation 16: 8 (NASB)

*And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given power to scorch people with fire.*

# Question?

True global warming is coming!

How hot is it going to get?

# Question?

What do you think will be the result of this scorching heat?

# Revelation 16: 9 (NASB)

*And the people were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.*

You will note that during this last period of bowl judgements those who do not know God will be so hardened and full of hate towards God that it is now too late, they will not repent but will blaspheme and curse God.

# Revelation 16: 10 (NASB)

*And the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain,*

# Question?

What happens to the temperature  
when the sun goes down?

# Question?

How do you feel if you have been sunburned and in scorching heat and then you enter a cold room?

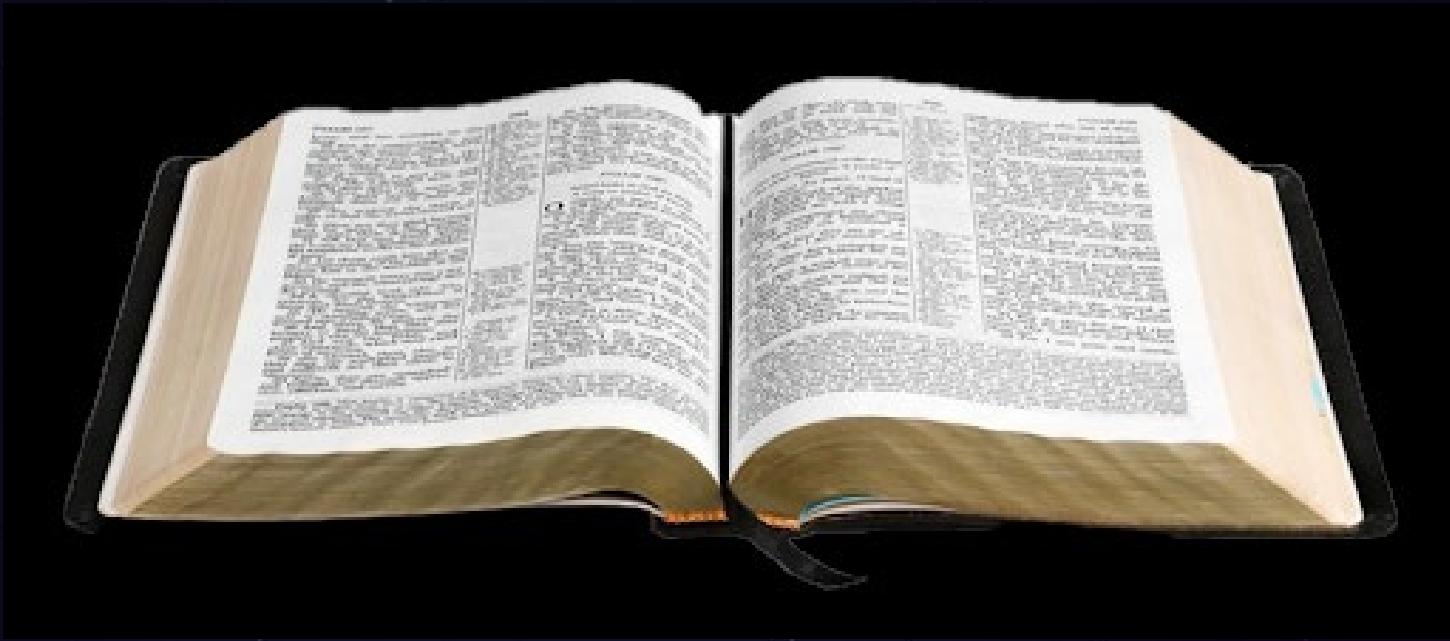
# Revelation 16: 11 (NASB)

*and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pain and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.*

# Question?

Is anyone turning to God?

No they are refusing to repent  
and are cursing God. This is what  
Paul prophesied in 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thessalonians



Turn to: 2 Thessalonians 2: 8-12

## 2 Thessalonians 2: 8-12 (NASB)

*Then that lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will eliminate with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;*

## 2 Thessalonians 2: 8-12 (NASB)

*that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not accept the love of the truth so as to be saved.*

## 2 Thessalonians 2: 8-12 (NASB)

*For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.*

# Revelation 16: 12 (NASB)

*The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.*



# Asia



# Revelation 16: 13 (NASB)

*And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs:*

# Question?

Are these demonic spirits actual frogs?

No, they look or move like frogs.

# Revelation 16: 13 (NASB)

*And I saw coming out of the  
mouth of the dragon, and out of  
the mouth of the beast, and out of  
the mouth of the false prophet,  
three unclean spirits like frogs;*

# Question?

Who is the dragon, the beast and the false prophet?

Satan, the antichrist and the false prophet of the antichrist.

# Question?

What are these evil spirits doing?

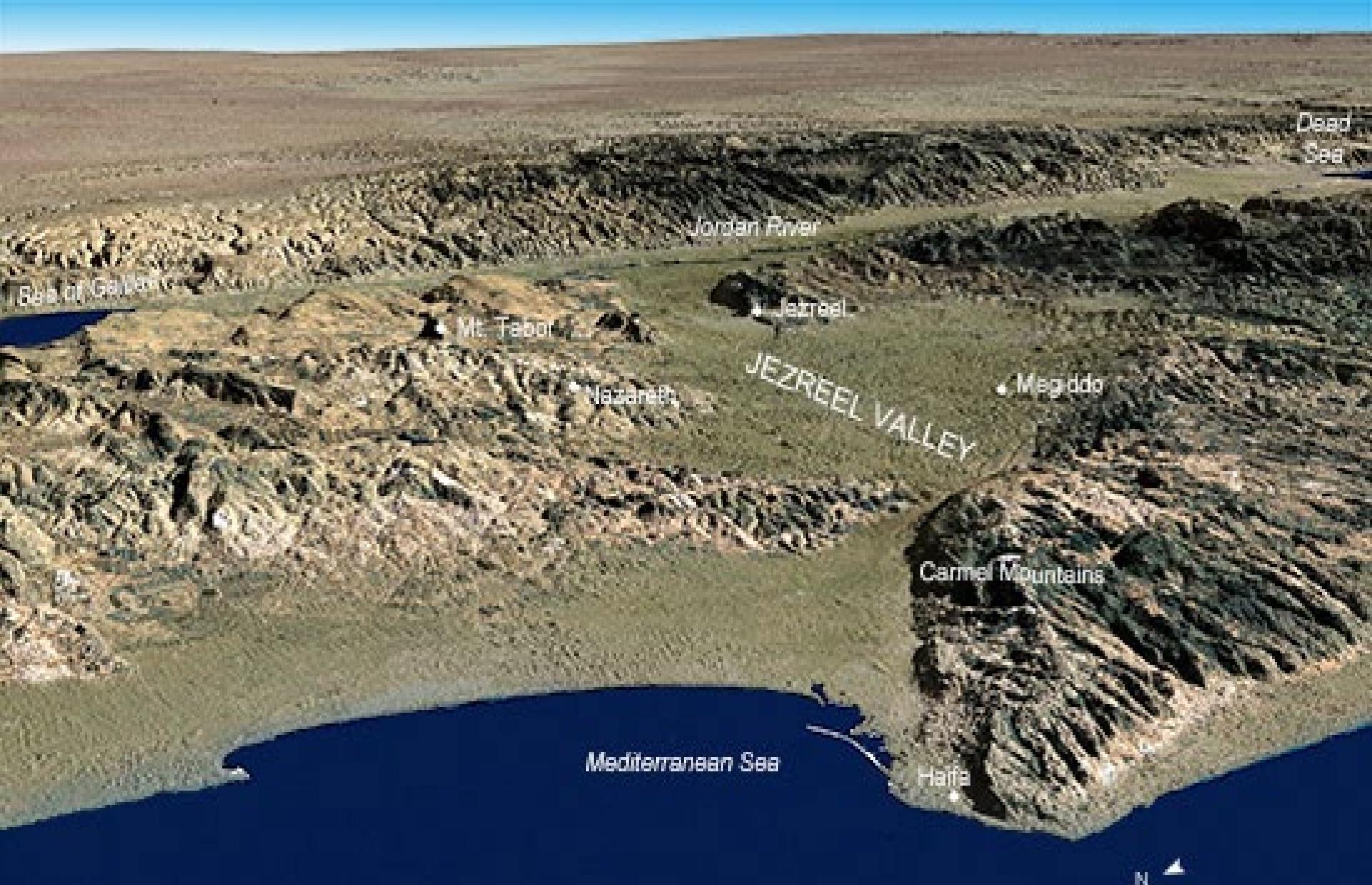
# Revelation 16: 14 (NASB)

*for they are spirits of demons,  
performing signs, which go out to  
the kings of the entire world, to  
gather them together for the war  
of the great day of God, the  
Almighty.*

# Question?

Where will this battle occur?

Armageddon. We will see this in  
verse 16



**JEZREEL VALLEY: Israel's breadbasket**

# Revelation 16: 15 (NASB)

*("Behold, I am coming like a thief.  
Blessed is the one who stays  
awake and keeps his clothes, so  
that he will not walk about naked  
and people will not see his  
shame.")*

# Question?

What does it mean to stay awake  
and remain clothed?

This is written to the believers still present to not give up and to remain vigilant, remain alert to the lies of satan, the antichrist and the false prophet, to maintain their relationship with Christ and to continue to walk with Him because he will be coming back to harvest the earth at any time.

This warning is also applicable to us today as Jesus can remove His Church in the rapture at any time.

# Revelation 16: 16 (NASB)

*And they gathered them together  
to the place which in Hebrew is  
called Har-Magedon.*

# Question?

Who is they?

Satan, the antichrist and the false prophet using the demonic spirits.

Note they are gathering in the valley of Armageddon, however the actual battle does not occur until chapter 19.

# Revelation 16: 17 (NASB)

*Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done."*

# Revelation 16: 18 (NASB)

*And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since mankind came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.*

# Revelation 16: 19 (NASB)

*The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.*

# Question?

What does God mean when He says "*It is done!*"

His judgement is complete. All that is left is the great winepress battle of Armageddon and the harvesting of the earth.

# Question?

Where is the great city?

Jerusalem

# Revelation 16: 20 (NASB)

*And every island fled, and no mountains were found.*

# Revelation 16: 21 (NASB)

*And huge hailstones, weighing about a talent each, came down from heaven upon people; and people blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because the hailstone plague was extremely severe.*

# Question?

How much does a talent weigh?

About 75 pounds!

# Revelation 16: 21 (NASB)

*And huge hailstones, weighing about a talent each, came down from heaven upon people; and people blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because the hailstone plague was extremely severe.*

# Question?

We will discover who Babylon the Great is next in Chapter 17.

Did those who do not know God turn to him?

No they blasphemed Him.

# Introduction

Chapters 17 and 18 are dedicated to the satanic false government/religion during the tribulation period that will have roots all the way back to ancient Babylon.

This is known as the beast government which has resulted from the joining of a one world government with a one world religion.

# Introduction

Chapter 17 tells us about the religious aspect of this one world faith and gives us insight into the ancient Babylonian origins of this satanic pagan church of the beast that will arise.

# Introduction

Then chapter 18 will give us insight into the financial system of this beast government.

# Revelation 17: 1 (NASB)

*Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters,*

# Revelation 17: 2 (NASB)

*with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of sexual immorality, and those who live on the earth became drunk with the wine of her sexual immorality."*

Much of this is explained to us later in this chapter, however please note that this is talking not only about the sexually immoral aspects of this one world religion but is also speaking about spiritual adultery.

# Revelation 17: 3 (NASB)

*And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.*

# Question?

Does this sound familiar?

# Revelation 13: 1 (NASB)

*And the dragon stood on the sand  
of the seashore.*

*Then I saw a beast coming up out  
of the sea, having ten horns and  
seven heads, and on his horns  
were ten crowns, and on his heads  
were blasphemous names.*

# Revelation 17: 4 (NASB)

*The woman was clothed in purple  
and scarlet, and adorned with  
gold, precious stones, and pearls,  
holding in her hand a gold cup full  
of abominations and of the  
unclean things of her sexual  
immorality,*

# Question?

What does this tell us?

This description tells us this one world religious Babylon will be strongly supported by the wealth and power of the world. However, she is spiritually and morally bankrupt. She holds in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and sexual immorality.

# Revelation 17: 5 (NASB)

*and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery: "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

# Revelation 17: 6 (NASB)

*And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.*

# Question?

Who's blood is this woman  
drinking?

The blood of the Christians and of  
the Tribulation Saints.

I challenge you to research which religious organization has historically killed millions and millions of Christians for the crime of heresy within the last 2000 years.

# QUESTION?

Who or what is Babylon?

We will see it is a historical location that was destroyed and will be rebuilt as a financial center for this beast government. It is also an ancient pagan religion that still influences many false religions today.

The teachings of this ancient pagan religion will be incorporated into the beast church/government and Babylon will become the future location of the world headquarters of this one world pagan religion/government.

# QUESTION?

Do you know what city is mentioned most in the Bible?

Jerusalem

Do you know what city is second?

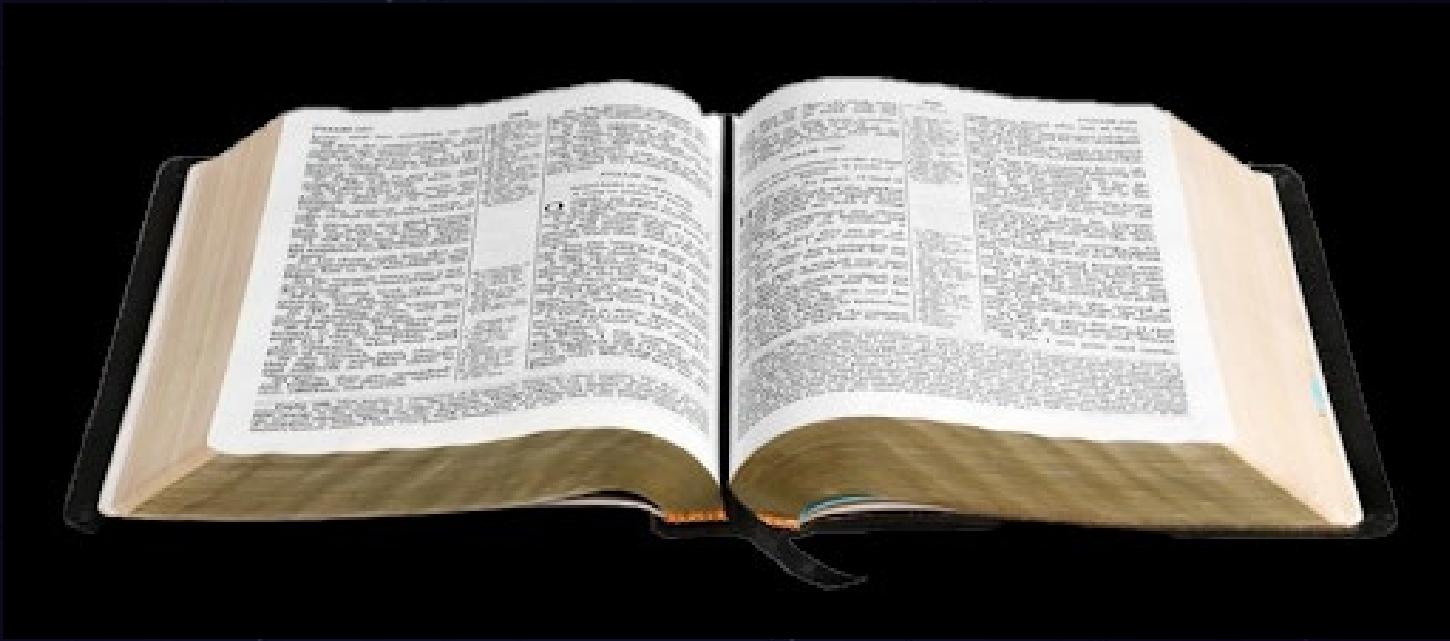
Babylon

# Ancient Babylon



# BABYLON, THE RELIGION

The Babylonian pagan religion goes back over 5,000 years and it's teachings are found in many cultures worldwide.



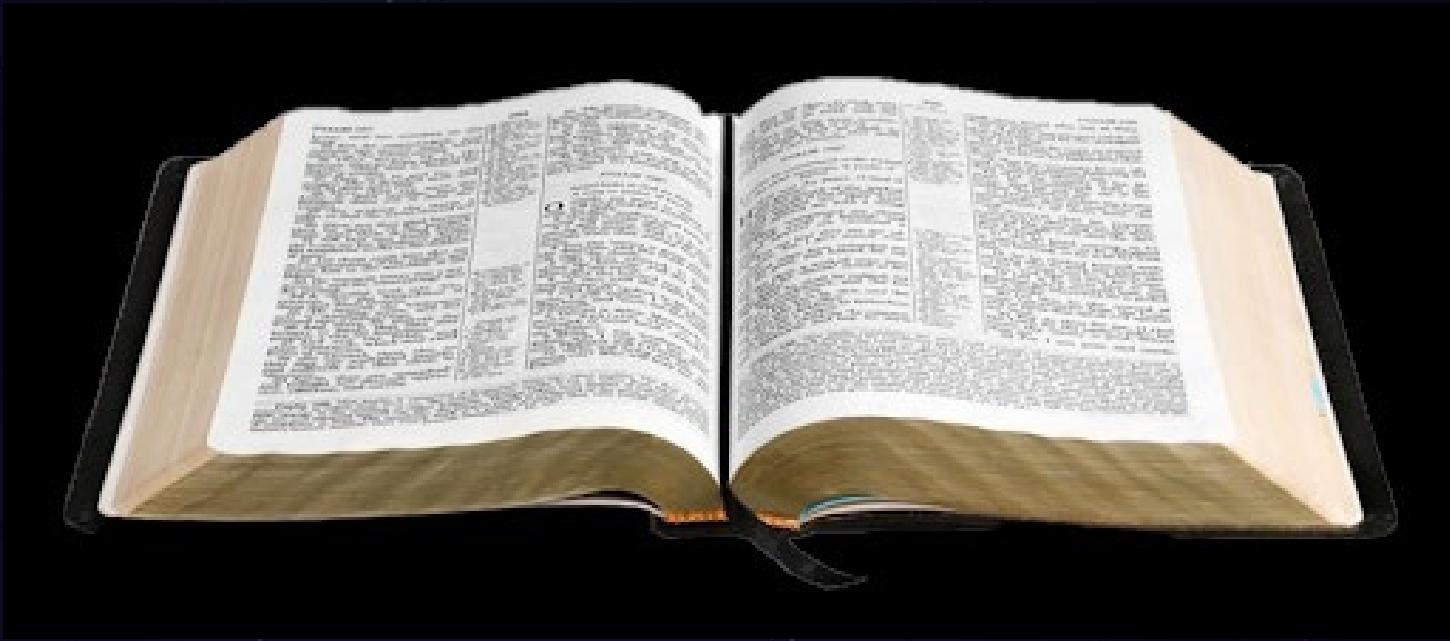
Turn to: Genesis 10: 8-12

## Genesis 10: 8-12 (NIV)

*Cush was the father of Nimrod, who became a mighty warrior on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; that is why it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the Lord."*

## Genesis 10: 8-12 (NIV)

*The first centers of his kingdom were Babylon, Uruk, Akkad and Kalneh, in Shinar. From that land he went to Assyria, where he built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah and Resen, which is between Nineveh and Calah—which is the great city.*



Turn to: Genesis 11: 1-9

# Genesis 11: 1-9 (NASB)

*Now all the earth used the same language and the same words.*

*And it came about, as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.*

## Genesis 11: 1-9 (NASB)

*Then they said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. And they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven,*

## Genesis 11: 1-9 (NASB)

*and let's make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of all the earth." Now the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the men had built.*

# Genesis 11: 1-9 (NASB)

*And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they have started to do, and now nothing which they plan to do will be impossible for them.*

# **Genesis 11: 1-9 (NASB)**

*Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth; and they stopped building the city.*

## Genesis 11: 1-9 (NASB)

*Therefore it was named 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.*

## BABYLON, THE RELIGION

The Babylonian Religion began with Nimrod who was a mighty archer and orchestrated the building of the tower of Babel. He wanted to reach heaven and shoot God out of the sky. The original term for “mighty hunter before the Lord” referred to a hunter of men’s souls

## BABYLON, THE RELIGION

Nimrod wanted to create a gateway to heaven and men would have to go through him to get to God and heaven.

Note Babel originated from the word bab-ilu in the ancient and now extinct Akkadian language. Bab-ilu means the "Gate of God", (from bab "gate" + ilu "god")."

## BABYLON, THE RELIGION

The Babylonian pagan religion originated with Nimrod and the tower of Babel, which explains why this pagan belief system is found throughout the world as it originated during a time shortly after the great flood where the entire world was located in one area and spoke the same language.

# BABYLON, THE RELIGION

Note: Nimrod was a grandson of Ham, which makes him a great grandson of Noah.

## BABYLON, THE RELIGION

According to history, Semiramis became pregnant after engaging in an adulterous affair while married to Nimrod. Around this same time, Nimrod dies a violent and untimely death.

## BABYLON, THE RELIGION

In an effort to retain power and to hide her adulterous affair, Semiramis declares that upon Nimrod's death he had been resurrected as the god of the sun. As the sun god, Nimrod used his sun rays to miraculously impregnate Semiramis with a child.

# BABYLON, THE RELIGION

This child was thus considered to be divinely conceived. The child's name was Tammuz, which she claimed was the reincarnated Nimrod.

## BABYLON, THE RELIGION

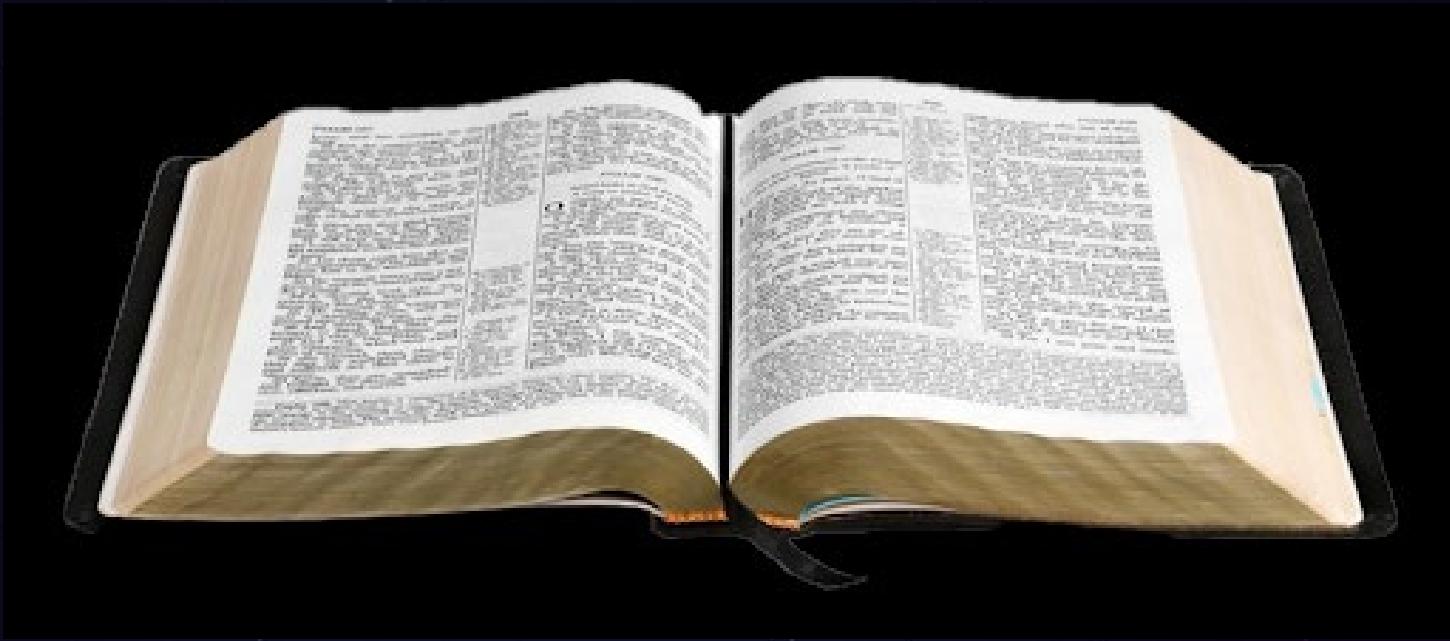
When Tammuz was 40 he was hunting in the woods and was attacked and killed by a wild boar. His mother Semiramis wept for forty days and the people were commanded to fast and pray for 40 days asking the gods to release Tammuz from the underworld.

## BABYLON, THE RELIGION

Tammuz was then brought back to life after being prayed out of the underworld. This started a tradition of fasting and prayer for 40 days of lament or lent and the underworld became known as purgatory.

## BABYLON, THE RELIGION

Semiramis then becomes known as the Queen mother or the Queen of heaven and idols were made of her holding her baby, Tammuz.



Turn to: Jeremiah 44

# **Jeremiah 44: 1-5 (NASB)**

*The word that came to Jeremiah for all the Jews living in the land of Egypt, those who were living in Migdol, Tahpanhes, Memphis, and the land of Pathros, saying, "This is what the Lord of armies, the God of Israel says:*

## **Jeremiah 44: 1-5 (NASB)**

*'You yourselves have seen all the disaster that I have brought on Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they are in ruins and no one lives in them,*

## **Jeremiah 44: 1-5 (NASB)**

*because of their wickedness which they committed to provoke Me to anger by continuing to burn sacrifices and to serve other gods whom they had not known, neither they, you, nor your fathers.*

## **Jeremiah 44: 1-5 (NASB)**

*Yet I sent you all My servants the prophets again and again, saying, "Oh, do not do this abominable thing which I hate." But they did not listen or incline their ears to turn from their wickedness, so as not to burn sacrifices to other gods.*

## **Jeremiah 44: 15-19 (NLT)**

*Then all the women present and all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to idols—a great crowd of all the Judeans living in northern Egypt and southern Egypt—answered Jeremiah, “We will not listen to your messages from the Lord! We will do whatever we want.*

## **Jeremiah 44: 15-19 (NLT)**

*We will burn incense and pour out liquid offerings to the Queen of Heaven just as much as we like—just as we, and our ancestors, and our kings and officials have always done in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For in those days we had plenty to eat, and we were well off and had no troubles!*

## **Jeremiah 44: 15-19 (NLT)**

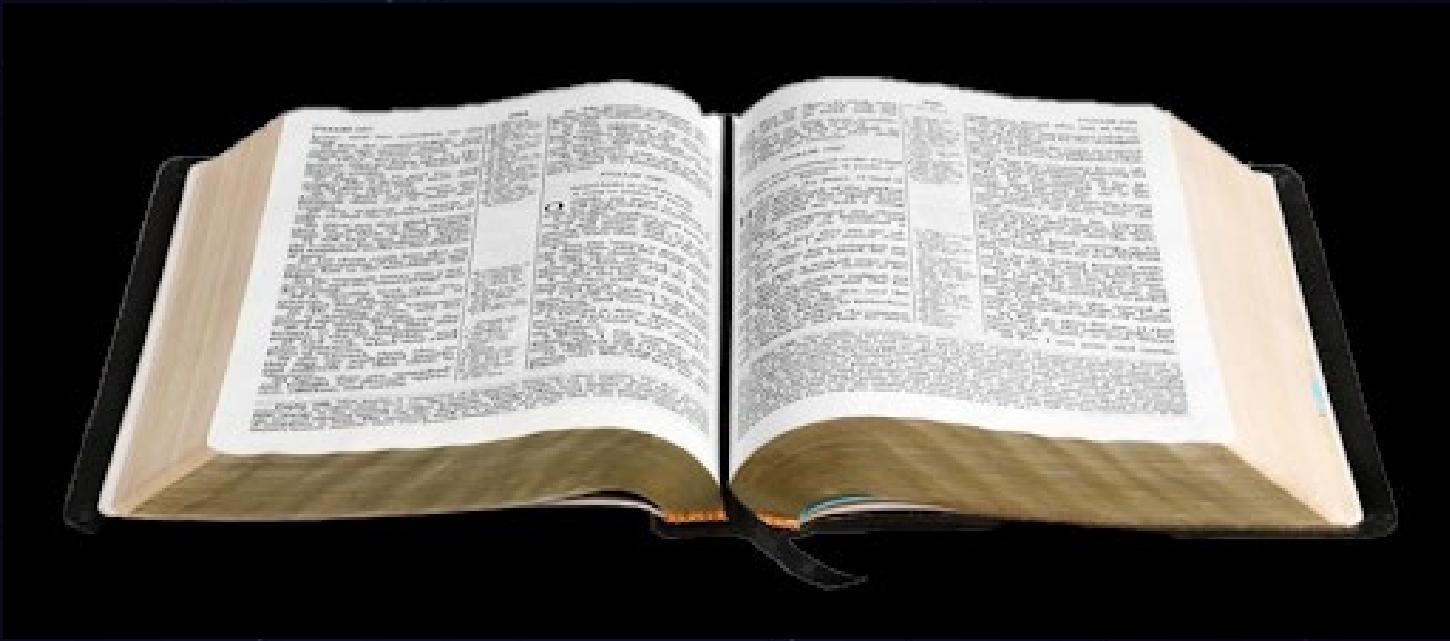
*But ever since we quit burning incense to the Queen of Heaven and stopped worshiping her with liquid offerings, we have been in great trouble and have been dying from war and famine."*

## **Jeremiah 44: 15-19 (NLT)**

*"Besides," the women added, "do you suppose that we were burning incense and pouring out liquid offerings to the Queen of Heaven, and making cakes marked with her image, without our husbands knowing it and helping us? Of course not!"*

# Queen of Heaven Idol





Turn to: Ezekiel 8: 13-14

# Ezekiel 8: 13-14 (NASB)

*And He said to me, "Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are committing!"*

## Ezekiel 8: 13-14 (NASB)

*Then He brought me to the entrance of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.*

# This Pagan Religion is Worldwide

