

In The Beginning

The reason for the many languages

The beginning of Babylon ...Gen.11:1-9

What seems to be at the heart of 11:1-4? 9:1

God said, scatter and fill the earth. They said, settle, become invincible, reject His plan.

What is the turning point on this rebel plan? 11:5 Comment?

The Lord, Himself, comes down to see their plans. An interesting description....

Historians confirm that this city in Shinar is Babylon. Who is the architect of this plan? 10:9-10

It was Nimrod, the mighty hunter of men's souls. A powerful leader and major rebel.

And what was Nimrod's claim to fame? Gen.3:15

He claimed to be the 'seed of the woman' and his mother claimed deity. Queen of heaven.

What Nimrod attempted was to unite the people under his rebellion. The Lord's comment? vs.6

The Lord observed this was true. United under Nimrod, one language great wickedness.

Combining 10:8-10 and 11:6, what do we conclude about Nimrod's Babylon?

This was the first attempt for a 'one world' government / religion under wicked control.

How does this parallel the 'last' Babylon? Rev.18:21-24

The final Babylon is the seat of the anti-Christ's world government / religion. Crushed...

When the Lord intervenes to stop this rebellion, what key 'ingredient' does He remove? 11:7

He removes the unity allowed by one common language. Babel is now a place of confusion.

As all those of one particular (new) language gather together, what does the Lord do next? vs.8

He scatters them. Exactly what Nimrod was rebelling against! And the city stops...

As these ex-Babylonians flee, what do they take with them?

They take Nimrod's 'mother-child' cult to every culture. It's the seed of all false worship.

What was (is) a key component of this false worship system? Ez.8:7-16

It was filled with symbols (sun god, fire, candles, golden calf...) and mysterious ceremony.

How is the final culmination of all false worship described in Scripture? Rev.17:5

As Mystery Babylon, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations (false worship systems).

Comment on the beginning of Babylon and the ending of Babylon.

It's like book ends on all Satanic false worship. The start, the spread, the end, forever...

Introducing us to Abraham ...Gen.11:10-32

As the population scatters over the whole earth, Scripture details the offspring of whom? 11:10

It tracks Shem. He is in the bloodline of Christ.

And one of the most notable in this lineage is ...? 11:26 Why?

It focuses in on Abram as he will be the 'father' of the nation of Israel, God's chosen.