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The Collapse of Deception

Revelation 17 & 18

CALL TO THE WORD

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters...

REV 17:1-5

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...with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

REV 17:1-5

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The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

REV 17:1-5



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INTRODUCTION

Babylon as a Concept of False Religion



BACKGROUND

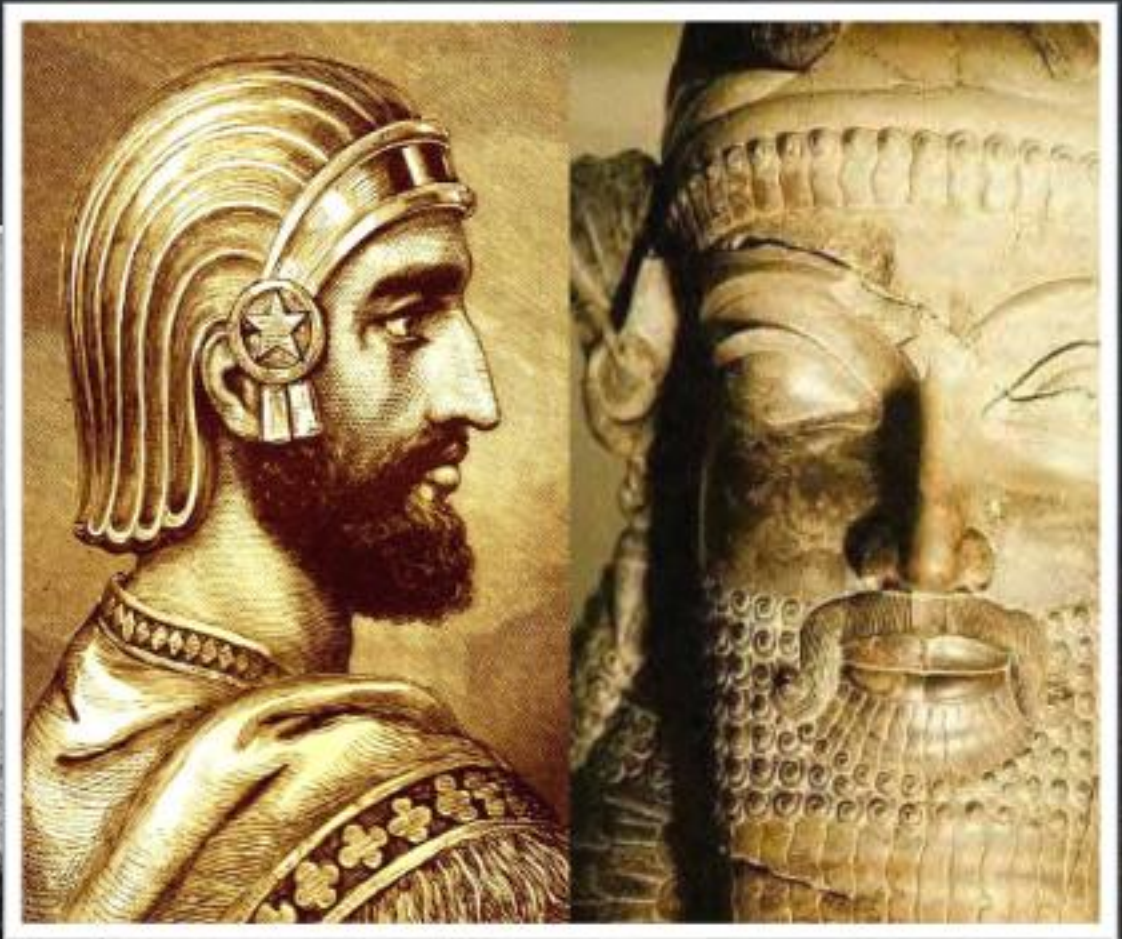
“(Babylon) is considered the cradle of civilization, as it was the birthplace of the earliest human societies to emerge and develop.” (Guzik)

BACKGROUND

Ham



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Belshazzar



REV 17:1, 5 THE GREAT HARLOT

Harlotry, or prostitution, is the standing symbol in Scripture for idolatry.

Lev 20:5, 2Ch 21:11, Ezk 16:20-22

REV 17:5 MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT

Why Babylon?

Gen 9:1

Gen 10:8

Gen 11:1-4

REV 17:5 MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT

“Come, let’s build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world.”

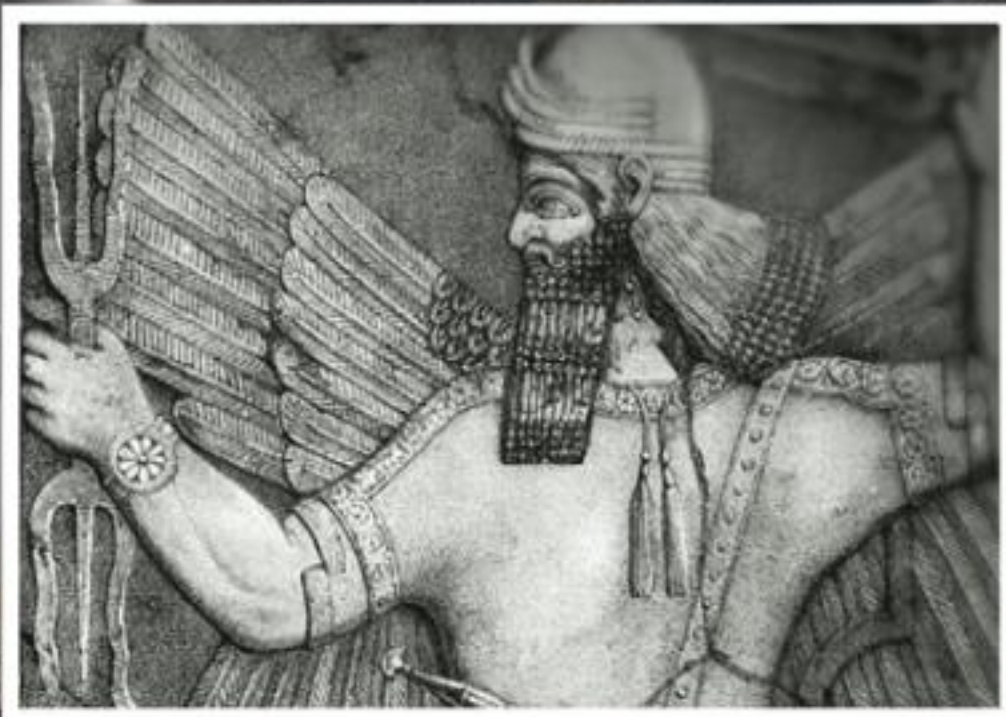
Gen 11:4

BTW: Rebellion is frowned upon: 1Sa 15:23

REV 17:5 MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT

What Gen 11 shows is that right after the flood, Babylon... “was the seat of the civilization that expressed organized hostility to God.” (Tenney)

NIMROD, SEMIRAMIS (ISHTAR) & TAMMUZ



MOTHER / SON DEITY

Ezk 8:12-14, Jer 7:16-18

“The Jews were worshiping Ishtar, an Assyrian and Babylonian goddess also called Ashtoreth and Astarte, the wife of Baal or Molech. Because these deities symbolized generative power, their worship involved prostitution.”

(MacArthur)



WHAT COULD GO WRONG?

*Careful little eyes
what you see...
careful little ears
what you hear... for
the Father up
above is looking
down in love...*

*Oh, be careful little mind what
you think*





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reflections

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REFLECTIONS

We were created for worship, and worship we will. It's all a matter of what or whom we worship.

Josh 24:15

REFLECTIONS

God pays us the highest compliment by honoring our power to choose; however, choices come with consequences

Acts 14:15

REFLECTIONS

“Worship is our response to the overtures of love from the heart of the Father.”

(Foster)

Ps 146:4-5 (NLT)



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