

SEMIRAMIS

Legendary Mysterious Great Queen of Assyria

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In ancient days when legend and myth were placed at the border of reality often signifying an intangible truth, there is one story that stands alone hidden deep in the archives of historical obscurity. It is seldom present in the popular literature of the great epics of old like the Odyssey, Hercules, Helen of Troy and so forth; nor has it ever received considerable recognition as one of the great classics locked into the confines of an in-dept study for future literary expeditions. Yet beneath it's structure lies a mystery, or perhaps, more of an aberrant narrative that intertwines with so many other epics of it's time that one would become confused as to interpret who this person really is.

This article is written to shed a light on the saga of the mysterious, but fascinating queen Semiramis, the ancient effigy of the Assyrian empire. Famed for her beauty, strength, wisdom, voluptuousness, and alluring power, she is said to have built Babylon with its hanging gardens, erect many other cities, conquer Egypt and much of Asia including Ethiopia, execute war against the Medes and Chaldeans; which eventually lead to an unsuccessful attack on India where she nearly lost her life. As G.J. Whyfe-Melville states in his novel of *Sarchedon: A Legend of the Great Queen*, "She was beautiful no doubt, in the nameless beauty that wins, no less than in the lofty beauty that compels. Her form was matchless in symmetry, so that her every gesture, in the saddle or on the throne, was womanly, dignified, and graceful, while each dress she wore, from royal robe and jeweled tiara to steel breast-plate and golden headpiece, seemed that in which she looked her best. With a man's strength of body, she possessed more than a man's power of mind and force of will.

A shrewd observer would have detected in those bright eyes, despite their thick lashes and loving glance, the genius that can command an army and found an empire; in that delicate, exquisitely chiseled face, the lines that tell of tameless pride and unbending resolution; in the full curves of that rosy mouth, in the clean-cut jaw and prominence of the beautifully molded chin, a cold recklessness that could harden on occasion to pitiless cruelty - stern, impracticable, immovable as fate.†" She built such an inuring reputation that queen Margaret of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway (1353-1412 A.D.) And Catherine II the Great of Russia (1729-1796) were both labeled as the Semiramis of the North.

The only complete significant documentation that I found intact about Semiramis is recorded in the historical writings of Diodorus Siculus (Library of History), a Greek historian about the same time as Julius Caesar. Although he is listed in the category of an elite expert on ancient history, many scholars have come to the conclusion that much of his writings, especially those of the narratives of Semiramis, are plagiarized and based on historical legends colored with elaborations of thought and disguised fantasies, and therefore cannot be recognized as existential tangible truth or fact. As the story unfolds, it begins with king Ninus (Greek: tentatively Ramman-Nirari) of Assyria, who builds a great city in honor of his name, and the city becomes Nineveh (Roman: Ninus) the capital of the Assyrian empire. He was a great warrior who subdued the greater parts of Asia, becoming the first great king, and conqueror of the ancient world of his time, and as Diodorus writes...there were none other before him...that of which he knew of. If this be true then some scholars would place him approximately about 2182 B.C., which would be in proximity to Nimrod of the Bible, ruler of the land of Shinar as outlined in Gen.10:10-11. The etymology of Nimrod is quite uncertain and the Bible does not go into further detail about him apart from these few lines written in Genesis, except that he was the founder of Nineveh along with a number of other well known ancient cities. The Hebrew historian Flavius Josephus, in the *Antiquities of the Jews*, depicts Nimrod as a tyrannical leader, demanding complete dominion and control over the people.

As Josephus writes: "He persuaded them not to ascribe it to God, as if it was through his means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. He gradually changed the government into tyranny - seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence upon his power." He likely rose to power by being a mighty protector over the land with his fearless gift of hunting and killing predatory wild animals that were a threat to human civilization, therefore receiving the title "mighty hunter before the Lord (Gen. 10:9). In post-biblical traditions, Nimrod, the inciter of "rebellion" who ruled Babel, was often identified as a giant, or *Nephilim* (Gen. 6:4), equivalent to the *Anakim* of Dueteronomy (Duet. 2:21-20;9:2). He was the chief instigator of the tower of Babel. This was a revolt which led to building a tower in the course of staging revenge against God, lest He flood the world again.

The tower was a symbol of worship and protection and became well known by many as the ziggurat of *Etemenanki*, in honor of the Babylonian supreme god Marduk; a dominant central point of worship that spread out to many other nations that were to come (thirty-four of these staged towers have now been located in twenty-seven ancient cities of the Middle East - the greatest of them all was the one at Babylon). If the name is originally Hebrew, which is highly improbable, then it would mean, "to rebel", and linked to the Akkadian *Amarutuk* he eventually evolved into the god "Marduk", which would then lead into the realm of ruler-worship.

However, it is probably Mesopotamian in origin and most frequently suggested as equivalent to the word *Ninurta*, though this is not without philological difficulty or opposition. *Ninurta*, read apparently *Nimurta* in dialectic Sumerian, is presumably a polemic distortion of the origin of the name Nimrod, the famous hunter of Hebrew mythology, which is incorporated in one of the oldest Hebrew documents. If the form *Ninurta* is accepted, and assumed, it would refer strictly to a mythic god, and point to the Babylonian deity, the war-god called "the Arrow, the mighty hero" whose cult assumed widespread importance in Mesopotamia during the late second millennium B.C. Nimrod would then border on the total concept of mythology. If it refers to a historical person, the Assyrian king Tukulti-Ninurta I (1246-1206 B.C.) could be an accurate choice, since he was the first Assyrian monarch to rule over Babylonia and have cultic centers in Babel, Caleh, and others known cities of this time.

According to Speiser (1924-1946), a leading authority on biblical lands, cultures and excavations of important Sumerian rites in Iraq, he notably felt Tukulti-Ninurta I served as a prototype for the composite Greek hero Ninus, associated with Nineveh, who became the character united with Semiramis of Diodorus Siculus' *Antiquities of Asia*; however, G.J. Whyfe-Melville in his book, *Sarchedon: A Legend of the Great Queen*, makes note that Ninus is an ancestral lineage of thirteen generation down from the historical Nimrod. There also followed an interval of subjugation to the Semitic-speaking Akkadians (2300-2150 B.C.), so named after the city of Akkad whose greatest rulers, Sargon and especially his grandson Naram-Sin, may have conceivably provided the model for Nimrod and Ashur in the Genesis story. However, if the Cushite origin of Nimrod listed from Genesis is maintained, the Egyptian monarch Amenophis III (1411-1375) would be suitable according to von Rad. In the history of Sumerian literature he could also be ranked as Etana, king of Kish (2800 B.C.) the "man who stabilized all the land" who also was resin to deity, or the hero Gilgamish from the Babylonian *Epic of Gilgamish*. Regardless of origin, Nimrod must have become a figure of legendary proportions in the ancient Near East culture whose stories were extremely fluid.

He was adopted by, and adapted to so many titles, that many phases of ancient cultures lived on even into medieval chronicles. He left such an influence that the prophet Micah calls Assyria the "land of Nimrod" (Mic. 5:6). The main draw back to this prodigy as the conquering hero of Assyria associated with Semiramis and the surrounding regions is the lack of notoriety given to a queen, or spouse who would assist her ruling husband

during these early conquests; for it is noted that all the conquering heroes of this ancient era were predominantly male-origin only. In fact, the dominant rule applying to leadership is, "No woman may reign over the sons of Ashur, we only owe allegiance to a king. It is our privilege and our law.††" There is definitely no mention of Semiramis in any Hebrew documents, or Biblical texts. It must stand to reason that the placement of Semiramis must surely come at a much later date...a time that would be more familiar to Diodorus since his lack of Assyrian history is possibly to obscure for him to have full knowledge of all the facts...And it must be understood that nearly all the ancient accounts of Assyria and the surrounding area do not refer to the earlier primitive cities and it's culture, but to the later capital and residence of King Nebuchadnezzar. Even Herodotus, another Greek writer, from his own personal observation describes this account in the first book of his history. Semiramis, by many opinions, is believed to be totally fictitious and never really did exist, however, there does remain a three-side standing wall between the ancient old and new palace where a detailed etching of a curious hunting-piece, in which Semiramis, on horseback is throwing her javelin at a leopard, while her husband, Ninus is piercing a lion. It is near this last palace that the famous Hanging Gardens were, and so commonly celebrated by both the Greeks and Italians. The legendary king Ninus, a name perhaps derived from the Assyrian *nunu*, meaning "fish", was the son of Belus, also known as Cronus (Belus, originated from the Babylonian *Bel*, which evolved into the Canaanite *Baal*, and later identified with the Greek god *Cronus*). Herodotus gives us another genealogy for king Ninus, which makes him a descendant of Heracles (Hercules) through his grandfather Alceus who was the son of Heracles and Omphale, but this would make Ninus several generations too young for the historical time span noted by other Greek writers. In any case, he was an impetuous ruler, the inventor of warfare, and the first to assemble huge armies to succeed in his conquest for power. He took as his ally Ariaeus king of Arabia, and with him conquered all Asia except for India. At the siege of Bactria, he ran against resistance, however with the aid of one of his viziers wife, he was able to subdue this region, and eventually marry this woman who later became the Great Queen.

This legend that has branched out into many other cultures, and which has found its ruling into different mythical disguises, now seems to be preserved under the Syrian version by Diodorus Siculus who drew largely from Ctesias of Cnide. He tells us that in Ascalon, a part of Syria, a certain goddess was said to live in the lake near the town. This goddess, Derceto, sometimes also known as Atargatis, had the upper portion of a woman but her lower parts were that of a fish (in other versions she was simply a beautiful priestess-maiden...total woman). It was told that Aphrodite (*Assyrian: Ashtaroth*), the goddess of love, who bore a grudge against her, made her fall violently in love with a young Syrian called Caystrus by whom she gave birth to a daughter. After the latter's birth, Derceto in her shame and guilt exposed her child, did away with the father and hid herself at the bottom of the lake. By an act of miracles, the doves found the infant and brought up the child, stealing the milk and, later, the cheese which she needed from nearby shepherds.

The shepherds finally discovered the little babe, who was of great beauty, hidden amongst the Acacia shrubs and brought her to their chief Simmas of the royal herds, who now took her as his own to raise. He gave her the name Semiramis, which means in Syrian, "the one who comes from the doves [Sumats]." As she grew to the age of a nubility, one of the king's advisors and general, Onnes, (other titles use Menon) was ordered to inspect the flock's when he noticed her surpassing beauty. Captivated by her splendor, innocence, and charm, he took her back with him to Nineveh and immediately married her. They had two children, supposedly twins..Hyapate and Hydaspe. They seemed very happy and Semiramis, being very clever, had given her husband such good advice that he succeeded in all his endeavors.

At about this same time King Ninus, who was ruler in Assyria, organized an expedition against neighboring Bactria. Knowing that this would not be an easy conquest he collected an army of considerable size. After an initial setback he managed to overwhelm the country by the sheer number of his troops and only the capital, Bactra, held out against him. Needing the aide of Onnes, he sent for him, however Onnes, missing his beloved wife asked her to join him. As she watched the battle and after careful study she made several remarks about the way in which the siege was being conducted. Noticing that the attack was being directed from the plain, while both attackers and defenders were ignoring the citadel, she ask to take charge of a group of mountain soldiers, have them scale the cliffs which defended the site and turn the flank of the enemy defenses. The besieged soldiers were terrified and solemnly did surrender. Ninus was magnificently engulfed with admiration for the courage and skill Semiramis displayed. From the first moment that Ninus perused on her winsome face and her astonishing beauty, he had found in her a charm his heart was powerless to resist and he was half subdued already to immediately resolve to have her as his wife and queen. He offered to give Onnes his own daughter Sosana in exchange for Semiramis but Onnes refused. Ninus then threatened to destroy Onnes by gouging his eyes out, whereupon in fear, despair and agony, he surrendered to his kings demand and unfortunately put an end to his life by hanging himself. Ninus then succeeded in marrying Semiramis without difficulty and they had a son they named Ninyas.

Ninus, a much older paramour and extremely subjugating would burn with an enormous jealous rage if ever another man by chance happen to gaze upon her presence, lest only a priestly eunuch - or see her face unveiled. "In Assyria all woman are beautiful; but by the side of the Great Queen the fairest of them show like pearls against a diamond. When she turns her eyes on you, it is like the golden luster of noonday; and her smile is brighter and more glorious than sunset in the desert - sweeter, softer, lovelier, than the evening breeze amongst the palms. To look on her face unveiled is to be the Great Queen's slave forever more!" ††† "I will have him flayed alive who gainsay it," was his direct order. "I have ceased to love most things now, from the roar of battle to the bubble of a wine-cup. But may I burn like a log of cedar in the fire of Belus when I cease to love my queen."†††† A reflection he muttered to his beautiful patrician at the time of his approaching death. It is not known what had happen to the children she had by Onnes, but it was for certain that she did succeed the throne as Queen.

Her reign endured approximately forty-two years, while others accounts assume that this dominion was equally shared of which only the last five years - after the death of king Ninus - Semiramis ruled alone as queen until her son Ninyas collaborated the scepter and took the throne from her. According to another account Semiramis may have become bitter and vengeful, tricked her husband by obtaining permission to rule over Asia for five days just to avail herself the opportunity to cast the king into a dungeon, or as is also related, to put him to death, and thus attain the sovereign power for herself. As G.J. Whyfe-Melville states in *Sarchedon: A legend of the Great Queen*, that she forever carried an amulet at her breast (the shape of a dove in the form of an arrow) given to her by Onnes, and perpetually cherished as to his memory. Others conclude that it was the Prince Ninyas she had imprisoned shortly after the Kings death for masquerading as the queen in public and causing social disorder and disgrace (for their resemblance were strikingly similar). Whatever the case, her fame threw into the shadows that of Ninus; and later ages loved to tell of her marvelous deeds and her heroic achievements.

She began her reign by building a splendid mausoleum in honor of Ninus at Nineveh itself on the Euphrates plain as outlined in the edition of Pyramus and Thisbe (Herodotus). She then went full force on a building campaign and decided to have a large, immaculate city built for herself not far from Nineveh. This was the new city Babylon. It was marked out on horseback on the river bank of the Euphrates, and according to Diodorus, Semiramis employed about two million workman she accumulated from all parts of her imperial realm to complete this task. The perimeter of the walls alone were 66 kilometers long and the width were so wide that 6 harnessed chariots could ride abreast along these walls. They were approximately 100 meters high, though some historians stated that their height was greatly exaggerated and were much less. The city was defended by 250 towers, and the Euphrates, which ran through the middle of the city, was crossed by a bridge 900 meters long that was lined with awesome quays for 30 kilometers.

At each end of the bridge was built a fortified castle, and the queen's residence. They were linked by a subterranean passage under the river, which was diverted in order to carry this out. It was in the citadel of the western castle that the queen had her famous hanging gardens built. However, according to the actual historical account this garden was built on the request of a much later queen of Persian origin, who asked her husband, the Chaldean ruler Nebuchadnezzar, for a representation of the "paradises," a duplication of the vast pleasure-gardens of her homeland in Persia. Diodorus tells us that they were created by superimposing square terraces one on top of the other, like the steps in an amphitheater. Each of these terraces rested on vaulted freestone galleries, covered with a thick layer of lead, on top of which was put rich soil. Inside these galleries, like a number of porticos opening onto a terrace, the royal apartments had been laid out. A system of hydraulic machines brought the water from the river to feed the gardens.

She later traveled further into the land of Asia and built a vast park opposite Mount Bagistan, a number of ornate fountains at Ecbatana, and a reputation that far surpassed any other female warrior for the period of this time. Semiramis was said to have been responsible for many ancient cities on the banks of the Euphrates and the Tigris rivers, and also for erecting many of the most unique and wonderful monuments and sites in all of Asia. Several of these major extraordinary works in the Middle East, were a bit extreme and astonishing for just one person, which became current in later ages; and the authors being unknown, were ascribed by popular tradition to credit these feats to this mysterious queen. Besides conquering Media, she subdued Egypt and a great part of Ethiopia, then quite weary she regressed home to Bactra, the site of her first exploit. While she was in Egypt she consulted an oracle of Ammon - exploring foreknowledge of her future. Instead, the oracle gave her the prediction about the time of her unusual departure. The oracle replied that she would come to her end when her son Ninyas would conspire against her and try to take her life.

When she returned back to Bactra she began making plans to invade India, and for several years she made elaborate preparations, only to become the most grievous mistake of her notorious but flamboyant reign. She raised a gigantic army and succeeded in crossing the Indus, but her troops were soon put to flight and herself suffered an injury that nearly cost her, her life. It was just too insidious of this strategy to match horse and chariots in battle with the size of ferocious, angry war-elephants. During the activity of battle she was severely wounded in one arm by an arrow, and a javelin that pierced through her back from the mighty king Stabrobates of India. She just scarcely managed to escape by crossing the Indus river, drawing her sword and destroying the bridge she had ordered to assemble, since her enemies would not dare pursue after her across the river.

It was not long after her recovery that her son Ninyas along with the eunuchs of the palace plotted against her. Ninyas had always been a troublesome burden for the queen, as in her confession she mentions that she had done so much for him, and received nothing in return. "I was a good mother to him, as any sun-burned peasant who brings her babe into the vineyard on her back; and will you believe, he cared more for a rough word or a rude jest from the Great King than for my fondest caress, my smile, my tears. When I have pleaded with him, even to his own advantage, he has turned his back on me, and laughed outright. He loved the meanest dancing-girl out of the market better than the mother to whom he owed his life, his beauty, his favor with the Great King."‡ As the legend follows, Semiramis reigned an approximate of 42 years then turned the sovereignty of her rule over to her son Ninyas and clandestinely disappeared (at the age of 62 years). Legends were told and flourished throughout the ages that she took flight towards heaven in the form of a dove from which the fabulous nature of this narrative is apparent. That Semiramis became affiliated with the Syrian goddess associated with the name of Astarte of Ascalon, Anaitis of Persia, or Astoreth of Canaan, which were handed down from the earlier renditions of the Semitic Ishtar of Babylon; originating from the earlier profile of the goddess Innana of Sumer - to whom the dove was sacred. Another story that began circulating in Armenia about the "Khaldis-gods" was the mysterious Saris, an abbreviated form of the old Babylonian Ishtar, for it is said that Saris masquerades as Semiramis in the early legends of Indo-Armenia.

Moses of Khorene tells us how the Armenian king Ara was wooed by the Assyrian queen Semiramis. Ara refused her offers and eventually Semiramis marched into Armenia at the head of an army to force him to accept her. A fierce battle was fought, in which Ara was slain, and the Assyrian queen flung herself on the corpse in an agony of grief calling upon the gods to restore his life. And the story went that the gods of Aralez did restore his life. This tale is very similar to the Sumerian Gilgamesh refusing Ishtar's affections in the Epic of Gilgamesh, or the slaying, death and resurrection of Tammuz and the intervention of Ishtar to rescue him from death in the Babylonian elegy. A story that originated out of the early fertility rites, and lamentation worship of Innana and Damuzi from the ancient Sumerian legend..

Although Semiramis may have similar characteristics to the ancient goddesses' of these earlier cults, it is a known fact that her legend should be placed separate, in reality, she is not a mythical goddess, since her story never mentions her ranked as an icon of worship. Semiramis was attired with such magnificence which enhanced her own unrivaled beauty that she seemed to front her splendor as more than just mere human, but at the same time her reputation was portrayed more as a powerful, Syrian semi-divine/human heroine...a female prototype of Hercules. Unlike Hercules (Greek:Heracles) and Ninus, both fictitious characters originating from the minds of Greek folklore...Semiramis, is the Greek name, originating from a real canonized queen "Sammu-ramat", who was the mother of the Assyrian king Adad-Nirari III (reigned 810-783 B.C.) and wife of Shamshi-Adad V (823-811B.C.) who was the son of Shalmaneser III (859-824 B.C.). Her stela (memorial stone shaft) has been found at Ashur, while an inscription at Calah (Nimrud) shows her to have been dominant there after the death of her husband, before the rule of her son. Her regency was assumed roughly between 810-805 B.C., in the minority of her son Adad-Nirari III.

This is proven by the inscription detailed in the Cambridge Ancient History, part 3, *The Assyrian Empire* which says: "In 818 B.C., Shamshi-Adad began a war with Marduk-Balatsu-Ikbi, king of Babylon, which lasted intermittently for eight years. It is possible that the cause of dispute was the territory of Gannanate, for the Assyrians followed the eastern bank of the Tigris to the neighborhood of this city, taking Me-Turnat, Di'bina, Date-ebir, and Isduya by assault. The inhabitants of the district took refuge in a fortress which withstood only a short siege. Shamshi-Adad fell upon Dur-Papsukal, an island city which was defended by Bau-Akh-Iddin. The capture of this city brought immense loot, but Marduk-Balatsu-Ikbi had gathered considerable forces to face the invader, and had been joined by contingents from Chaldaea, Elan and Namri, as well as by the Aramanean tribes on the east bank of the Tigris. A battle was fought beneath the walls of Dur-Papsukal, and resulted in the rout of the Babylonian forces with a loss of 5000 killed and 2000 prisoners. Of the campaigns conducted in 812 and 811 the notices in the Eponym Canon 'against Chaldaea' and 'against Babylon,' supply the only record, but it is to be presumed that Shamshi-Adad entered the enemy's capital in the latter year, for the 'Synchronous History' speaks of his offering sacrifices in Babylon, Cuthah and Borsippa.

The extension, then, of the Assyrian borders continued during the thirteen years of Shamshi-Adad's V reign, to the east and southeast; it is clear that Adad-Nirari III succeeded in 811 to an authority unimpaired by the civil strife which had marked the last years of Shalmaneser IV (783-774 B.C.). The government of Assyria from 811 to 808 was actually conducted by the queen-mother, Sammu-ramat. Inscription show that she occupied an exceptional position in ancient history. On a stele found in a corner of the wall of the city of Ashur, where stood two rows of slabs recording the names of monarchs and royal officials, her name is recorded as the wife of Shamshi-Adad V, the mother of Adad-Nirari III, the daughter-in-law of Shalmaneser III. In the ruins of the temple of Ninurta at Kalakh, two statues of the god Nabu (son of Babylonian god Marduk) were discovered in a mutilated condition; but the inscriptions on them show that they were dedicated by the city-governor, Bel-Tarsi-Iluma, with a petition for the preservation of the king Adad-Nirari, the queen Sammu-ramat, and himself, and a later inscription of Adad-Nirari shows that the first three years were not reckoned part of his reign. It is apparently within reason to believe that the name Sammu-ramat is the archetype of Semiramis the Greek

legend, and is in fact, the exaggerated accounts of the achievements of Semiramis and Ninus; there may be an echo of the times of the regency of Sammu-ramat and of the reign of her son.

There is also an annexation to this story, and to address further detail to these events the *Illustrated Dictionary & Concordance of the Bible; the Jerusalem Publishing house Ltd.* Gives us a fair definition of the histories of "Shalmaneser". It is the name of five kings who ruled Assyria, only two of whom seem to be connected with the Hebrew Old Testament. Shalmaneser I, son of Adad-Nirari II, ruled from 1274-1245 B.C. Shalmaneser II, was the successor to Tiglath-Pileser II, ruled 1031-1020 B.C. Shalmaneser III, son of Ashurnasirpal, ruled 859-824 B.C. He continued his father's expansionist policies, extending Assyria's frontiers from Urartu to Persia, from Media to the Mediterranean coast including Asia Minor. He invaded Babylon and secured her complete subjection. He consolidated Assyrian domination over his conquests by establishing a sophisticated imperial structure, vassals, annual tribute, autonomy, trade relations and alliances and military campaigns, thus laying the foundations for the neo-Assyrian empire. He was the first Assyrian king to come into contact with the kings of Israel, in 853 B.C. he fought at Karkar on the Orontes River against a formidable anti-Assyrian coalition of 12 kings headed by Ben-Hadad of Aram-Damascus. While the Bible does not mention this incident, his "Monolith Inscription" testifies to the prominence of Ahab, the king of Israel, who fielded the largest armored force of chariots - 2000, as well as 10,000 foot soldiers. Although Shalmaneser claims a great victory, the fact that he avoided Syria for several years afterwards, suggests that his victory was indecisive.

The "Black Obelisk" found in Nimrud records his military achievements against the western kings, and depicts the payment of tribute by Jehu, king of Israel, humbly prostrating himself before him - an incident also passed over in silence in the Bible. Despite his boasts as "the mighty king, ruler of the universe", he died amid revolts which broke out throughout the empire, with which his brother and successor had to contend. In this account the "brother" would have to be Shamshi-Adad V, husband of Sammu-ramat, mother of Adad-Nirari III.

Shalmaneser IV, the son of Adad-Nirari III, ruled 783-774 B.C. then Shalmaneser V, successor of Tiglath-Pileser III, ruled 727-722 B.C.; he laid siege for three years against Samaria when Hoshea, king of Israel, backed by Egypt, rebelled against Assyria. At the end of the siege, Samaria capitulated and Hoshea was taken prisoner (2 Kgs. 17:1-6; 18:9-10). Apparently Shalmaneser V died or was murdered during the siege and his successor Sargon completed the conquest of the city.

If there were any famous journeys or exploits of queen Sammu-ramat during her short reign, it would seem possible that historians and scholars would amplify her reputation more than what we know about her at this day and age. As to this fact, there is not a shred of evidence as to her influential power, nor the extent of her legacy that anyone, including Diodorus, could bring to light as factual; let alone create an antiquity solid enough to expand upon the audacious narrative of this episode of Semiramis. And if his writings of Semiramis are examined very closely, it would seem that they match the conquering adventures of Alexander the Great and King Nebuchadnezzar, combined with the exploits of Shalmaneser III, Shamshi-Adad V and his wife, which in turn intertwine with the many mysteries of the ancient fertility deities; and implementing the excitement and flamboyancy of Greek rhetoric composition to form this Assyrian female counterpart. All this in order to give the reader the intense drama of mystery, animation and glamor, for it is a conclusive contingency that Sammu-ramat could have had a likeness to the qualities of beauty, wit and charm in order to expound this Greek legend into this effect. It is a puzzling question that an ancient historian of stature and qualifications like Diodorus, would write a document that is built around a rather fictitious and frugal character with very little, or in that matter, of any authentic exploitable structure, unless there was something lost in the fragmentation of Diodorus' writings that we at present are not familiar with.

Is it possible that he was at the advent of creating a document, or rather a novel with all the mortal characteristics that combine all the attributes of composite human nature; that of beauty, innocence, romance, desire, and love, along with alluring power, lust, manipulation, seduction, greed, betrayal, and eventually a moral twist that leads to an adherent saddening end? In any case Semiramis, the most beautiful chastely maiden that arose to become the all powerful, nobelist monarch in the mysterious Land of Shinar is quite a compelling, courageous saga that should be enjoyed by many. So how do we end this précis? In our imaginative minds, Semiramis can be elevated as the perfect dream of beauty and admiration, to an icon of ascendancy for trepidation and scorn. So how do we end this précis? By just the beautiful name "Semiramis" alone, for it seems to have a sense of irresistibility that carries with it the impaction of cryptic appearance, disguised in beauty and desire, that unquestionably leads to the consequential repercussion into devastation for tampering with forbidden fruit.... There are women whom it is very dangerous to love, as in Eden there stood a tree that it was death to taste. But the forbidden fruit was gathered nevertheless; and these beauties seem to allure more than their share of victims, to win more than their natural meed of triumph."††....End

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When Noah and his family left the ark after the flood, they settled first at the northern foot of Ararat, in the Georgia Republic of the former Soviet Union. From here, the eight survivors of the flood spread out into the surrounding districts of northern Iran, Syria, and eastern Turkey. Several hundred years later, the families of Noah's descendants began to scatter a bit more widely due to increasing population, rivalry, and enmity between the families of Japheth, Shem, and Ham. Soon, the entire "fertile crescent", as well as the Nile valley, the Anatolian and Iranian plateaus, Arabia, and Ethiopia was sparsely settled--but with a decided majority of Noah's descendants living in the lower regions of Mesopotamia, specifically Sumer and Akkad. Archeology has confirmed that the first inhabitants of these areas were homogeneous in both race and culture. Furthermore, the sciences of animal husbandry, metallurgy, agriculture, and "citification" probably spread throughout the earth from this region.

The first cities built after the flood rose in Mesopotamia. The first of these was named after its leader, Enoch (also known as Erech and Uruk depending upon the linguistic translation). In all, seven major cities were built near the head of the Persian Gulf, leading to the name "Land of the Seven Cities" commonly found in the early mythology. The Bible indicates that the seven cities were conquered by Nimrod who established the world's first, post-deluge empire. As emperor, he ruled Babel, Erech, Akkad, and Calneh in Sumeria, and Rehoboth, Calah, and Resen in Assyria. Genesis 10 describes him as a "mighty hunter before the LORD."

Promptly after establishing his empire, Nimrod unified the people in numerous construction projects, the most prominent of which was the construction of the Tower of Babel. Babylonian architecture indicates that this tower probably took the form of a ziggurat, a specialized step pyramid with astrological symbols along its sides and a temple at the top. Although this is a commonly accepted belief, the Book of Genesis only provides the following description:

"Now the whole earth had one language and few words. And as men migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, 'Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; and nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.' So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.' Therefore its name was 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." (Genesis 10:6-11:9)

Herodotus, in his histories, briefly described the tower's ruins but was more concerned with their impressive size rather than their actual composition. The site's location of Babel adds a new aspect to Nimrod's ambitions. The name "Babel" is actually composed of two words, "bab" meaning "gate" and "el," "god." Hence, "the gate of god." Therefore, Nimrod's attempt to make a "name for himself" has sometimes been interpreted (via translations of the probable Babylonian script) as "vehicle for himself", meaning that Nimrod wanted a vehicle that could reach to the heavens.

Whatever the purpose, Genesis is clear in its account that God took offense to the project and halted the work by confusing the worker's language so they could no longer cooperate easily with one another, nor inhabit the same region. Thus, he drove the inhabitants from the cities. Archeology proves that this scattering could not have been more than temporary since Assyria and Babylon continued to build impressive structures throughout the ages and remained mighty empires with strong, central governments.

An early Babylonian legend tells of a conquering people who came up out of the Persian Gulf and established an empire from these cities. This seems to fit well with what we know of the movements of Nimrod in his early career. A similar legend was noticeably altered by Hebrew scribes who slanted it with a distinctive anti-Babylonian flavor, but it does give some insight into what Nimrod's career might have been like, and shows the man as more than just a conqueror. A summary of the legend is as follows:

Nimrod was a native of Ethiopia who was widely traveled among the few populated areas of those days. When he set out to build himself an army of conquest, he recruited from his "cousins" the descendants of Sheba and Dedan who had come up through Arabia to settle on the Asian mainland at the Strait of Hormuz and on the Indus river in what is now Afghanistan. Presumably, these people were the Dravidians who were driven southward into India by the later Aryan invasion. After raising his army, Nimrod ferried them up the gulf in a naval armada and conquered his empire somewhere between 4000 to 3500 BCE.

In the midst of the tumult of war, Nimrod met his wife Semiramis. Legends tell that she was an innkeeper in the city of Erech, although Hebrew tradition changed her role to that of a brothel mistress. She was a descendant of Ham who was a descendant of Cain who built the first Erech in honor of his son. The name Semiramis is a later, Hellenized form of the Sumerian name "Sammur-amat", or "gift of the sea." The initial element "sammur" when translated into Hebrew becomes "Shinar" (the biblical name for lower Mesopotamia), the origin of the name "Sumeria". Thus, if the tales are true, it is likely that Nimrod named his new empire, "the Land of Shinar", to honor his wife. Later Babylonian tales changed her origins to claim that she sprung from the sea at Nimrod's landing and was thus proven a suitable bride for the emperor.

Although Nimrod was a brilliant strategist, he was ill prepared to handle Semiramis later in life. The queen bore an illegitimate son, an act that formed a severe rift between her and the king. Nimrod threatened his wife with both dethronement and Semiramis devised a plot to overthrow him.

During the course of the New Year's festivities at which the advent of Nimrod's rule was celebrated, a royal feast was held. This was attended exclusively by the royal family and the upper echelons of the priesthood. During this feast, a year-old ram was traditionally sacrificed by being torn limb-from-limb while still alive, and its flesh eaten raw. The ram symbolized the old year passing into the heavens to allow room for the new year. A new-born lamb was then presented which, symbolizing the new year, would be kept and fattened for the next year's ceremonies. Semiramis directed the ritual according to the formula, with the exception that when the time came for the ram to be slaughtered, it was the king who was torn to pieces at the hands of the drug-crazed priesthood and Semiramis' bastard son, Damu, was installed as king. Thus Nimrod, the mighty hunter, died a horrible death.

Semiramis raised her son as a divine being supported by the priesthood. He was greatly disliked by the populace and required personal bodyguards at all times. When he reached maturity, he demanded that his mother release the throne and install him as king. When she refused, Damu slew her with his own sword.

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THE TOWER OF BABEL AND THE CONFUSION OF LANGUAGES

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(Notes and Draft only)

"The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan. The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. Cush became the father of Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, 'Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD.' The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, and Accad, all of them in the land of Shinar. From that land he went into Assyria, and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city..."

"Now the whole earth had one language and few words. And as men migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, 'Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; and nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.' So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.' Therefore its name was 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." (Genesis 10:6-11:9)

"Babel" is composed of two words, "bab" meaning "gate" and "el," "god." Hence, "the gate of god." A related word in Hebrew, "balal" means "confusion."

RAY C. STEDMAN ON THE TOWER OF BABEL

The appearance of the first city [after the flood, built by Nimrod] goes back in the story of Cain and Abel, when Cain went out and built a city. It illustrated the hunger of humanity to huddle together for companionship, even though they were not really ready to do it (as they still, obviously, are not ready to live together successfully in cities). God's final intention is to build a city for man. Abraham looked for "a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God." But man was not yet ready for that. Now here they are, again ready to build a city to satisfy the desires of body and soul. There is nothing that does this better than for human beings to live together in cities. Cities are centers of commercial and business life where all the needs of the body can best be met. Also, cities are centers of pleasure and culture, where all the hungers of the soul can be satisfied: hunger for beauty, art, and music and all the ingredients of culture.

The tower, on the other hand, is designed to satisfy the spirit of man. Here we see, reflected in these two things, a fundamental understanding of the nature of man as body, soul, and spirit. All are to be satisfied in these two elementary needs, the city and the tower. A number of years ago, digging in the plains of Shinar, archaeologists discovered the remains of certain great towers that these early Babylonians had built. Some archaeologists have felt that they may even have found the foundation of this original tower of Babel. That is very hard to determine. But they did find that the Babylonians built great towers called ziggurats, which were built in a circular fashion with an ascending staircase that terminates in a shrine at the top, around which are written the signs of the zodiac. Obviously, the tower was a religious building, intending to expose man to the mystery of the heavens and the greatness of God. That, perhaps, is what is meant here by the statement that they intended to build a tower with its top in the heavens. They were impressed by its greatness architecturally, that is, it was a colossal thing for the men of that day to build and they may have thus thought of it as reaching into heaven. But they also unquestionably were thinking of it as a means of communication with God, of maintaining contact with him. God is not to be left out, you see, in the city of man. He is there, represented by this tower.

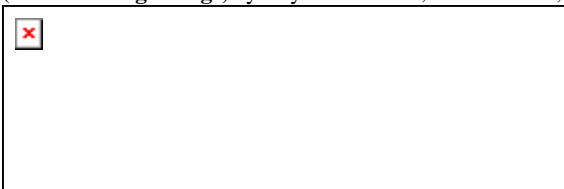
However, the heart of the matter is made clear in these words, "let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." Already a haunting fear had set in. They were conscious already of a disruptive influence in their midst, of a centrifugal force that was pushing them apart so they could not live too closely together and which would ultimately, they feared, scatter them abroad and leave them unknown, unhonored, and unsung, living in isolated communities where they would be exposed to great danger. The fear of this caused them to build a tower and a city. The ultimate motive is expressed in these words, "let us make a name for ourselves."

From that day on this has been the motto of humanity, "let us make a name for ourselves." I am always amused to see how many public edifices made a plaque somewhere on which the names of all the public officials who were in power when it was built are inscribed: the mayor, the head of public works, etc. "Let us make a name for ourselves," is a fundamental urge of a fallen race. It reveals one of the basic philosophies of humanism: "Glory to man in the highest, for man is the master of things." That is the central thought of humanism, glory to mankind.

The fact that this was a religious tower-and yet built to make a name for man-reveals the master motive behind religion. It is a means by which man attempts to share the glory of God. We must understand this, otherwise we will never understand the power of religion as it has pervaded the earth and permeated our culture ever since. It is a way by which man seeks to share what is rightfully God's alone. This tower was a grandiose structure, and undoubtedly it was intended to be a means by which man would glorify God. Unquestionably there was a plaque somewhere attached to it that carried the pious words, "Erected in the year ____, to the greater glory of God." But it was not really for the glory of God; it was a way of controlling God, a way of channeling God by using him for man's glory. That is what man's religion has always sought to do. It is a way of making God available to us.

Man does not really want to eliminate God. It is only sporadically and then only for a relatively brief time, that men cry out for the elimination of God. Atheism is too barren, too pessimistic and too morally bankrupt to live with very long. The communists are finding this out. No, we need "dear old God," but let's keep him under control. Do not let him get out of his place. "Don't call us, God; we'll call you." This is the fundamental philosophy of society. It is the tower of Babel all over again.

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RAY STEDMAN COMMENTS ON NIMROD THE SON OF CUSH SON OF HAM

The four sons of Ham are relatively easy to trace in history. Cush is associated with the peoples of Southern Arabia and Ethiopia. Ethiopians still trace their ancestry back to Cush. Egypt (or Mizraim, in Hebrew-an ancient name for Egypt) became the father of the Egyptian Empire, settling in the Nile Valley. Put is associated with Lydia, on the west of Egypt in North Africa. Canaan centered largely in and around Palestine, though the Canaanites later became much more widespread.

The account zooms in on an individual named Nimrod, who is called a great hunter. He is a rather mysterious figure of great importance in ancient history. He is the founder of both Babylon and Nineveh, the two great cities of antiquity which became, ultimately, enemies of Israel. The prominent thing that is said about him here is that he was a mighty man, a mighty hunter before the Lord. Now, it was the work of kings in those ancient days to be hunters. This was a time when civilization was sparse and wild animals were a constant threat to the people. Kings, having nothing much else to do, organized hunting parties and acted as the protectors of their people by killing wild animals. Nimrod evidently gained a great reputation as such a hunter, but he was more than a hunter of wild animals. The Jewish Talmud helps us here, for it says that he was "a hunter of the souls of men." By the founding of Babylon and Nineveh we have a hint given of the nature of this man. We are told here that he was "the first mighty man on earth," i.e., after the flood. That phrase, "mighty man," takes us back to Genesis 6 where, in that strange story of the invasion of the "sons of God" into the human race, there resulted a race of giants called Nephilim.

We are told that "these were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown." This demonic invasion of the race, with sexual overtones, brought into being a race of giants that were morally degraded. These also appear later on in the Canaanite tribes. We have found this suggestive line of thought running through the Scriptural account up to this point. Nimrod apparently was one of these "mighty men," and therefore introduced a perverted, degraded form of religion into the world. It began at Babylon, spread to Nineveh, and can be traced in history as it subsequently spread throughout the whole of the earth. Thus, in this man Nimrod, we have the seed of idolatry and false religion coming in again after the flood.

If you drop the first consonant of Nimrod's name and take the others M, R, D you will have the basic root of the god of Babylon, whose name was Marduk, and whom most scholars identify with Nimrod. In the Babylonian religion, Nimrod (or Marduk) held a unique place. His wife was Semiramis. (In Cairo, Egypt, the Semiramis Hotel is named after this woman.) Marduk and Semiramis were the ancient god and goddess of Babylon. They had a son whom Semiramis claimed was virgin-born, and they founded the mother and child cult. This was the central character of the religion of ancient Babylon, the worship of a mother and child, supposedly virgin-born. You can see in this a clever attempt on the part of Satan to anticipate the genuine virgin birth and thus to cast disrepute upon the story when the Lord Jesus would later be born into history.

This ancient Babylonian cult of the mother and child spread to other parts of the earth. You will find it in the Egyptian religion as Isis and Osiris. In Greece it is Venus and Adonis, and in the Hindu religion it is Ushas and Vishnu. The same cult prevails in various other localities. It appears in the Old Testament in Jeremiah where the Israelites are warned against offering sacrifices to "the Queen of Heaven." This Queen of Heaven is Semiramis, the wife of Nimrod, the original mother of the Mother and Child cult. The cult has also crept into Christianity and forms the basis for the Mariolatry that has prevailed in the Roman Catholic Church, where the Mother and Child are worshiped as joint redeemers. Alexander Hislop, an authoritative writer in this field, has written a book called "The Two Babylons," which should be of great interest if you desire to pursue this further. This idolatrous religion culminates at last in the Bible in the book of Revelation. There, a "great harlot" appears, whose name is "Mystery Babylon the Great," the originator of all the harlotries and false religions of earth. The essence of Babylonianism, as we understand from Scripture, is the attempt to gain earthly honor by means of religious authority. That is Babylonianism, and it has pervaded Christian churches, Hindu temples, Buddhist shrines, and Mohammedan mosques. Everywhere it is the element that marks falseness in religion-the attempt to gain earthly power and prestige by means of religious authority. That is what Nimrod began and what God will ultimately destroy, as we read in the book of Revelation.



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Noah's Three Sons: Chapter 2

Genesis 9:24-27: History in Cameo

And Noah woke from his wine, and learned what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, Cursed be Canaan: a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

THIS PROPHEMIC statement is the climax of an incident which really begins in verse 20. Noah cultivated grapes for the first time since the Flood and drank himself into a drunken stupor. In this condition he exposed his nakedness as he slept and was seen by Ham as he lay uncovered. The young man for some reason omitted to cover his father's nakedness as he should have done, but went and reported it to his two brothers, Shem and Japheth. The latter, discreetly averting their gaze, respectfully covered the old man's nakedness. When Noah awoke, he soon found out what had taken place, and undoubtedly under inspiration - yet inspiration which did not ignore Noah's own attitudes - pronounced judgment upon the offender and blessing upon the others.

The Curse on Ham's Son

It has always been a matter of controversy as to why Canaan rather than Ham should have been cursed. Canaan was Ham's son, and was therefore grandson to Noah. Some people have supposed that the name Canaan was substituted for Ham by Jewish scribes who had particularly strong feelings against this branch of Ham's family. Evidence for this is believed to be provided by some manuscripts of the Septuagint and the Arabic versions, which have the words "Ham, the father of Canaan" instead of the word "Canaan" alone.

There is another explanation which seems to me more probable and which, if it is true, means that Noah really was cursing Ham. It is a common social custom among many primitive people to attribute the greatness of a son to the father, who then receives the honour for having raised such a worthy child. This is clearly reflected in Scripture where Saul seeks to honour David after the slaying of Goliath. He asks his general whose son the lad is (1 Sam. 17:55). This has always seemed to mean that he did not recognize David, which would seem strange in view of David's close associations with him. Undoubtedly Saul knew David well enough, but evidently did not know who his father was. And it was the father he was seeking to honour according to social custom.

A man, in blessing his own son, was in fact blessing himself. This was true when Noah blessed Shem and Japheth. By the same token, however, if he had cursed Ham, the real offender, he would at the same time have been cursing himself. Quite logically, he could only pass judgment upon Ham by cursing Ham's own son, which is what he therefore did.

Nevertheless, the curse which he pronounced for what seems really so mild an offense, was not perhaps as severe as we have made it out to be. It may be less honourable to be a servant than to be a master, though the Lord Jesus suggested that the opposite may really be the case. Yet it is true that the servant is not above his master, and in this sense may find himself in a less desirable position. In the case of Ham and his descendants, history shows that they have rendered an extraordinary service to mankind from the point of view of the physical developments of civilization. All the earliest civilizations of note were founded by Hamitic people. There is scarcely a *basic* technological invention which must not be attributed to them. As we shall show later, neither Shem nor Japheth made any significant contribution to the fundamental technology of civilization, in spite of appearances to the contrary. This is a bold statement but it is not made in ignorance of the facts.

The phrase "servant of servants" does not normally (if ever) mean basest of servants but servant *par excellence*. The form of the phrase is common in Hebrew literature and always means that which is highest: Lord of Lords, Song of Songs, Holy of Holies, and so forth. I think the judgment was not so much that they were to render such outstanding service to their brethren, but rather that they were to profit so little by it themselves. Japheth has been enlarged and most of this enlargement has been not only at the expense of Ham but because of a technical superiority which has resulted directly from building upon the basic foundation provided by the latter. There is historically little or no indication that Japheth would have achieved the technological superiority which he has if he had been left to his own devices.

The Blessing of Shem

The blessing of Shem was tied in a peculiar way to a covenant relationship with God, as indicated by the use of the extended term "LORD God," which is a covenant title. However, by inspiration, Noah was able to foretell that this covenant relationship would in some way be interrupted, and that Japheth would one day assume the responsibility which had been divinely appointed to Shem, adding this responsibility to one already apportioned.

The Enlargement of Japheth

Thus it has come about that the pioneering task of opening up the world, subduing it, and rendering it habitable, was first undertaken by the descendants of Ham. This seems to have been done under divine pressure (15) for in a remarkably short time the children of Ham had established beachheads of settlement in every part of the world.

Centuries later, spreading at a more leisurely rate, Japheth settled slowly into the areas already opened up by Ham, in almost every case adopting the solutions suited to local survival which the predecessors had already worked out. Yet, in all cases, Japheth took with him a certain philosophizing tendency which acted to modify the somewhat materialistic culture which he was inheriting. In a few situations, as in the Indus Valley, Japheth almost obliterated the high civilization which Ham had established.

In the providence of God the Semitic people, represented in Israel, remained at the centre until their spiritual education had reached a certain point. They were then scattered among the nations and carried with them their pure monotheistic faith. But when they should have received their King, they failed to recognize Him, and so their particular Kingdom was taken from them and the responsibility of its administration given to Japheth instead. The enlargement of Japheth has continued to this day, an enlargement greatly accelerated geographically in the last few centuries - frequently at the expense of the Hamites who first possessed the land. To a great extent this power of expansion at the expense of others has resulted from a far superior technology. However, this was not the consequence of any superior inventive genius on Japheth's part. It is rather that Japhethites have looked upon man's relationship to Nature as a "Me-it" relationship rather than an "I-Thou" relationship. This has permitted - indeed encouraged - experimentation and exploitation in a way that never seems to have occurred to the Hamites. It has brought an unbelievable enlargement of man's power and control over the forces of Nature.

This "enlargement" has also brought its own undesirable consequences. Perhaps this is because the spiritual responsibility taken over from Shem has never been completely undertaken by Japheth who received the commission. If Shem should be restored once more to the spiritual leadership of the nations, it may be that the service rendered by the family of Ham and its extension by Japheth will usher in a golden age of unbelievable promise. This is all gross oversimplification, but it presents the picture in readily conceivable form. Our task now is to provide sufficient detail to demonstrate that this view of history does have some concordance with the facts.

A Note to the Reader

There may very well be differences between races, some being gifted in one way and some in another. Whether such national characters are the result of cultural conditioning or are genetically determined is not at present clear. But differences there do seem to be and I, for one, believe that, however this has come about, it has been by God's providential oversight of history and to serve His own purposes.

The really important thing is that we must never make the mistake of identifying differences with superiorities. To my mind, a great injury is done to the study of Scripture when the fear of being accused of promoting superiorities, merely because one is attempting to assess differences, has the effect of denying one the right even to explore the possibility that differences might exist as part of the economy of God. The question is not one of levels of worth but of uniqueness of contribution, each race making a contribution of immeasurable benefit both to itself and to mankind as a whole. If this paper encourages the belief that differences exist, it is NOT intended to encourage the belief that any one race is superior or inferior.

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Why Noah Cursed Canaan

FOREWORD

This is a very short Paper. Yet there are some points of importance that should be considered.

It shows how necessary it sometimes is to be able to escape one's own culture and enter into the spirit of another culture that is structured differently, in order to see the real motives which lie behind even our own judgments at times.

Also, it shows that the great figures of old, heroic though they may seem to have been, were very ordinary mortals really! This assumes, of course, that our interpretation is correct

Another lesson is that each correction of some fundamental untruth is itself in time distorted until it too becomes untrue.

And finally, this paper demonstrates how wonderfully Scripture holds together with an inner concordance that still renders it its own best interpreter.

And Noah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; **a servant of servants** shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shem: **and Canaan shall be his servant**. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; **and Canaan shall be his servant**.

WHY NOAH CURSED CANAAN

THE STORY appears in Genesis 9:20-27. Noah, apparently, cultivated a vineyard and, whether intentionally or accidentally, ended up with an intoxicating drink. Like many others in this condition, he had removed his clothes because of the sensation of overheating which results from the dilation of the veins at the surface of the skin. Drunkenness and nakedness have been closely associated throughout history. In a drunken stupor the old man lay indecently exposed and his son Ham "saw his nakedness" (verse 22).

Some people believe that this phrase means more than appears on the surface and that, on the basis of Leviticus chapters 18 and 19, the implication is that homosexuality was involved. On the other hand, Ham's immediate behaviour seems to tell against this, for he would hardly proceed to tell his two brothers (verse 22) if he had committed such a terrible offense against his father. Moreover, the behaviour of Shem and Japheth, in taking a garment and carefully covering the nakedness of their father with their faces averted so that "they saw not their father's nakedness" (verse 23), suggests that in both instances the words mean simply what they say.

Later on, Noah awoke and somehow found out what his younger son had done. Like many others who have lost their own self-esteem and are angry at themselves, Noah became enraged against his son. But he did not curse him; he cursed his grandson, according to verse 25. And herein seems to tell the injustice, and the widespread conviction that the text is in error. Shem and Japheth are blessed, Ham is ignored and a grandson, Canaan, who surely had no responsible part in Ham's misbehaviour, suffers the full brunt of his grandfather's anger. (45)

Who is to be blamed?

Several explanations have been offered as to why, when Noah had thus been wronged by Ham, he pronounced a curse upon Canaan instead. I should like to suggest a reason which seems to have been overlooked.

In Exodus 20:5, God declared that he would "visit the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations." There is nothing arbitrary, barbaric, or even surprising about this. The sins of the fathers *are* reflected in the behaviour of their children, and these children, in their turn, pay the penalty. What is surprising, however, is that people will distort the truth and make it a falsehood of the most malicious kind. It soon comes to mean that a child is not to be blamed for his sins - his environment and his heredity being held chiefly responsible. We say easily enough, "It is our fathers who are to be blamed, the generation which educated us. We are simply the children of our own age." Thus, even today, a more sympathetic view is being taken of Adolph Hitler and some would even picture him as a child who was wronged and might otherwise have been a great hero. In any case he is not to be blamed for what he did.

Curiously enough, this inverted process of reasoning is exactly what the Israelites applied to Exodus 20:5. By the time of Jeremiah they were saying, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are on edge" (Jeremiah 31:29). In other words, it was not the children's misdoings which had brought all these misfortunes upon them. It was all their fathers' fault! But the Lord said, in effect, to Jeremiah, "You must correct this; it is quite wrong. Tell them that 'every one shall die for his own sin; every man that eateth sour grapes, his *own* teeth shall be set on edge'" (Jeremiah 31:30). It might be thought that this would have settled the matter and straightened things out once for all. But, in the course of time, the truth was again distorted in another way and people came to interpret this to mean that any misfortune which overtook a man was due to his own sinfulness. Not unnaturally, this had the effect of destroying all sympathy, for a man who was in trouble or sickness was simply receiving his just desserts. It served him right.

This is what created the peculiar problem for the disciples when they were brought face to face with a man born blind in John 9:1ff. It seems doubtful if it was sympathy that made them question the Lord about his case, but rather a kind of theological curiosity. Here was a man who had suffered a great misfortune: he had been born blind. But since he was *born blind*, it seemed impossible to attribute the fault to the man himself. On the other hand, Jeremiah had made it clear that Exodus 20:5 did not mean that it was his parents' fault. So they asked, "Who did sin, this man or his parents?" Their question reflected their attitude towards suffering. The Lord, however, while not denying the truth of the implications in their question, nevertheless pointed out that in this instance the blind man was a privileged person who was providentially permitted to show forth the glory of God. So there are at least three reasons why people suffer: (1) because of wickedness of their parents, (2) because of their own sin, or (3) simply for the glory of God.

Other Cultures Other Ways

Now, in cultures other than our own, and for reasons which are not always clear, it is customary to attach the blame for a man's failings upon his parents. But by the same token, it is also customary to give *them* the credit for his successes. This principle is recognized by most of us, in fact, but usually without explicit formulation. In these other cultures, both ancient and modern, the principle has been publicly recognized.

It is an attitude which is quite remarkably reflected in Scripture. Perhaps the clearest illustration is to be found in the story of Saul and David (1 Samuel 17:50-58). In this instance David had performed a deed of great national importance by destroying Goliath. David himself was no stranger to Saul for he had on many occasions played his harp to quiet the king's distracted spirit. Yet we find that when Saul saw David go forth against Goliath

(verse 55) he said to Abner, the captain of his armies, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And although Abner must certainly have known David by name, he replied, "As thy soul liveth, O King, I cannot tell."

This has always seemed a strange remark for the king to have made to his commanding officer. But the explanation lies in a proper understanding of the *social* significance of verse 58. "And Saul said unto him, Whose son art thou, young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse, the Bethlehemite." This is simply an occasion upon which, following the social custom of his own day, Saul sought to give credit where credit was due, namely, to the father. Because David was Jesse's son, Jesse was to receive the recognition.

Another illustration will be found in 1 Kings 11:9-12:

And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel which had appeared unto him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done by thee and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee and will give it to thy servant.

Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

This is a beautiful example because it is so specific in statement. Solomon was to be punished: but he could not be punished personally without bringing discredit on David his father, and thus the Lord was unwilling to do. The only way in which Solomon could be punished appropriately, without injuring David's name, was therefore to punish Solomon's son.

In the New Testament we find another instance. It is quite obvious that while a man can publicly seek to give credit to the father of a worthy son, a woman could not discreetly make reference to the father in complimentary terms for fear of being misunderstood. She therefore refers instead to the son's mother who rightly shares in the worthiness of her children. This fact is reflected clearly in Luke 11:27, where we read of a woman who, suddenly perceiving the true greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ, cried out in spontaneous admiration, "Blessed is the womb that bare thee and the breasts which Thou has sucked."

When we apply this principle to the story given in Genesis 9:20-27, the significance of the cursing of Canaan rather than Ham at once becomes clear. But because the principle has not been applied by commentators, the apparent injustice of Noah has puzzled people, at least since the beginning of the Christian era when commentators began to take notice of it. It appears that Jewish rabbis had access to a copy of the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament, made in the third century B.C. by the Jews in Alexandria and which appears to form the basis of a number of quotations in the New Testament from the Old Testament) in which the name *Canaan* was replaced by the name *Ham*. It is proposed by some authorities that this was the original reading and that the text was tampered with by Hebrew scribes who wished to add to the degradation of the Canaanites by showing that they were the subjects of a divine curse.

However, it is quite possible to explain the text exactly as it is, as a reflection of the social custom which we have been considering.

A Genetic Factor?

But there may have been a reason for Ham's behaviour, other than mere disrespectfulness.

Without becoming involved in the technicalities of genetics, it is possible that Ham may himself have been a mulatto. In fact, his name means "dark" and perhaps refers to the colour of his skin. This condition may have been derived through his mother, Noah's wife, and if we suppose that Ham had himself married a mulatto woman, it is possible to account for the preservation of the Negroid stock over the disaster of the Flood. It seems most likely that Ham had seen the darkness of his mother's body, for example, when being nursed. But he may never have seen the whiteness of his *father's* body.

When Charles Darwin visited the Tierra del Fuegians during the Voyage of the Beagle, he remarks how interested the natives were in the colour of his skin. Naturally his face and his hands were bronzed by the exposure to the weather after the long voyage, but when he rolled up a sleeve and bared his arm, to use his own words, "they expressed the liveliest surprise and admiration at its whiteness."

The same may have been true in the case of Ham and his father. His own body and that of Noah's wife being quite dark, he may have gone away reflecting upon the difference and forgetting his filial duty. In fact, this could conceivably be the reason he went to tell his brothers, for he may have supposed that they would be as surprised at this discovery as he was himself. If this is the case, it may be argued that this was a small offense to receive such a pronounced judgment.

The Curse

But it is not at all certain that the form of the curse was as severe as it appears to be. That his posterity were to be servants, yes; but the Hebrew can just as readily be translated "servants par excellence." This actually is more likely, for we have in Hebrew plenty of instances of the superlatively excellent expressed in this manner, involving the reduplication of the key word as "Holy of Holies," "Lord of Lords," etc. But where we find in Hebrew a comparable phrase in which the author is referring to that which is superlatively based (as in Daniel 4:17), the Hebrew uses an entirely different form of construction. In other words, wherever Hebrew employs a reduplication of a word, the concept intended is one of "excellence," much as in English we may say "very, very good." But while we may also say "very, very bad," the Hebrew evidently does not adopt this, but depends upon another form of construction. In short, what we are saying is that the phrase *servant of servants* may have meant that his descendants would perform a great service to their brethren. The judgment, in so far as it was a judgment, lies in the fact that they rendered this service to others and benefited little themselves. However, the point is not essential to this essay, and in any case, it is the subject of two extended studies appearing as other Doorway Papers.

What is important to note is that Noah could not pronounce judgment of any kind upon his own son, Ham, the actual offender, without passing judgment upon himself, for society held him, the father, responsible for his son's behaviour. To punish Ham, then, he must of necessity pronounce a curse upon Canaan, Ham's son.

The Blessing

On the other hand, when it came to blessing, the situation was very different. In pronouncing a benediction upon Shem and Japheth, he was, in fact, doing himself an honour! Such is human nature - and such is probably the explanation of this otherwise puzzling incident.

APPENDIX

WAS CANAAN A TRUE BLACK?

LIKE SOME other parts of this paper, this appendix is speculative. As long as this is clearly understood, no harm will be done, provided the speculation is not divorced entirely from the evidence. The general title of these Doorway Papers was intended to suggest that they could provide room for new approaches to old problems.

The evidence now seems to indicate the presence in Mesopotamia, in very early times, of three distinct groups of people: the Sumerians, the Elamites, and a very small group referred to as Japhethites, known especially for the fairness of their skin. The two dominant groups were the

Elamites, the first settlers who spread northwards, and the Sumerians in the south, who brought with them new civilizing influences leading to considerable cultural advance.

The Table of Nations clearly identifies the first settlers as the children of Elam, a son of Shem (Gen. 10:22). But there is no mention whatsoever of Sumerians. There is this note, however, that there was a "mighty one in the earth" named Nimrod, whose kingdom began in the land of Shinar. (Gen. 10: 8-11). Nimrod, whose name is found in Sumerian tradition, was the son of Cush, as son of Ham, and his uncle would be Canaan.

No one has ever suggested, to my knowledge, that the Sumerians were Negroid - nor do any of the reconstructed "Sumerian Life and Times" series such as have appeared in the *National Geographic Magazine*, or *Life*, ever so portray them. Yet there is some evidence to suggest that they may have been black-skinned.

According to Samuel Kramer they refer to themselves as "the blackheaded people." Actually the Sumerian original reads "head-of-black people," the symbol for head (SAG) being a cone-shaped hat hiding all but the neck of the wearer, thus:



Hammurabi, in his famous Code of Laws, also refers to the natives of Mesopotamia as A-NA SALMAT GAGGADIM, i.e., "blackheaded ones." Such descriptive phrases are, I think, usually taken to mean merely "dark-haired." But it seems likely that 95% or more of all the people who made up the early Middle East cultures were black-haired, whether Semitic or Sumerian, and so this feature was hardly a distinguishing one. But the Semitic population according to A. H. Sayce distinguished themselves (with racial pride) from other peoples by their own light coloured skin, and claimed that Adam too was a white man. They considered themselves direct descendants. Yet they had black hair like the Sumerians and would not be different in this. They might therefore just as well have been termed "blackheaded people." But they apparently never were.

Evidently, then, it would be no mark of distinction to refer to the *hair* colour, but it would definitely be such to refer to *skin* colour. And the Sumerians were apparently proud of their black skin. Gadd says they came to equate the term "black-headed people" with the idea of "men" as real people by contrast with other human beings who were not really men at all.

It is further to be noted that the founders of the wonderful Indus Valley cultures were black-skinned, and not merely black-haired. The Rig Veda makes frequent reference to the fact that the conquering Aryans triumphed over these black and noseless (!) enemies. And there does seem to be some real connection, if not racial identity, between the Sumerians and these Indus Valley people. It may well be, therefore, that the phrase does really refer to skin colour.

Furthermore, in the famous six-sided prism of Sennacherib, the king refers to the conquered Canaanites as "blackness of head people."

From all this, it can be concluded with reasonable assurance that, genetically, Canaan could indeed have been a black child, the homozygous offspring of his mulatto parents, Ham and his wife.

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SEMIRAMIS, QUEEN OF BABYLON

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Any effort to trace the origins of the myth, legend, and lore of goddess-worship will eventually lead one back to a single historical figure---

Semiramis, wife of Nimrod and queen of Babylon, and this is especially true when considering the goddess/planet Venus.

Before we can begin to deal with Semiramis though, we must (as with any historical figure) gain at least a general understanding of her cultural and temporal setting. Since I have found in my researches that neither proven scientific truth nor gleanings of fact from the body of ancient legends in any way contradicts a proper understanding of biblical revelation, I will use the scriptural framework of history as a basis upon which to reconstruct the story of Semiramis the woman.

When Noah and his family left the ark after the flood, they settled first at the northern feet of Ararat facing what is today Georgia, USSR. From here, these eight souls began to spread out into the surrounding districts of northern Iran and Syria, as well as eastern Turkey. After a considerable period (perhaps 5 to 6 hundred years), the families of Noah's descendants began to scatter a bit more widely due to increasing population, and perhaps some degree of rivalry or even enmity between the families of Japheth, Shem, and Ham. In this way we find that within about half a millenium the entire "fertile crescent", as well as the Nile valley, the Anatolian and Iranian plateaus, Arabia, and Ethiopia have been sparsely settled---but with a decided majority of Noah's descendants living in the lower regions of Mesopotamia (which would come to be called Sumer and Akkad).

Modern archaeology has confirmed the fact that the first inhabitants of these areas were homogeneous in both race and culture, and the most reliable researches indicate that it was from here that population, animal husbandry, metallurgy, agriculture, and "cification" spread throughout the earth. The scientific and scriptural views are in exact agreement upon the origin and spread of races and civilization---the only point of difference is the time scale involved! Whereas the scriptures clearly indicate the existence of all these elements of civilization long before the flood; orthodox science, by it's denial of the bible is required to construct a mythical stone age several millennia long in order to account for the same phenomena.

It was in Mesopotamia that the first cities were built after the flood, and the first of these was quite naturally named after the very first city built by man before the flood---Enoch. Due to vagaries of linguistic permutation, this name has come down to us as Erech or Uruk in Sumeria. In all there were seven major cities built near the head of the Persian Gulf, leading to the name "Land of the Seven Cities" commonly found in the early

mythologies of the world. These seven cities are enumerated in Genesis as those which were conquered by Nimrod, establishing the world's first empire. The earliest Babylonian legends tell of a conquering people who came up out of the Persian Gulf and established an empire from these cities. This seems to fit well with what we know of the movements of Nimrod in his early career. He was a native of Ethiopia and was widely traveled among the few populated areas of those days. When he set out to build himself an army of conquest, he recruited from his "cousins" the descendants of Sheba and Dedan who had come up through Arabia to settle on the Asian mainland at the Strait of Hormuz and on the Indus river in what is now Afghanistan (these people were the Dravidians who were driven southward into India by the later Aryan invasion). After raising his army, Nimrod ferried them up the gulf in the world's first naval armada, and conquered his empire. The best estimates place the time of the conquest as about 4000 to 3500 BC, and about 1000 years after the flood of Noah.

In the midst of the tumult of war Nimrod and Semiramis met--and in none too savory circumstances, for tradition states that she was an inn/brothel keeper in the city of Erech--leading one to speculate upon the nature of their initial acquaintance. Semiramis was a native of Erech, which as evidenced by its name seems to have been built by a Hamitic family (Ham's wife was said to have been descended from Cain who built the first Erech in honor of his son). The name Semiramis is a later, Hellenized form of the Sumerian name "Sammur-amat", or "gift of the sea."

The initial element "sammur" when translated into Hebrew becomes "Shinar" (the biblical name for lower Mesopotamia), and is the word from which we derive "Sumeria". This one tarnished woman then, had such a lasting impact upon world history that not only do we call by her name the land from which civilization flowed, but God himself through the sacred writer has let us know that its distinguishing characteristic was that it was "the Land of Shinar," or Semiramis. Very little has come down to us through the millennia concerning Semiramis' rise to power, but it is safe to assume that it was initially upon Nimrod's coattails that she rode, although later in life as well as throughout history her influence overwhelmingly obscured that of her husband. Of course, it would not do to have an ex-harlot upon the throne, so the "polite fiction" was invented that she was a virgin sprung from the sea at Nimrod's landing, and hence a suitable bride for the emperor (thus the title Semiramis which has totally obscured her original name).

Semiramis was the instigator in forming the false religion aimed at supporting their rule, and of course her suggestion fell upon open ears. The religion she invented was based primarily upon a corruption of the primeval astronomy formulated by Noah's righteous ancestors before the flood. In the original this system depicted by means of constellations the story of Satan's rebellion and the war in the heavens, his subversion of mankind, the fall of Adam and Eve, the promise of One to come who would suffer and die to relieve man from the curse of sin then be installed as Lord of Creation, and the final re-subjugation of the cosmos to God through Him.

These eternal truths were corrupted by her (rather, quite obviously, by the evil one controlling her) into a mythic cycle wherein the great dragon is depicted as the rightful lord of the universe whose throne has been temporarily usurped by One whom we can recognize as the God of the Bible. The serpent creates man in his present miserable state, but promises that a child would one day born of a divine mother--which child would supplant God, become a god himself, and return rulership of the Earth to the serpent. These fables were based upon the then widely-known story of the constellations, and were introduced under the guise of revealing the hidden esoteric knowledge concealed in them (regardless of the fact that the original was quite straightforward).

Although this esotericism was the second element in Semiramis' cult, it only masked the actual goal which was the worship of the "heavenly host," which the Bible equates with Satan's army of fallen angels. Satan was quite willing to receive worship "by proxy", hence the third major element of the mystery religion was emperor-worship. This religion was propagated by a hierarchy of priests and priestesses, to whom were assigned the task of initiating the populace at large into its ascending degrees of revelation, culminating at the highest level in both direct worship of Satan and demon-possession.

Although Nimrod was a brilliant strategist, he made a fatal blunder when he allowed Semiramis to retain full control over this religious hierarchy, and through it the minds and hearts of the people; for when a schism occurred between them she was able to turn it from a tool of support into a deadly weapon. The rift between husband and wife occurred when the queen bore an illegitimate son, and the king threatened her with both dethronement and exposure of her true origin. Semiramis, of course would not allow this to take place, and devised a plot to overthrow Nimrod. During the course of the New Year's festivities at which the advent of Nimrod's rule was celebrated, there was a certain feast exclusively for the royal family and the upper echelons of the priesthood. During this feast, which included "courses" of psychedelic and hallucinogenic drugs, a year-old ram was traditionally sacrificed by being torn limb-from-limb while still alive, and its flesh eaten raw. This ram symbolized the old year passing into the heavens to allow room for the new year. A new-born lamb was then presented which, symbolizing the new year, would be kept and fattened for the next year's ceremonies. This year Semiramis directed the ritual according to the formula, with the exception that when the time came for the ram to be slaughtered, it was the king who was torn to pieces at the hands of the drug-crazed priesthood and Semiramis' bastard son was installed as king. Thus Nimrod, the mighty hunter, died a horrible death as a trapped beast himself.

Semiramis named her son Damu (from the Sumerian "dam," or blood), which in the later Babylonian language became Dammuzi, in Hebrew Tammuz, and in Greek Adonis. Of course, Semiramis assumed the regency for her infant son, and ruled as absolute monarch for 42 more years. In order to avoid having to kill her son on the next New Year's Day, she instituted an annual nation-wide sports competition, the winner of which would have the "honor" of taking Damu's place and ascending into heaven to become a god.

Semiramis was not unopposed in her arrogation of the regency, however, or her rule as a woman. The military arm of the government was divided into two camps for and against her, and a short war ensued which ended when the populace (roused by the priesthood) not only refused to support the "rebels" but actively opposed them. In the course of this war, though, things became so close that Semiramis was forced to build a system of walls, towers, and gates around Babylon to defend herself. She was thus the first to build fortifications and her crown afterwards was in the form of the turreted walls of Babylon. To oppose the accusations of "mere" womanhood laid against her, she had herself deified as the mother of the god Damu (since only a god can beget a god), and installed as "The Queen of Heaven" pictured in the constellation Cassiopeia, which the ancients had intended as a corporate representation of those people faithful to God who will be enthroned by Him after the end of the age.

In spite of her cleverness, though, she also sowed the seeds of her own destruction. As she raised her son, she imbued him with divinity in the eyes of the priests and people as the means of retaining control as the divine mother without seeming to aggrandize herself. As Damu grew he became used to having every whim instantly gratified by a subservient, indeed groveling, populace. For safety's sake he had a personal bodyguard/companion group which he was never without, and which formed an elite corps of soldiery loyal and accountable to him alone. Upon coming to maturity and demanding of his mother to be installed as king, she not only refused him this--but, seeing him now as a challenge to her rule, slated him for the same death she had meted to his father. Damu caught on to her scheme, and pre-empted his "assumption" by slaying his mother with his own sword, and putting down any priestly protests by purging the hierarchy of all who would not vow allegiance to him. Thus Semiramis died after reigning as queen over Babylon for 102 years.

These events laid the groundwork for all of the pagan religious systems of antiquity, as well as many alive today. Semiramis, in particular was the model and original of every goddess and female cult figure in the ancient and modern worlds (either directly or by derivation); and thus it essential to know her story in order to discern what is factual legend and what is merely myth.

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NIMROD, MARS AND THE MARDUK CONNECTION

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The ancient Babylonian deity Marduk was associated with the planet Mars and was the origin of the legends and lore of that planet as well as many later gods and heroes. Marduk originated as the apotheosis of the biblical Nimrod. The book of Genesis lists Nimrod as a descendant of Ham, the third son of Noah. After the flood when men began to multiply once again and to establish settlements, the majority of Noah's descendants evidently settled together in the valley of Mesopotamia, though a few spread out into Palestine and north-west Africa. After about a thousand years (exact date unspecified in the Bible), Nimrod was born in what is now Ethiopia.

According to tradition, Nimrod set out to establish himself an empire and began by conquering the cities which had become established in Mesopotamia. Among these were Babel, Erech, Akkad, and Calneh in Sumeria, and in Assyria the cities of Rehoboth, Calah, and Resen. Besides conquering these seven cities he also founded Ninevah. The Bible is specific in stating that he was the first man after the flood to become an emperor. He seems to have been impelled and empowered by super-human force and his onslaught was irresistible. Genesis 10 describes Nimrod as a "mighty hunter before the LORD." The term is not complimentary, but implies ruthlessness and a lust for power.

After establishing his kingdom in the Tigris/Euphrates region Nimrod consolidated his power by establishing a state religion. He constructed a religion that included deification and worship of the emperor (himself), worship of Satan and his demons, and star-worship (corrupted from a pure antediluvian astronomy). A key unifying factor in his religion was to be an astronomical/astrological observatory built upon the pinnacle of a pyramid, or tower, at Babel. It has been suggested that Nimrod spent some time in Egypt before moving up to Mesopotamia and that while in Egypt he studied the Egyptian mystery religion perpetuated there from before the flood by the wife of Ham, whom tradition takes to be a descendant of Cain.

The building of this pyramid (or ziggurat) was interrupted by God himself in order to prevent Nimrod from extending his sway over all of the inhabited earth, according to Genesis. God halted the work by confusing their language so they could no longer cooperate easily with one another, nor indeed easily inhabit the same region together. As a consequence the human race was dispersed, and as men scattered they carried with them remnants of primeval revelation from God, and Satan/hero worship which Nimrod had invented as well. This system of muddled half-truths is known today to Bible scholars as the "Babylonian Mystery Religion." From a biblical point of view this religious system is described as the well-spring for all subsequent false religion and endless mythological systems, (For example see Isaiah 47 and revelation Chapters 17 and 18).

After their deaths, Nimrod and his wife Semiramis (the ancient "queen of heaven") were confirmed by their priests as gods and given homage as Marduk and Astarte. The name Marduk was not revealed to the masses but his attributes were set forth under pseudonyms of various gods constructed for the public interest. Some of his alter-egos include:

ENKI The god of wisdom, incantations, and the deep waters of the oceans. This god was also called APSU, from which comes the name Poseidon.

ASTALLUHI The son of ENKI/APSU was the god of healing and exorcism. The temple of Marduk at Babylon was called the Esagila after him. This name is the original of the Greek Aesculapeus. Astalluhi was also the god of wisdom like his father but in addition the god of instruction and the tutor of many of the other gods and heroes of the Babylonian pantheon. This aspect of his personality became associated with the Greek centaur Chiron who fulfilled a similar function. The Titan Atlas also derives his name and personality from this god.

BEL/BAAL This was the primary name by which other nations (including Israel) were introduced to the worship of Marduk. Baal means "lord" or "master". Under this name with many prefixes and suffixes he was worshiped by the Canaanites, Phoenicians, Syrians and to some extent by the Egyptians. Later, the Greeks associated him with Hercules under the name Melkarth which is a transliteration of Marduk. The name Baal sometimes occurs in connection with a locality such as "Baal-Peor" or "Baal-Hermon". More frequently it occurs with compound attributes such as "Baal-zebub", "lord of the flies", still today one of the epithets of Satan. "Baal-zephon" later to be the god Triton means "lord of the black north, or the northern void", and "Meri-Baal" translates as "lord of the rebellion".

NABUL/NEBO The prophet. This god was the son of Marduk associated with prophecy received by singing, chanting and muttering (in "other tongues"); as well as oracles. He was the original of both Apollo (Nabul) and Hermes as the Greeks knew them. The names Nabul and Bel were the official names of Nimrod/Marduk in later periods and were popular in later periods among the ruling classes of Babylon as name elements as in NEBUchadnezzar and BELshazzar.

As a note on the Babylonian mystery religion, the original cult of the mother and child, Semiramis and Tammuz, became later Isis and Osiris, Venus and Adonis, the madonna and child in various cultures down to this day.

There is one common element to Nimrod/Marduk in all his manifestations and that is the symbol of the snake/serpent/dragon. Nimrod took the dragon as his personal emblem, so that from him spring various dragon myths and their special association with apocalyptic events. Strikingly the only favorable accounts of dragons are found among the Hamitic peoples of the world (like Nimrod) including the Ethiopians, Hittites, Chinese, Japanese and American Indian.

The thread of serpent lore is evident in all of Marduk's guises regardless of nation, pantheon, or role. Poseidon was accompanied by creatures who were half man and half snake as well as by the sea serpent Leviathan (mentioned in Job). Aesculapeus/Chiron/Hermes were all associated with the caduceus of entwined serpents. The story of Apollo and the python is well known as that of Hercules/Melkarth and the Hydra. The god Triton was half snake. That the worship of Nimrod and Semiramis is the origin of all the pagan systems on earth is well documented by Alexander Hislop in his book, *The Two Babylons* which contains many sound facts in spite of the author's anti-Roman-Catholic sentiments which appear to some readers as too strong.

The Bible reveals that the ultimate source of all this evil is not to be sought in Nimrod the man (the first of the post-flood antichrists), but rather in the evil character of the one who possessed him, namely Satan. In many passages throughout the Bible the following associations are made about Satan: the serpent in Eden, Leviathan the sea monster, the dragon, "that ancient serpent", "the god of this age", the king of Babylon, the king of Tyre (Phoenicia), the king of Egypt (pharaoh), the father of lies, the prince of the power of the air, etc. In Isaiah 14 he is spoken of as the instigator of war in the heavens (space) by attempting to "ascend to the sides of the north" in order to seat himself upon the throne of God and thus to rule the universe. Thus he is the "lord of (the) rebellion" and "lord of the black void of the north".

The primeval astronomy, of which Babylonian astrology, (still extant today) was a corruption, was based on the realization that the entire universe was created and had worth only in relation to the earth. Thus the ancients saw it as no accident that the stars and planets were set in a certain order by

God at creation (see the classic books by Seiss and Bullinger on this subject). The antediluvian patriarchs developed a system of constellations to serve as perpetual reminders of man's fall and the promise of a coming redeemer as well as a record of the angelic conflict down through the ages. At the most prominent place in the heavens the patriarchs placed the constellation Draco, the dragon, which lies coiled about that point of the sky they called "absolute north". This is the center of the circle which the earth's north pole describes in the sky every 25,858 years. About 4000 BC the star Iota Draconis was the nearest visible star to the north pole, while about 3000 BC the north pole centered exactly on the star Alpha Draconis (also called Thuban), the brightest star in the constellation. This portion of the Dragon is depicted as attempting to encoil the constellation Ursa Minor which was originally called the "little flock", or "little sheepfold", namely the faithful remnant of Israel or the people of God. We find this exact picture written in the prose of the book of Revelation, Chapter 12, describing events yet to be enacted in human history! That is, the most devastating battle of all is yet to be fought on earth and in space ("the heavens"). The pole star today is of course Polaris in Ursa Minor and will next enter the constellation Cepheus, which constellation pictures God as the triumphant king over all the earth.

It is also notable that in primeval astronomy the dragon's head is shown as being crushed under the foot of a hero who at the same time is using a club to beat to death the Hydra who has stolen the fruit of immortality. Head to head with this hero, set in mirror-image across from him is a second hero grappling with a huge snake whose gaping jaws are straining to grasp "Corona Borealis", the Crown of the North. This second hero is also crushing a vile enemy underfoot, this time it is the scorpion, yet even as he does this another scorpion bites his heel. This early configuration of the constellations around the north pole was derived from Biblical ideas about the events recorded much later in Genesis.

The Babylonian Creation Epic describes Marduk leading a rebellion of the gods against Tiamat who has planned destruction for them. The Hebrew cognate for Tiamat is TEHOM used in the Bible only to describe "the deep" upon which God moved at the beginning of creation. Later a part of the "tehom" was imprisoned within the bowels of the earth (in Jewish rabbinical tradition) and opened to release the "waters from below" at the same time the vapor canopy collapsed during the flood in order to destroy the civilization of Noah's day. This destruction is said to have come about because of excessive influence by Satan in the affairs of men, such as intermarriage with mortals producing giants on the earth with various genetic defects of a serious nature. In the Babylonian version Marduk wins and is eulogized by the other gods in a list of fifty names to which can be traced most of the gods of antiquity. This epic was read aloud every New Year's day in Babylon in front of the statue of Marduk.

New Year's Day was the most important day of the Babylonian calendar and during the ceremonies the statues of Marduk and his son Nabul were carried to a special shrine outside of the city where Marduk would prophecy and Nabul would interpret his words (the beast and false prophet imagery of Revelation 13). The statue of Marduk and its attendant regalia were captured by conquerors several times, and their return was always connected with re-incarnation and the resumption of his rule over the earth. Marduk was the great god of war and only once in all his battles was he wounded when his helmet slipped from his head. As a result he received a fatal blow but being a god reincarnated himself. It was in his warrior aspect that he was related to Mars, the god of war.

The Bible speaks of Satan temporarily regaining rule over the earth at the end of our present age through "the beast and the false prophet". The first is a civil military leader in Europe or the west, the latter is a false messiah (in Israel in all probability), the latter is thought to be a religious as opposed to secular leader. These two will "make war on the people of God" and the false prophet will proclaim himself to be God in the Third Temple in Jerusalem (see Matthew 24) at which point earth will enter a period known as "the time of Jacob's trouble" spoken of by the Hebrew prophets or the 3-1/2 year "great tribulation" known to Christians. At the conclusion of this catastrophic time when most life on earth is destroyed, Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives to usher in a millennial kingdom during which time Satan will be "bound" and removed from influence on earth.

Is it then a coincidence that our computer conference has now come to believe that we may have found the image of an angelic malevolent being on Mars, a planet which appears to be scarred by an ancient war in the heavens? Is it a coincidence that we should find out such things as these as our own planet enters times of momentous problems beyond the capabilities of mere men to solve?

The Syllable M*R

It is remarkable that there is a syllable with the consonant value "M*R" which is found everywhere in connection with the planet Mars, the god of Mars, and its associated emblem, the dragon. The source of all these words is to be found in the Semitic root "marah" (M*R) which in Hebrew means bitterness as well as disobedience. From this root is derived "marad" (M*R*D), or rebellion, which is the original both of Nimrod (the Babylonian Nin-Mir-Rud), or (N*M*R*D), as well as Marduk/Merodach (M*R*D*K). The Bible tells us that Nimrod was the founder of Ninevah, and Ninevah's own half-legendary history ascribes that honor to one Ninur or Nimur (N*M*R).

Marduk was the original in both name and character of the gods Mercury (M*R*K*R) and Mars (M*R*TS) from which of course we derive the current names of these planets. It is notable that Mercury, like Mars, is also "battle-scarred".

Under the name Apsu (P*S), Marduk became Poseidon (P*S*D*N) who founded Atlantis which was named after his son Atlas (T*L*S), the Babylonian Astalluhi (S*T*L*). Atlantis was overthrown in the throes of a great war bringing destruction and dissolution upon the land. The only remnant of Atlantis was the island Hesperus (S*P*R) upon which lived a dragon in possession of the fruit of the tree of life (immortality). This fruit was stolen by the god Hercules/Melkarth (M*L*K*R*T), a pseudonym of Marduk (M*R*D*K). The people of Atlantis, called Merodes (M*R*D) were descendants of Merou (M*R) or Merod (M*R*D).

The Nubians tell of an island called Meru upon which were built pyramids by a race of red men. This legend came to the Hindus as the FIVE-SIDED mountain they call Meru (M*R) ruled over by Indra, (N-M*D*R) who was the mouthpiece of god and himself a god. He conquered seven cities and ruled over the earth in Hindu mythology. Meru was a five-sided mountain from which the heavens were suspended with the pole star as its apex. This is the reason Asian temples are built in the shape of a mountain having a flame at the summit. Here also we see Atlas who became a mountain and bore the heavens on his shoulders, relieved only once by Hercules/Melkarth.

Tibetan legend tells of the fall of the "land of seven cities" by earthquake and eruption at the fall of the star Bel (Mars). The people perished it is said because they ignored the warnings of their priest, Mu (M).

Another lost-continent myth is that of Mu or Lemuria (L*M*R) which was publicized by James Churchward in the 19th century. According to him, Mu was situated in the Pacific Ocean and bore a population of 64 million people of assorted colors and tribes. Mu sank when gas-filled caverns in the earth beneath collapsed. The survivors founded colonies in Micronesia, China and Egypt but the only place they flourished was in Central America where they are said to have produced great Indian cultures. This may seem to be an insubstantial myth until one considers a modern day popular religion, Mormonism. Mormonism is founded upon the supposed revelation to Joseph Smith of a set of golden tablets by the angel Moroni (M*R*N) who had once been a human prophet to the great cities of central America said to have been founded by refugees from the Tower of Babel (Bab-El means "the gate of god" and also "confusion"). Moroni's warnings went unheeded and so they perished, but his prophecies were supposed to have been written down and given to Smith. This Moroni, from whom the Mormons are named, identifies himself with Quetzlcoatl/Kulkulkan, the winged-serpent and hero-god who brought civilization to the Aztecs and returned home on a raft of snakes over the sea.

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THE DESCENDANTS OF NOAH
Genesis 10:1-32

The Pre-Flood home of Noah and his family was in the area of Babylonia which was some 500 miles east from Mount Ararat, in what is today modern Turkey. After the flood they migrated back to their homeland and built cities. God then caused the confusion of languages which caused them to disperse into the world.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JAPHETH
Genesis 10:2-5

The descendants of Japheth, after the Tower of Babel, when God made man go out and populate the world migrated west and north. The sons of Japheth's sons are listed giving more detail than is found in the list of Ham's or Shem's sons. A study of names Japheth's sons and grandsons sheds some light on who are his descendants today.

Name of the Son	People Associated With the Name
Japheth	Greeks, Aryans of India
Gomer	People living in area of the Black Sea, Germany and Wales.
Magog	Reference to "Gog" referring to Georgia, a region near the Black Sea and Scythians.
Madai	Medes (Persia), Japheth through Madai father of peoples of India.
Javan	People of Greece and Cyprus.
Tubal	Russian, city of Tobolsk.
Meshech	Russian, (Name Muskovi) city of Moscow.
Tiras	Thracians, possibly the Etruscans of Italy.
Ashkenaz	Germany, Armenia, Scandinavia, Denmark, northern islands of Europe and European west coast.
Ripath	Generally Europe, Carpathians and Paphlagonians
Togarmah	Armenians, Germany and Turkey
Elishah	Greeks ("Hellas" is a form of word Elishah)
Tarshish	Spain, Carthage in North Africa
Kittim	Greeks, Cyprus, Macedonia
Dodanium	Greeks, Rhodes, Dardanelles

(The above information came from Henry M. Morris's book The Genesis Record, pages 247-249)

As you can see from the list above Japheth descendent are the Indo-European peoples. The Indo-European peoples are identified as the "white" or Caucasian race.

After the confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel, God orderly divided up the different peoples of the world. When God changed the language of the people of the world He did so by family (tribe or clan) and nations. These families who were related found they spoke the same language and gathered together in migrating generally west and north out of Babylonia. This was probably not a migration of all these families in one group. It would seem all these families separately migrated in the same general direction because they all had a common language. This migration of people lasted over many centuries. In seeking new lands as the population grew they spread northward and to the west.

It should be noted that several cults teach that the people of the English Isles were the descendants of the Ten (supposed) Lost Tribes of Israel. There is absolutely not evidences of this. The English people are Caucasians, the descendants of Japheth, not Shem, who is the father of the Jews through Abraham.

THE DESCENDANTS OF HAM
Genesis 10:6-20

Ham's descendants settled towards the south west along the Mediterranean into North Africa and southward into the rest of the continent. Ham had four sons, but grandsons are listed for only three.

THE CUSHITES

The Cushites settled in south Arabia, southern Egypt, the Sudan and northern Ethiopia. Seba is associated with Upper Egypt. Havilah, meaning "sea land" could refer to northern Arabia on the Persian Gulf or Ethiopia. Raamah and Sabtechah were in southern Arabia. Sheba, home of the Queen of Sheba, of I Kings 10, was in southwest Arabia and Dedan in the north. Various tribes in these areas trace their heritage back to Shem, which would indicate some mixing of the tribes.⁽¹⁾

NIMROD

Verse 9:8-10, refer to Cush's son Nimrod. Nimrod's name means "to rebel" or "let us rebel". Nimrod, is called a "mighty hunter". This is in sharp contrast to the prophecy of Noah, that Ham's descendants would be servants to Shem and Japheth. Nimrod built and apparently ruled the first great city after the Flood, Babylon. Afterward he extended his rule into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth and Calah. Nimrod was the first world ruler. The Bible does not say that Nimrod was responsible for the Tower of Babel, but it seems logical that he was being the founder and ruler of the city. The Babylonians invented the first false religion which was a worship of the stars, astrology. Babylon is infamous in Scripture as being a wicked city openly rebelling and fighting against God. The people of these great cities were major enemies of Israel throughout history. Nimrod was not a servant as Noah had prophesied, but the opposite a "mighty hunter".⁽²⁾ It seems Nimrod's goal in life was to disprove the prophecy of his grandfather and it is possible Ham's resentment of his father Noah was kindled in his grandson.

MIZRAIM

Ham's son Mizraim's descendants are associated with North Africa to the island of Crete. The note in verse 14, states that from Casluhim came the Philistim or Philistines.

THE CANAANITES

The origin of the hated and sinful Canaanite who lived in Palestine came for the lineage of Ham. The Canaanites practiced probably the most sordid and evil religions based on murder and sexual perversion. The idol Baal, was the son of El, the head of a pantheon of decadent deities. Their civilizations was so corrupted that God commanded the Children of Israel to completely destroy them including their animals. Other descendants of the Canaanites were the Chinese, from the Sinites, verse 10:17. Further, the Sinites were probably the ancestors of all the Mongoloid peoples including the people of the South Sea Islands and the Americas.

THE DESCENDANTS OF SHEM

Genesis 10:21-31

The descendants of Shem settled the northern area of Persian Gulf and westward into toward the Indian Ocean. Included in this area are the lands of Syria, Chaldea and parts of Assyria, Persia and the Arabian peninsula. The spiritual blessing promised by Noah, came to all people on Earth through the lineage of Shem to the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

PELEG AND THE DIVISION OF THE EARTH

Genesis 10:25

In this verse we find a simple statement that Shem had a son named Eber, and he had a son named Peleg, and in his time the earth was divided. Peleg was the fifth generation after the Flood and places the division of languages with in his generation.

Some associate this phrase as referring to the division of the nations. Others see it as a reference of not only the division of nations caused by the confusion of languages, but of the dividing of the world into the present day continents.

Peleg's name comes from the root word "palag", which means to split (literally or figuratively) "to divide". The form or the word, "Peleg", used here means "earthquake".⁽³⁾

Geologists today have generally concluded that the continents were once connected in one giant super continent they have named "Pangaea".

Computer imaging has shown how all the continents appear to fit together. As an example the eastern shores of North and South America conform to the western shore lines of Europe and Africa. Geologist call have named this the "Continental Drift Theory". They conclude that from the contour of the continents fitting so perfectly together, the rifts on the ocean floor and the present measurable movements of the continents that in the past, at some time the continent were one large land mass.

All of these evidences lead to the conclusion that if the continents did divide this dividing could have occurred in relation to the division of the languages after the Tower of Babel. Possibly, some time after the migrations caused by the confusion of languages, when the people were sufficiently dispersed, God caused the continents to move apart. This would account for man, and animals being on the isolated continents of North and South America and Australia. There were people on the continents when they moved. It appears that God not only divided the people by confusing their languages, He also divided the land so the dispersion would continue. The division of the land precluded that the people on earth could have physically come back together had they been able to overcome the language barriers.

It is also interesting to note that this event was some five generations after the Flood. Many of the geological mysteries which are difficult to understand in relationship to the Flood could be explained by a second world wide catastrophic event such as would be caused by the sudden global shifting of the continents. Great earthquakes, volcanic activity, uplifts, flowed and sinking of vast land areas and mountain forming would be expected to accompany such vast changes in the earth's surface.

THE CONCLUDING STATEMENT

Genesis 10:32

The concluding statement of Chapter Ten makes it clear that everyone on earth today is a descendent of one of Noah's sons. When we look at all the different types of people on earth today it is at first difficult to understand. People are so different all over the world. How can it be explained?

The answer is simple. From each of Noah's sons came the three divisions of called the "races". Anthropologists divide all the world's peoples into three races, Caucasian (white), Mongoloid (yellow) and Negroid (black). Further within each of the sons was the potential to produce all the variations that is evident within the three races of man.

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Nimrod

Genesis 10:8-9

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The man named *Nimrod* is explicitly mentioned only four times in the Bible (Gen. 10:8-9; I Chron. 1:10; Mic. 5:6) and, based upon that fact, would seem to be a rather insignificant character. The truth, however, is that Nimrod was one of the most influential persons ever to live in this world. His evil influence upon the human race continues to be felt to this day.

- *Nimrod, at least in the Hebrew mind, means "rebel" or "let us rebel."*
- **Nimrod was the son of Cush, the grandson of Ham, and the great-grandson of Noah (Gen. 10:6-8). He has traditionally been portrayed as a Negro.**
- Nimrod was "a mighty one in the earth" (Gen. 10:8; cf. Gen. 6:4).
- Nimrod was "a mighty hunter before the Lord" (Gen. 10:9; cf. Gen. 6:11).
- Nimrod was a king (Gen. 10:10), but not a shepherd-king (II Sam. 5:2; 7:7; Rev. 2:27; 19:15).
- Nimrod was the direct founder of Babylon and the indirect founder, at least, of Nineveh (Gen. 10:10-11; cf. Isa. 21:9; Jer. 50:24; 51:64; Rev. 16:19).
- Nimrod was in power at the time of the attempted construction of the Tower of Babel and was probably the instigator of that project (Gen. 11:1-9).
- Nimrod was the human "father" of all false religion (Rev. 17:5; 18:2-3).
- Nimrod was empowered by Satan, and the chief symbols of his kingdom were the serpent and the dragon (*The Two Babylons by Alexander Hislop*).

- Nimrod was married to Semiramis, who was known as “the Queen of Heaven” and claimed to deliver a virgin born son. Nimrod and Semiramis were worshipped by the Babylonians as *Marduk* and *Astarte* (*Hislop*).
- Nimrod was the first human being ever to be deified and worshipped by his fellow human beings (*Hislop*). He serves as a prophetic type or picture of the Antichrist.

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**God says:
If we only knew what was coming,
we would be on our knees most of the time.**

(See point 10)

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Important note: By being included here, it does not mean that we are necessarily endorsing every prophecy 100%. All we are saying is this: God is speaking. Please find out what God is saying to **you** personally. Please read more concerning this issue> "[Explanation of Intent for Including Each Prophecy](#)".

Dear Friend,

In case you happen to think that the following is just some kind of the latest kick I'm on, let me fill you in on what has led up to this and the way I



have been viewing such things. I pray that all you dear ones who read these messages are drawing near to God.

It has never been my design, in any way, to direct this towards anyone in particular. I desire to be as kind as possible. Because we are talking about life & death here, I do not wish to take the risk in alienating anyone by being hurtful or unnecessarily harsh. All I have is a heart bursting with love for any whom I may know that tend towards unbelief concerning these things. It is my heart to see the truth (His alone) revealed to all of us so that we may all be together in Him on that final day. Amen.



Please bear in mind, as you read the specific prophecies & warnings, that I am in no way endorsing any one in particular. This is not the point. What I **AM** trying to say is this: Please find out what God is saying to **YOU** through these. Do you hear His voice in these? Is God trying to say something to you, America and the whole world?

Firstly, let me state that not much bores me more than to listen to the endless theories and ideas men have concocted as to who the Antichrist is or when this or that end time event will happen. So taking it from here, let me give you what has come across my path with some MAIN thoughts in mind, these:

1) I can't help but think that if the Bible is true (we would all admit that-at least those who know Him), then it seems that there is **NO WAY OUT** to the following- "...the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. (John 10:3-5)

In respect to that,

I must admit that I recognize and know the voice who is speaking to Dumitru Duduman. I can't help it. It's the same person who spoke to David Wilkerson in his "Set the Trumpet to Thy mouth" Chapter 1 printed in 1985; the same voice that speaks to some of you, to Levi Mast; to the woman in India who sent warnings of the same kind from God by her son to the United States in May 95; the same voice many of the Spirit Filled Russians around here hear and are still hearing; and it is the voice, His Voice, who called me to salvation in 1971.

2) The absolute worthlessness of one's profession of Christianity, is when the Lord is **actually** bringing about the Last day's events, and teachers and church leaders can't hear or understand what God is doing and saying to His people, because it would conflict with their nice compact theology.



Where the rubber meets the road is when our doctrines and theology **actually** allow us to be prepared to hear and understand what God is saying in these deadly, last days. It is absurd and complete nonsense when here it is, the end of all things and the Biblical prophecy of the end times is coming to pass before our very eyes, and our theology has us in such a state mentally &/or spiritually that we can't [or won't] see it and hear His voice and warnings in these perilous of perilous days. It seems to me **INCREDIBLE** that such is happening, especially at a time when we Christians so desperately need God and each other. Such theology and doctrine is worthless beyond dung. It is like a final revelation of what some of our wise teachers (those who oppose, believe or teach against the messages contained herein) really know-**NOTHING**. Their opposing stand **IS** the final word on everything they have stood for and taught-deception. For those who have ears to hear, remember "ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." 1Thess. 5:4

Yet, on the other hand, it's not as though it hasn't happened before (see Hosea 9:7-9 on last page). God had trained and told a special, God-fearing, people the **WHEN, HOW, WHAT, WHERE AND WHY** He would send His Messiah. But, when Jesus came, most of these people were more concerned with their temporal, earthly kingdoms (ministry, compact theology, Commandments of Men, reputation?), and you know the rest of the story. Dear ones, it doesn't have to be that way for you and I.

SO, WHAT GOOD ARE OUR BELIEFS if they negate, isolate, and otherwise insulate us against God's prophetic warnings, will, voice and calling in these last, terrifying days? Please tell me? What good is it to "FEEL" good with our beliefs for a speck of time, we call life here on earth, if we are deceived and do not rightly discern that day?

Answer: "It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out", "for the children of this world are in their generation **wiser** than the children of light." Even now, as I write this, some world leaders, the pagans and occultists are expecting their Christ (the Antichrist?) to take over

any day. Even their Nostradamus has spoken of America's last days and the Antichrist. How is it that we Christians are so blind? What is it? What's so important to our self worth, that it could cause us to want to be deceived?

3) Please dear hearts, think, meditate & pray about this: Wouldn't one expect God to speak to us all the more strongly than at any other time in human history in these last days, since we have the Holy Spirit and these times are the most dangerous to a man's soul ever? Even the early church needed to hear God warn and speak to them through His prophets of this and that peril. Now we have the Bible, which they did not, and the Holy Spirit, so we can "prove all things; hold fast that which is good" with His Holy Word - the Bible, when we hear things that may be from God. How much more in these days do we need not to be "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness". Although these are perilous days, where "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect", it will continue to be a Biblical command to "quench not the Spirit" and "despise not prophesyings". Oh how we need to remember Scripture and learn to hear from God, especially after our Bibles have been taken from us.

4) It is distinctly absurd and outrageous that dedicated and sincere Christian leaders should be teaching their people a pleasing deception which causes them all to loose their souls to hell. That those trained and given to one job and one only - that of bringing souls to the Lamb who died for them, should instead be deceived and teach the people in such a way as to lead them to hell. What good is one's Christianity if what they believe and teach others is deception?

>So I ask: Who are all those who don't agree with Dumitru Duduman, and the others quoted here?

Why don't they hear or know God's voice?

Is it because of the reasons given above or is it because many professing Christians don't know Him in the first place? I can't answer that.

Oh DEAR HEARTS, We have a big, big problem. As far as serious is concerned (on a scale of one to ten) this is a TEN! America's end IS really coming just as God is telling us through His Bible and these men/women of God.

I pray that many will cast away their love of pleasure (in doctrines &/or North American life), examine priorities and pray, pray, pray with me for America and each other.

Before you start reading, would you please ponder this: "**Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.**" I've pondered and still ponder what this means. Although it has to do with such childlike attributes as humility, faith, innocence, etc., there is more to it than just these. It especially means to be close to God in the same way a child trusts, depends, believes and communicates with their earthly father. Unfortunately, we grown-ups have become so independent, self-confident, strong in our opinions, controlling and forceful. Such ways are not the attributes of "normal" children. Sad to say, as our society pursues sin, our children loose their innocent childlikeness. Instead, our children take on an unnatural, demanding, disrespectful, "Hollywood' type of personality.

Pardon me as I proceed

Point 1) I know the following type of thing has been said before and I have had my doubts, even after reading David Wilkerson's book "Set the Trumpet to Thy Mouth". It was published in 1985. Only one chapter, the first, deals with America's coming destruction, but that's enough. In it, he is quite clear and vivid that God will cause some nations to attack and completely destroy America by fire.

David in Chapter 1 states:

'America is going to be destroyed by fire! Sudden destruction is coming and few will escape. Unexpectedly, and in one hour, a hydrogen holocaust will engulf America—and this nation will be no more.'¹

It is because America has sinned against the greatest light. Other nations are just as sinful, but none are as flooded with gospel light as ours.'²

David goes on to describe all the sins and abominable things that are practiced in this land. He states that it will 'all be over' in one hour. He says that the natural minded person will think such talk is insanity, but David says, 'It's all over! Judgment is at the door! Our days are numbered!'

He explains the reason for this. It is because the 'church is asleep' including its pastors. He mentions that he knows that the preachers of peace (he calls 'pillow prophets') will flatly reject such a notion, because it does not fit with their doctrines of peace and material blessings.'³

He continues by saying, 'I believe modern Babylon is present-day America, including its corrupt society and its whorish church system. No other nation on earth fits the description in Revelation 18 but America, the world's biggest fornicator with the merchants of all nations. Ancient Babylon was long destroyed when John received this vision.'⁴ (Confirms Steve Pardue 2nd paragraph point 29)

"therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come" (Revelation 18:8-10).

David says that our total destruction with fire will fall on what was 'once a prosperous, thriving, safe, and tranquil land.' "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more. And the good things thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. For in one hour so great riches is come to nothing" (Revelation 18:11,14,17).⁵

I find it very interesting (and sobering) that David's book was published in 1985 (which means it must have been composed even before this). It was written years before the Kuwait Gulf War was ever fought. In this book David prophesied that, 'before the great holocaust there will be smaller holocausts-the oil fields of the middle east will be ablaze, and the smoke will rise night and day as a warning of the greater holocaust yet to come. There will be bombs falling on oil fields, on shipping docks and storage tanks. There will be panic among all oil producers, and shippers, and upon all nations dependent on that oil.' We can look back now and see that that is what happened in 1991.

David, in his book, makes further predictions that are waiting to happen, 'Soon, very soon, an economic nightmare will explode into reality. What frightful news it will be! "O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness" (Jeremiah 51:13).'⁶ (This is confirmed-see point 8, Scripture given by God at end of first vision of Dumitru). David dates the destruction of America to follow the 'economic collapse in America.'⁷ (This is confirmed -see point 8, first vision of Dumitru)

David is firm (as are the points in this paper) that the 'unthinkable is going to happen to America and parts of Canada, and few will believe it.'

Comparing us to the Church of Sardis, he flatly denies the lie of our modern prophets of peace which say "God has promised to keep us from the day of wrath, because we have kept the word of His patience" (Revelation 3:10). David, states that truth in saying (as many of us full well know) that neither the church nor this nation have kept God's word.⁸

David's parallel to Dumitru's first vision, which includes the coming destruction of Russia, lines up to a tee. I had always thought that David Wilkerson's prophecy, if true, would have to be years from now in the next century's middle or so when things get really bad. Now, after reading Dumitru & numerous other witnesses, I am not of that opinion. My, how things can get "really bad" quickly. David Wilkerson & copies of his book can be contacted at: World Challenge, Box 260, Lindale, TX 75571

Point 2) I am reminded now of what happened back in '83'. A friend who lived with us, had a vivid dream in which he saw enemy soldiers marching up the streets by our home and going into homes to find Christians and Bibles to drag them out and away. He had never had such dreams before.

Point 3) Then in '90' a friend here in Montana comes up to me and tells me, out of the blue, that he had a vision or dream-I don't remember (which he was not in the habit of ever having before or since that I know of) of Russians coming in submarines off the Pacific coast and bombing the United States. He said he saw the submarines clearly in the water with the Russian hammer & sickle launching missiles towards the West coast of America. I passed this off as usual, until lately.

Point 4) After reading Dumitru Duduman's book (Through the Fire without Burning) and his visions and dreams booklet, I called his office. I was surprised to find that he and his family were still living in the same 2 bedroom apartment (see point 8 below) that they had moved into when they arrived here in the United States back in '84'. After this I found and talked to a person in Texas who had been with Dumitru in Romania to help with their new orphanage. This person was much impressed with his humble heart and life. Later a well know ministry put me in contact with a person who had heard him speak. They told me that hearing him speak was definitely worth it. In May '95' I personally visited Dumitru and his family. I was likewise very impressed.

Point 5) There are several Russian Christian immigrants who we know here locally that also know that America's time is short. They all, as if having one mind no matter where they live, are being told in the Spirit that they will shortly be leaving this country for the time is shortly to come of its end.

Point 6) On May 25th we met Levi who had several dreams about America burning. He has quite an extensive 3 page explanation of God speaking to him for 18 years about this subject. He and some Mennonite friends back 28 years ago began to study Revelations, taking what Chapter 1 verse 3 says as truth: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Levi mentioned meeting a family in Newport, Oregon who's mother has had very vivid dreams about an Atomic holocaust in the Portland, Oregon area (For confirmation of this, see below point 10-27; #10). Both this family and Levi believe God is telling them to move out of the United States far away in Rev. 18: 4 & Jeremiah 51:9. He makes it clear that they believe God is telling the Christian to leave so that they will not be punished with the unjust. He states that "Let's not think we who are His children shall escape persecution or temptations till the end of time..."

Point 7) In May 95, I received a call from a man in Ohio who was wondering about coming out here to live. He talked to me awhile and brought up concerns over the Militia and the White Supremacists being in this area. At the end of his conversation, he mentioned that they had had a speaker from India at their church that Sunday. This speaker preached that night and when he ended, he mentioned that his mother in India had made him promise to tell the American people what God had told her. He mentioned how before he even knew that God would send him to Canada to preach, she had told him he would go. Then after he was invited to come, she told him that he would also go to the United States and speak. Although he had only been told that he was going to Canada and then returning, she insisted that he would come to America. Since he was now in this country, he said that God told his mother that Very Soon God is going to destroy this country 4 ways-By famine, pestilence, civil unrest, and foreign invasion.

Now-Who is Dumitru Duduman? (Point 8)

He was a 62 yr. old (in 1995; he died in May of '97) Romanian pastor who was responsible for helping Richard Wurmbrandt, Brother Andrew and others, from inside Romania, to bring in over 300,000 Bibles over many years. Most were shipped to Russia. In 1980 he was interrogated and severely tortured by the Communists. They electrocuted and beat him un-mercilessly until he thought he would die. Towards the end of this torture session, God killed his main torturer, which brought much fear over the entire police force. In 1984 he was given the choice of life in prison, a mental institution, or exile to America. He chose America. Having lived in one area of Romania all his life, he didn't want to leave. He eventually wound up in Fullerton (near Los Angeles) California. He and his family were provided an apartment without any furniture. However, he was expected to provide his own rent and food from then on. The following takes place just after Dumitru was exiled from his country-Romania in 1984 and sent to California.

These are a selections of Dumitru's dreams & visions out of a total of 32 which are available in his books, "Dreams & Visions from God" and "Through the Fire without Burning". These can be ordered by contacting him at:

"Hand of Help" PO Box 450, Mineola, TX 75773.

"Late one night I could not sleep. The children were sleeping on the luggage. My wife and daughter were crying. I went outside and walked around. I didn't want them to see me cry. I walked around the building, crying and saying, "God! Why did you punish me? Why did you bring me into this country? I can't understand anybody. If I try to ask anybody, all I hear is, 'I don't know.'"

"I stopped in front of the apartment and sat on a large rock. Suddenly a bright light came toward me. I jumped to my feet because it looked as if a car was coming directly at me, attempting to run me down! I thought the Romanian Secret Police had tracked me to America, and now they were trying to kill me. But it wasn't a car at all. As the light approached, it surrounded me. From the light I heard the same voice that I had heard so many times in prison (in Romania-1980 and before). He said, "Dumitru, why are you so despaired?"

I said, "Why did you punish me? Why did you bring me to this country? I have nowhere to lay my head down. I can't understand anybody."

He said, "Dumitru, didn't I tell you I am here with you also? I brought you to this country because this country will burn."

I said, "Then why did you bring me here to burn? Why didn't you let me die in my own country? You should have let me die in jail in Romania!"

He said, "Dumitru, have patience so I can tell you. Get on this." I got on something next to him. I don't know what it was. I also know that I was not asleep. It was not a dream. It was not a vision. I was awake just as I am now. He showed me all of California and said, "This is Sodom and Gomorrah! All of this, in one day it will burn! It's sin has reached the Holy One." Then he took me to Las Vegas. "This is Sodom and Gomorrah! All of this, in one day it will burn." Then he showed me the state of New York. "Do you know what this is?" he asked.

I said, "No."

He said, "This is New York. This is Sodom and Gomorrah! All of this, in one day it will burn."

Then he showed me all of Florida. "This is Florida," he said. "This is Sodom and Gomorrah! All of this, in one day it will burn."

Then he took me back home to the rock where we had begun. "All of this I have shown you- IN ONE DAY IT WILL BURN."

I said, "How will it burn?"

He said, "Remember what I am telling you, because you will go on television, on the radio and in churches. You must yell with a loud voice. Do not be afraid, because I will be with you."

I said "How will I be able to go? Who knows me here in America? I don't know anybody here."

He said, "Don't worry yourself. I will go before you. I will do a lot of healing in the American churches, and I will open the doors for you. But do not say anything else besides what I tell you. This country will burn!"

I said, "What will you do with the Church?"

He said, "I want to save the Church, but the churches have forsaken me."

I said, "How did they forsake you?"

He said, "The people praise themselves. The honor that the people are supposed to give Jesus Christ, they take upon themselves. In the churches there are divorces. There is adultery in the churches. They are homosexuals in the churches. There is abortion in the churches; and all other sins that are possible. Because of sin, I have left some of the churches. You must yell in a loud voice that they must put an end to their sinning. They must turn toward the Lord. The Lord never gets tired of forgiving. They must draw close to the Lord, and live a clean life. If they have sinned until now, they must put an end to it, and start a new life as the Bible tells them to live."

I said, "How will America burn? America is the most powerful country in this world. Why did you bring us here to burn? Why didn't you at least let us die where ALL the Dudumans have died?"

He said, "Remember this, Dumitru. The Russian spies have discovered where the nuclear warehouses are in America. When the Americas will think that it is peace and safety-from the middle of the country, some of the people will start fighting against the government. The government will be busy with internal problems. Then from the ocean, from Cuba, Nicaragua, Mexico,..." (He told me two other countries, but I didn't remember what they were.) "...they will bomb the nuclear warehouses. When they explode, America will burn!"

"What will you do with the Church of the Lord? How will you save the ones that will turn toward you?" I asked.

He said, "Tell them this: how I saved the three young ones from the furnace of fire, and how I saved Daniel in the lion's den, is the same way I will save them."

The angel of the Lord also told me, "I have blessed this country because of the Jewish people who are in this country. I have seven million Jews in this country, but they do not want to recognize the Lord. They didn't want to thank God for the blessings they received in this country."

"Israel doesn't want to recognize Jesus Christ. They put their faith in the Jewish people in America. But, when America burns, the Lord will raise China, Japan, and other nations to go against the Russians. They will beat the Russians and push them all the way to the gates of Paris. Over there they will make a treaty, and appoint the Russians as their leaders. They will then unite against Israel."

"When Israel realizes she does not have the strength of America behind her, she will be frightened. That's when she will turn to the Messiah for deliverance. That's when the Messiah will come. Then, the church will meet Jesus in the air, and He will bring them back with Him to the Mount of Olives. At that time the battle of Armageddon will be fought."

When I heard all of this I said, "If you are truly the angel of the Lord, and everything you have told me is true, then all you have said must be written in the Bible."

He said, "Tell everyone to read from Jeremiah 51:8-15, Revelations chapter 18, and Zechariah chapter 14, where Christ fights against those who possess the earth. After His victory," the angel said, "there will be one flock and one Shepherd. There will be no need for light. The Lamb of God will be the Light. There will be no sickness, no tears, and no deaths. There will only be eternal joy and God will be the ruler. There will be only one language one song. And no need for a translator!"

"And Dumitru," he continued, "a word of warning. If you keep anything from the American people that you are told, I will punish you severely."

"How will I know that this is for real- that it will really happen?" I asked.

"As a sign that I have spoken to you, tomorrow before you wake I will send someone to bring you a bed, and at noon I will send you a car and bucket of honey. After which, I will send someone to pay your rent."

The angel left

(everything the angel said happened the next day exactly as he said)-details in chapter 10 of his book-Through the fire without burning".

Why did God name America MYSTERY BABYLON?

Answer given to Dumitru Duduman when he asked God the question.

1984

"Tell them, because all the nations of the world immigrated to America with their own gods and were not stopped. Encouraged by the freedom here, the wickedness began to increase. Later on, even though America was established as a Christian nation, the American people began to follow the strange gods that the immigrants had brought in, and also turned their backs on the God who had built and prospered this country."

WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?

1991

So many people were asking, "When will it happen? When Will America burn?" I prayed and asked God, "What will I tell people when they ask me when it will happen?" That night an angel came and touched me on the hand and said, "Dumitru, wake up! Sit up! Get your Bible and read **Hosea 4:6-9** and **Hosea 6:1-3**."

"Tell the people of America that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. If they will repent and turn back to God, they will make it through the second day to the third day. If they don't, they will not make it."

II Peter 3:8, "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

Happened to Dumitru Duduman.

LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES

March 1994

I had gone to bed early - about 8:00 p.m. I woke up between midnight and 1:00 a.m. I got up and prayed, then went back to bed. I dreamed there was a lot of turmoil outside, and I kept hearing everyone yell, "Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!" I looked out, and saw a very large red cloud. When I looked at it, its outer edges could not be seen. As I continued to look, I saw a tall man come out of the cloud. He was so tall that, although his feet

touched the ground, I could not see his head. Rays of light began to explode out of the man. When one would pass by me, I would fall to the ground. I could not look at him with my eyes because he was too bright. He then began to hand me letters. They were addressed to certain churches. I knew that these must be American churches because I did not recognize the names as being Romanian. The first letter said, "My people who are discouraged and beaten by the storms, many who have let themselves be beaten by the enemy, stand up! Cry out before God, that He may save you!" The man kept coming and giving me more letters with names of churches of different denominations, and also independent churches. He gave me very many papers. Then he said to me, "When you finish taking these papers where you are supposed to, you will see something that you have never seen before."

There was a thunder and the voice spoke again: "Tell all my people to pray and to repent. The days have been shortened because of all the iniquities. My people, repent, because the days are numbered."

I began to see the days passing by, but whenever the ray of light would pass by me, I would fall. The days were passing so quickly that I could not count them.

The voice spoke again, "Tell my people that I tried to wake them up through powerful storms, fires, floods and earthquakes, but even then they would not wake up. This is why I will pour out my wrath when they least expect it."

The angel gave me a Scripture: Joel 2:12-13, "Now therefore says the Lord, Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning. So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm."

After these things, the cloud, and angel began to fade away. When I awoke, I was wet with sweat...

Happened to Dumitru Duduman.

THE BEAST STRIKES - January 21, 1995 -

(Brother Duduman was in Romania at this time)

I fell asleep sometime around midnight. About 2:00 a.m. I heard a loud voice saying to me, "Dumitru! Wake up! I must show you something!" Even though I was ill, I jumped to my feet, without realizing that I was awake. Then I realized I wasn't even in Romania. I saw myself in America.

A powerful voice spoke sternly to me, "Why have you become discouraged? Why did you try to question God, thinking in your heart that I have left you? Why do you keep so much sadness in your heart, and such a great mourning because I took your wife? Why have you allowed yourself to become discouraged so that you will no longer be able to work for me as you have until now? This is why I have come to you, to show you a revelation, which you must tell the American people."

The voice boomed at me, telling me to look to my right. I was awake - not sleeping. I was standing, and I turned my head as ordered. When I looked, I saw that there was a great flock of black birds, with very sharp, large beaks. Out of the beaks came a blinding light, which you could barely look at. From their tails I saw flames of fire shooting out. I became very frightened. I rubbed my eyes, thinking I was asleep and dreaming. But I was neither sleeping nor dreaming.

This flock of birds suddenly turned into airplanes that did not make any noise. American airplanes would go up, trying to attack. But as they would draw close, they would fall to the earth in a blaze of fire.

Once again, I heard the voice, but I could not see who was speaking to me. The voice said, "Look higher than the black planes." When I looked, above the planes, I saw a helicopter which hovered above them. On the side of the helicopter there was a plank, like on a ship, where soldiers were lined up, dressed in black, all armed the same, and of about the same size. From the center of the helicopter, a platform began to raise up. It rose higher than the helicopter itself.

On the platform was a throne. The Pope was on the throne, yelling with a loud voice, "I have been given the power to rule the earth and to fight against the protestants, that I may overtake them."

As I watched him with terror and fear - because he was surrounded by a powerful force which was formed by planes and personnel - suddenly a white cloud appeared and covered them, so I could no longer see anything. Out of the midst of the white cloud came a man dressed in shining clothes, wearing a shiny crown on his head. He spoke to me. His voice sounded like thunder. When I heard his voice, I fell to the ground.

He said, "Remember everything you've heard, everything you've seen, and everything you will hear. Tell my people, because once again I want to work with you more than I have until now. The armies, and the planes that you saw, and the Beast that sat upon the helicopter - these are the catholic powers which will overtake the holy, that the words prophesied in Revelation may come to pass. A majority of my people will be overtaken and trampled because their lives are not clean before their Lord. Tell this message to them! Do not be quiet! For if you are quiet, I will punish you! The churches are fraudulent (counterfeit, fake). They live a life as their heart's desire, with their hands stained in blood - in adultery, in sodomy, and worshipping strange and foreign gods. Because they have forsaken the true God, He has allowed them to go as their hearts desired. Now, tell them! Cry out loud! Tell them to stop treading the path their heart's desire - to repent with all their hearts, that in the day of the Beast's anger I may be able to save them, so they would not deny me. The time is very short, and the army of their salvation is already prepared."

Again, He spoke to me, "Look to your right." When I looked, I saw such a vast army that my eyes could not encompass it. "This is the army I have prepared to save my people from the Beast's grasp. Do not forget to tell them the words that I have told you. I will give you a spirit of remembrance." The voice continued speaking to me, "I will come and bring you more revelations about the times of the end."

Then again, I heard a thunder. Then the white cloud and the being disappeared. I was so terrified that I was unable to sleep the rest of the night.

Happened to Dumitru Duduman.

Point 9)

Prophecies about America that God revealed to a sister in Russia

Back in June, I received a 2 page prophecy from Russia (through a Christian Brother here) that contains a vision a woman had in Russia of the continents of North and South America. She saw North America split up and sink, leaving only islands from the Northern part south. Only the very most parts in the North of the United States and Canada will be intact for awhile. It continually stressed that the only thing that will save anyone is a heart turned totally to the God of the Bible. It also promises no more soft beds and white bread for those who are here. This was hand written and freshly translated from Russian in 1995, so here it is typed out:

I see the map of two continents: North America and South America. North America starts to split up into pieces and began sinking. Some sunk at once, others remained as islands. The Lord says: "The cup of iniquities overfills, and although the prayers of God's people are raised from that place, the iniquities still overcome." The Lord also says that destruction and calamity (disaster) are coming on the South Continent.

The Southern part of North America starts to split off and then sinks. The Northern part of the U.S. and Canada will be saved for a short time because of the prayers of people. But later these will also be destroyed. I see great crowds of people standing with their hands raised and crying out to the Lord. The Lord says: "I will save this Northern part of the continent for a short time through the prayers of My people".

One year ago Christ Jesus appeared before me and said: "Go among My people that are sitting in the rows around the tables and tell them My words". I saw many people sitting at the tables with a lot of food. I thought: "This place must be devoted for worship, serving the Lord but they use it for eating". I also thought: "How am I going to talk to them? I might break their order". When Jesus saw that I did not walk and tell the people, He Himself started to walk among them quickly and talked to them very strictly: "Many of My people put out their lamps. There is darkness in their hearts and their appearance is dark. This happened because of loss of love to God and one to another. When I come and if they remain in this condition, they will be left for a great tribulation".

When He came to the middle of the room, a few people fell onto their knees and started crying out for forgiveness. But when Jesus pronounced His last words, everybody kneeled and started praying: "Jesus light our lamps, we do not want to stay for the time of the great tribulation". Suddenly, the cloud filled the whole congregation and everyone saw that Jesus was speaking. He said: "I love My people and do not want them to stay for the great tribulation. Therefore tell them these words. When you tell them, you will see that they will quit eating, and start praying. Arrows and rocks will fall on you, but do not fear. Doing this they do it against Me".

Later the Lord explained to me that those that were sitting and eating at the tables are the people who walk according to the flesh. They do not live a spiritual life but only take care of their flesh. They are sitting and eating in the sanctuary, where they are supposed to be serving God, where people must kneel for prayer.

Vision: Black airplanes appeared in the sky and bombing was heard. The voice said: "There will be tumult, disaster and blood shed".

Vision: People are walking in large crowds. They are silent and their heads are bowed down. They are like sheep led to the slaughter. The Lord says: "My people were walking towards suffering, they are coming to meet Me, and they will be caught up by Me". People were walking in two halls having two directions toward suffering, which happened quickly. "Those who will desire to walk My path, the path of Golgotha, they will come to meet Me and will be caught up. The enemy will not harm those that will neglect My path. When these people choose prosperity and comfort, they will meet the time in which their souls will exclaim with horror: "The rapture of the Church already happened!"

During the moment when the voice said, "Those that will neglect", I saw myself in a very beautiful room. I didn't see anything like that in Russia, but met this just in the U.S. Floors were covered with very soft carpets in which your feet would sink. The furniture was extremely luxurious and soft. There was also a black dog - poodle - in the room, which licked my hands and feet. I tried to push it away, but it badgered me so much, that I couldn't free myself from it.

I understood that one group of people will agree to suffer and will comprehend that this is a time of rapture of the Church. The other group of people will say: "Why did they agree to suffer" There is still time and opportunity to have a good life. Why bring suffering upon ourselves?" But this is exactly the time when rapture of the Church will happen, and their souls will exclaim with horror: "The Rapture of the Church already happened!"

I am starting to run through the rooms shouting into the vacuum. Horror overcomes me, I run outside shouting, but there is nobody anywhere around. I understood that I was left. This is how the Lord showed me the horror of the soul that is left after the rapture of His Church. The Lord commanded me to go and tell this to the people.

Events that will precede the rapture of the Church: The Lord showed me what kind of circumstances will surround the Church before His second coming: earthquakes, confusion, disasters, bloodshed, and persecution - these events will multiply. These conditions strengthen the Church. The Church will bear children and bring them before the Lord by holding them in the hands of His glory. There will not be time again like this when the church will be like this.

About TELEVISION (Bold, Caps & underline added by CRM): "Get this evil out of your houses so that My wall and My protection would dwell over you and your children."

Nets, nets are thrown upon My people. The first is thrown upon the mind, heart and hands. Those who get caught in this net do not understand or notice it. It is invisible because of their sins. Such a person is not filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does not function and dwell in him because of the sins. The net is what the mind is occupied by, what the heart is filled with and what the hands are doing. The Lord says those that get caught in the first net, may find His mercy if they come to Him. He will destroy the net by touching the people with His two-edged sword.

"When the time comes that I will destroy the net with My mighty touch. The place will shake. Many will tremble and their knees will shake. Those that will not come out of the first net and will not seek My protection, will be caught in the second and the third nets. They will get very entangled and will not be able to free themselves: they will finally perish.

The Lord said: "There will be no white bread and no soft beds. The earth will fail to bring forth fruits".

Vision: The Church is shown as a bride that is sitting at the scene in front of the people. She is wearing a white dress and black stockings. She is taking these stocking off in front of the people. Her body is normal from the head to waist, but down below it is abnormal. She can not walk with her feet of faith.'

Some further thoughts

This October I received the following messages from God (points 10-27 translated from a Russian newsletter) through various Christians-each account from someone different, in different places at different times.

NO, I am not excited, glad, looking forward to, etc., the end of America which is coming in probably (meaning "maybe") less than 4 years from now. We still see no repentance in the land.

Do we realize what is going on here dear friends? Please stop and think about this: Here is our long-suffering God very tenderly trying to warn us against what we full well deserve. But for some reason we, in effect, laugh (see* next paragraph) Him to scorn. We say that we trust that He will protect us, but turn around and make light of "all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending them" (Jer. 25:4). These are certainly not smooth things they've prophesied here. Most of us know that America can't go on like this much longer without God doing something. We say we believe that "in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established", but when it comes to this, we take it with a grain of salt, based wholly upon our own (or the church's) doctrinal conclusions. Scary!

In speaking directly about this time, Peter says (2 Pet. 3:3) "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days **scoffers**, walking after their own lusts." Do you know what that word translated "scoffers" means in Greek? Simply to make *light of, trifle, as well as to deceive. What a slap in God's face, whom we say we love & serve. Here He is trying to protect us by warning us and we nonchalantly say that we don't 'believe' or 'care about' these "cloud of witnesses". Since when has what we 'believe' changed reality anyway? God is not going to change His Biblical plan, since before the foundation of the world, simply because we don't 'believe' it. The fact that we don't believe that we will die if we jump off a 20 story building, does

not change reality. Various Hippies in the 60's sincerely believed, with ALL their heart, that they could fly and jumped off buildings. They still died. Being a Christian does NOT protect us from reality when we walk contrary to His will.

Is not all our unbelief making light of God? Jesus warned Jerusalem that "the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another."

Why? "Because thou knewest not the time of thy **visitation.**" (Luke 19:43-44) **Because,** "the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. (Isa 9:16)

Did the people & Jewish leaders believe Jesus and His warning? No way! Did what Jesus warn happen anyway? Absolutely!

Yes, I am glad God is coming to fulfill His will on the earth and that the end of all things is close at hand (just a few years).

Jesus says: My sheep hear My voice and another they will not follow. I can say that I hear Him in all these, David Wilkerson's warning (1985) and Dumitru's messages.

Here are some more, just in case the proceeding ones are not enough. I pray that each of you will prayerfully consider and get on your knees and seek God for His confirmation. The time is very short for America.

Points 10 through 27) Here they are as given to me:

1-This is from New York. What is coming on this country is not going to wait, God says. If we only knew what was coming, we would be on our knees most of the time. The people in New York are so laid back about any danger to them that they will be taken totally by surprise.

2-No. Calif. God is warning how that everyone thought when the reservoir broke that life would go on as usual. They have the same attitude after hearing about any other danger that could come on them. They just think everything will be all right; life will go on. It seems that no one will take God's warning seriously, until it is too late.

3-A brother in the Northwest recently heard a voice out of heaven telling him to "WAKE UP" and make holiness his life for the time of the exodus for repentant and holy Christians is close at hand.

4-God spoke to the brethren and said that only those Children THAT are not in SIN in this nation will be protected.

5-Sacramento Calif. Summer 94: God spoke to the church and said He is coming soon and that He will wait for NO ONE, if they're not ready.

6-Portland, Ore-A sister (Russian) had a dream in which there was a school yard and all the Russian Christians (one's who immigrated here recently) were called. A messenger said to everyone, "all you who wish to go back to Russia, may go now. All you who wish to stay in the United States may go home."

The ones who went back to Russia went to a peaceful place but for a short time. Soon the country changed back to Communist or some similar evil government. Those who came back were sent to Siberia to starve and freeze.

Nothing is said more of those who went home and stayed in United States. Only a few were still in school yard (maybe implying those who stand for God only, I don't know)

7-Sacramento, Calif. Sept. 95: People of church told when they ask God why & how will the destruction of America happen that it will happen suddenly. God says that many in the church are not faithful to Him. Those who are faithful when it happens will be protected and brought to safety. Eventually after much tribulation, although in protection here, the faithful will be brought out of this country - America.

8-God spoke from Heaven recently to the church and they were told to read Ezek. 27:34 which is NOW about America. I suggest you read the ones just proceeding and after it too. They confirm that America's doom is soon. (Oh, Lord, please help us and give your people ears to hear-Rick)

9-Sept. 95-A Christian had a dream of fire coming towards America from the East. God says it is AT THE DOOR!!

10-Portland Ore-Christian man has dream three times in a row. He sees the animals in the Portland area sneaking off to hide, like when they know a bad storm, etc., is coming. However, the people are seen as lounging in rest and play, being totally oblivious to the danger. From the water there is a sudden explosion which is so real that the man thinks that it is really happening as he sees it then. After this vision, he tries to warn everyone, but no one will hear. God speaks to him to leave this area and go north.

NOTE: this confirms vision given to another person 150+ miles away who does not know this person. See Point 6) above.

11-In 1985 in the Ukraine a Baptist Christian sees a vision. (This is unusual for Baptists, who shy away from such things) In the vision they see a peace accord with the leaders of the nations discussing disarming. One of the leaders can be seen to be very deceptive in their heart in this vision. Later this same man is seen in his office pushing a button that launches missiles headed for America. Then America is seen on FIRE burning.

12-A Christian sister sees danger coming from the ocean & gets Ezek 27:34

13-In reference to hearing Dumitru's warning from God on his asking God when it will happen in which he was told several things (America-On-line see Message #11 posted in "End Times" in "New: National & International" in "Discuss Current topics" once into Christianity Online Boards start), he is told "If they will repent and turn back to God, they will make it through the second day to the third day. If they don't, they will not make it."

The interpretation on this by the Church, where this message came from, is that if America repents before the third day (thought to be before 3rd year from prescribed warning), it will see the year 2000 as a nation and land. Otherwise if they repent after this time, it will be too late and America will not see the year 2000.

14-Antoly recently of Montana, several years ago saw a vision, while living in Portland, Oregon. In it he saw a missile go up nearby Portland then straighten out horizontally and then turn straight down and hit. Then he saw the Columbia river full of black with red, like blood, in the middle of it.

15-Sacramento, Calif.- On Sept. 27, 95 a woman was given a sign that the end would come right after she & her mother are separated. Meaning not given to separation-maybe mother's death or moving?

Take heed to this next one:

16-Sacramento, Calif.-several years back a women Christian sees (before they all happened) a vision of a war in Kuwait, then sees fires raging in Los Angeles area. Both of those have happened. Then she saw herself driving in a car with her family and sees rockets in the sky. A voice tells her to flee to the desert places leaving all. She tells her husband to go back home to get some food, since they had none with them. The voice tells her NOT to go back to get anything, but flee NOW. In the vision she saw the year of the car and make they were in. Just this summer '95' her parents bought such a car.

17-True story AS I HEARD IT TOLD ME 2ND OR THIRD HAND: In Europe (Ukraine area) before 1917 a boy of 11 years old fasted and prayed to God for 7 days. God spoke to him and made him a prophet to God. God dictated to him a letter and told him not to let anyone open it till another prophet in the future would come who would open it and read it. Anyone who opens it before that will die, the Lord said. Later, he and his family moved to the United States in California. Many people know of this story and a book has been written about this, years back in the Russian language. The family still has the letter to this day and are waiting for the prophet as are many others who also know of the letter and the story.

> NOTE: I will find out more if anyone is interested. Evidently Demos Shakarian mentions this story in his book "happiest people on the earth"? or he is actually the author of the book about the boy, I don't know.

Point 28)

God Speaks Warning to Amishman in 1878

(Notice: The wording of this one is rather vague when it appears to be specifying dates. As with all date specifying, we take the stand that all are suspect until proven otherwise. Same goes for this one. This prophecy has passed through many hands since it was given, so it may not be "pure" in its present form, I don't know. Obviously, if this was meant to be an exact 120 years to destruction, then this one is false. It is our understanding, from further research, that the 120 years was ONLY referring to how long America had to repent and get ready, after which repentance would be too late for it as a continuing nation. This is all. After the 120 years has expired, a sequence of events will be set in motion to bring about God's wrath, what they term "the rapture" of the Church and the final destruction of the earth.-ed.)

Noah Troyer was an Amish farmer born in 1831 in Ohio. He later moved to Iowa and labored as a farmer and minister for many years. During a serious illness he remained unconscious for a long period of time, but spoke a repeated word of warning over and over again. His wife called friends and family to witness what he was saying. She reported that he gave the message 19 times:

"Just as with Noah before the flood, He is warning me, Noah Troyer, that He is giving America 120 years to repent before it will be destroyed and it will be too late to repent. People will be partaking of the same sins of fornication, adultery and homosexuality as they were in the days of Noah when God's wrath was full and he destroyed the earth with a flood. God commanded that they repent and stop their sinning, and instructed Noah to build the ark. He is now giving us one hundred and twenty years to get ready before His wrath will fall on unbelievers and He will rapture the true believers then, this time He will destroy the earth* with fire." (*meaning America at first)

This was spoken in the year 1878.

(published in "Touching the Unseen World" by Betty Malz pp 141-142)

This story has been confirmed through many other Amish & Mennonites who either knew him, where or are part of his succeeding Church organization.

Point 29)

Texas Man's Prophecy

A Texas man who was converted a while back has recently posted, on the Internet, a prophecy that coincides with the tone of this paper. I have not been able to contact him personally, so I only make brief mention of what he has written, instead of it all, which I'd like to. His name is Steve Pardue. He gives a prophetic commentary on the last days, especially Revelations 18 in his chapter entitled, 'The destruction of the United States of America'. He writes thus:

Revelation chapter 18 begins, "After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven." This is a different Babylon. This is a figurative Babylon because in approximately 70 A.D. when John wrote Revelation, literal Babylon had already been destroyed, never to be restored, fulfilling the prophesy of Jeremiah 51:64. Jeremiah 51:64 (NIV) "Then say, So will Babylon sink to rise no more because of the disaster I will bring upon her. And her people will fall." The words of Jeremiah end here. Revelation chapter 18 is a commercial Babylon. - It is the United States of America.'

He goes on to entirely quote Chapter 18 of Revelations. He then comments:

'Verse 2 She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird. Every newspaper in America carries daily horoscopes. Magicians are invited into homes through television, the schools, and into churches. Astrologers have been reported in the White House. Palm readers, tarot card readers, enchanters, diviners, mediums, and sorcerers are common in most cities. Fortune cookies are the lark of Chinese restaurants.'

Deuteronomy 18:10-12 (NIV) "Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, 11 or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you."

2 Chronicles 33:6 (NIV) "He sacrificed his sons in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced sorcery, divination and witchcraft, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger." Steve goes on to name numerous parallels to Babylon and how abortion has polluted our land with more blood than Hitler, and other dastardly deeds. He also mentions:

'How many conflicts and wars have been fought because of the personal interests, power, and control of the military-industrial complex based in the United States? There is no mention of a King of the West in the battle of Armageddon, or in any prophecy. America is not there. When the antichrist confirms his covenant for one "seven," he will be forced to deal with Israel because of her military power. At the time of this writing, Israel has always run under the wing of the United States. The antichrist will deal directly with Israel, not the United States, because Israel will be truly independent. The United States will have ceased to be a power in the Middle East to be reckoned with. She will retain her nuclear power until her destruction...'

Please Note: I have not been able to contact Steve by either his e-mail address or postal service. He has never responded to any of my requests, so I really don't know if he is a real person, nor anything else about him.

Steve Pardue can be contacted at: Post Office Box 1882, Nederland, Texas, 77627

Point 30)

"The Great Destruction (by David ?)

One night about five years ago, I had the following dream: A group of us (people I was in fellowship with) were gathered in a second floor room somewhere in the Middle East. The room was rectangular in shape with three windows, two on the long side and one in the end wall. The windows were long and high with rounded tops. There was no glass in the windows so that the air freely came into the room.

The table was low enough that when we sat or reclined on the floor it was just the right height to eat off. I sat on the corner at one end of the table looking up the table and towards the lone window. Through the window I could see the top of a tower which looked like the top of a mosque - a crescent moon on a staff.

We were enjoying a wonderful time of fellowship in the Lord when I noticed that seated at the opposite end of the table from me was President Reagan. I was stunned at his presence at this spiritual meeting feeling very much that at least in my opinion he did not belong there.

I stood up and went over to where he was with the intention of learning more about his curious presence among us. As I got to that end of the table, he said "I have just been trying to do the will of the Lord." I thought that an incredible statement, so with a puzzled look on my face I asked him, "You're just trying to do the will of God?" He answered me, "Yes, I really am to do the will of God in everything I am doing."

I was very puzzled by all of this and I scratched my head as I turned away from him to go back to my place at the table. Suddenly the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me with great power. I whipped around pointing my finger directly at him and said, "God bless you Ronald Reagan after you are out of office, the great destruction shall come!"

I immediately awoke from this dream and was quite astonished at its content. I fell back asleep and had the same dream again with NO differences whatsoever. I awoke from this dream in a cold sweat and was even more astonished.

Approximately one year later while earnestly seeking the Lord as to further light on the subject of this previous dream, I had another dream: I found myself in an area which seemed like the Great Smoky Mountains or at least which had the same features (I live in the West but these trees were broad-leaved and the mountains were really "hills". Having been in the Smokies and it appeared more like them.

There was a two lane paved road which came up the hill towards where I was standing. Directly in front of me the road made a switchback and continued up the hill. There was a bit of a clearing where I was standing. As I looked down the road a procession of cars approached and I recognized it as the presidential motorcade. The motorcade halted directly in front of me.

The president got out of his limousine and immediately saw that it was I. He said, "Oh no, not you again!" and looked quite unhappy to see me. "I have been doing all that I can to try and prevent this thing", he said. "Is this the way it is going to be. I am trying to prevent it by doing all that I can." My heart really went out to him as he genuinely looked troubled by the whole affair.

Once again the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me as I attempted to comfort him. "This is going to happen and then this is going to happen and then this, then this, then this..." I went on for what seemed like several minutes giving great detail to the things which lay ahead. Then I said, "This all will happen and THEN the great destruction will come."

He looked very discouraged and slowly moved back to his limousine saying to himself "I am going to keep trying." He got in and the motorcade continued up the hill and left me alone as peaceful as I was at the beginning. After I awoke, I could no longer remember what all the 'this is going to happen' things were and have not been able to remember to this day.

Last Easter (April 1992) I was at an evening meeting. During a period of singing and prayer, I felt the Lord near and asked Him what He wanted.

"All of 'those (referring to the earlier dream) have happened! I had the feeling that the events of the past couple of years are what 'those things' were - the fall of the Berlin Wall, the demise of communism, the rise of new countries and perhaps the Persian Gulf War as well. He asked me to fall on my face on the floor and He would show me what was next. I was afraid to do so and moment passed.

Since that time I have been seeking the Lord. During the past week, I have been overcome by the lateness of the hour. The most important thing is not particular details but that each one of us seeks the Lord to make sure that we are in the right place, both physically and spiritually for whatever it is the Lord is shortly going to do. It is important that we be found away from the area of this great destruction which seems to be Babylon, that we "be not partakers of her sins, and that we receive not of her plagues." (See also Jeremiah 51:34). This file may be freely copied and shared BUT only in its entirety and only including this note. In case you are wondering if I am a real person, the easiest places to contact me are as follows and in order of how often I show up: CompuServe - 70400,153; GENie - D.WORKS3; America OnLine - DAVIDW2959; DELPHI - DAVIDWORKS"

Point 31)

The following is a reprint of what was printed in the '**Budget**' (Amish/Mennonite newspaper) back in the 50's. Although I've heard of this before receiving it, all I have is this reprint. Leonard Ravenhill had talked about it before his death. He talked of it in a reverent way, as though it has always been considered authentic in England among the true Christians. That's all I know, but the insight into our day today is nothing short of marvelous. Whether it was in poem form originally, I don't know. I have marked some things that directly relate to our day. It probably takes a couple of read throughs to get everything. Again there is confirmation of what everyone else is saying, especially concerning the bringing in of the Kingdom at the end of this century. Amen.

Mother Shipton's Prophecy

Mother Shipton was born in Norfolk, England, and died in Clifton, Yorkshire, 1459. Thus you see she died thirty-three (33) years before Columbus discovered America.

A carriage without a horse shall go;
Disaster fill the world with woe.
In London, Primrose hill shall be,
It's center hold a Bishop's see
Around the world men's thoughts shall fly
Quick as the twinkling of an eye.
And waters shall great wonders do&emdash;
How strange and yet it will come true.
Then upside down the world will be,
And gold found at the root of a tree;
Through towering hills proud men shall ride,
Nor horse nor mule move by his side.
Beneath the water men shall walk;
Shall rise, shall sleep and even talk.
And in the air men shall be seen,
In white, in black, as well as green.
A great man then shall come and go,
For prophecy declares it so.
In water iron then shall float
As easy as a wooden boat.
Gold shall be found in stream or stone
In land that is as yet unknown. (America?-ed.)
Water and fire shall wonders do,
And England shall admit a Jew.
The Jew that once was held in scorn,

Shall of a Christian then be born.
 A house of glass shall come to pass
 In England&emdash;But alas! alas!
 A war will follow with the work,
 Where dwells the pagan and the Turk.
 The states will lock in fiercest strife,
 And seek to take each others life.
 When North shall thus divide the South,
 The eagle build in lion's mouth.
 Then tax and blood and cruel war
 Shall come to every humble door.
 Three times shall sunny, lovely France
 Be lead to play a bloody dance;
 Before the people shall be free,
 Three tyrant rulers shall she see.
 Three rulers in succession
 Each from different dynasty.
 Then when the fiercest fight is done,
 England and France shall be as one.
 The British olive next will twine
 In marriage with the German vine.
 Men walk beneath and over streams,
 Fulfilled shall be our strangest dreams.
 All England's sons shall plow the land,
 Shall off be seen with book in hand.
 The poor shall now most wisdom know
 And water wind, where corn did grow.
 Great houses stand in far flung vale,
 All covered over with snow and hail.
 And now a word in uncouth rhyme,
 Of what shall be in **future time**.
 For in those wondrous far-off days
 The women shall adopt a craze.
 To dress like men and trousers wear,
 And cut off all their locks of hair.
 They'll ride astride with brazen brow,
 As witches do on broom sticks now;
 Then love shall die and marriage cease
 And nations wane as babes decrease.
 The wives shall fondle cats and dogs,
 And men live much the same as hogs.
 In nineteen hundred and twenty-six,
 Build houses light of straw and sticks.
 For then shall mighty war be planned,
 And fire and sword shall sweep the land.
 But those who live the century through
 In fear and trembling, this will do.
 Flee to the mountains and the dens,
 To bog and, forest and wild fens,
 (fens are low, flat, swampy lands-ed.)
 For storms shall rage and oceans roar
 When Gabriel stands on sea and shore.
 And as he blows his wondrous horn,
 Old worlds shall die and new be born.

Points 32 & 33) To be added later (see end of "Update", following this first section)

- 1) I have to type in portions from a Russian Brother living in Minnesota who has composed, lately, a book comparing this country to Mystery Babylon including its destruction. He is unrelated to anyone given here so far (although by now he may know of a few of them). His book is circulated exclusively among the Russian speaking Christian immigrants here in this country.
- 2) I have been told of a man, just north of here in Canada, who on his leaving (conversion?) the Hutterites years ago, had a vision. One such thing that he supposedly saw was America's tombstone and a date of November 199?. I have not been able to speak with him about this, so this is only second hand information. If he is indeed a brother of our Lord, we will find out and then print his story.

I've been asked, what does this all mean? In other words, what are we supposed to do about all this? I'm not qualified to tell you exactly what to do, other than pray, pray, pray. Only God knows. All I can tell you is what I did. Our Lord has a perfect memory. He has ways of telling the repentant heart what needs to be made right.

When we confess in a humble attitude, it brings brokenness. The first thing that I did was humbly ask God a few things:
 Do I need to forgive and make things right with anyone?

Do I need to ask someone's forgiveness?
Do I need to confess things to Him (God) or some person and make things right?
Do I love keeping any earthly idols (godly or otherwise)?

Here's a few idols I checked for:

Loving to maintain earthy business as usual (my life, job or own business).

Idolizing my natural family & friends over my fellow brethren (this is a 'party spirit').

Being 'partisan' about our Christian church, community or group (word means 'party spirit' which does cause damnation [strife-KJV] Gal. 5:20,21).
wanting to 'minister' in a big important way.

Holding my Doctrines so dear as to interpret Scripture by them, instead of letting Scripture interpret, make and change them.

Making a Godly 'vision' more important than Scripture by having "respect to persons" over other Christians - Jesus' true body (James 2:1-4).

He will most assuredly send us a "strong delusion, that" we "should believe a lie" if we do not cast all idols from us.

Blessings to each of you with ears to hear. I am amazed that God in His wonderful, infinite mercy has been able to get through to my "slowness of heart" with the reality of His message. I just worship Him and praise His Holy Name. Amen for you too.

Hosea 9:7-9 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred. The watchman of Ephraim was with my God: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God. They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

Footnotes

1 Page 1 "Set the Trumpet to Thy Mouth"; by David Wilkerson, 1985 Whitaker House.

2 ibid., Page 1-2

3 ibid., Page 2

4 ibid., Page 3 under heading "America Is Modern Babylon"

5 ibid., Page 4

6 ibid., Page 14 under heading "Warning Signs"

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8 ibid., Page 19-20

END OF PART 1

"God says, if we only knew what was coming,
we would be on our knees most of the time."

Update to:

**God says: If we only knew what was coming,
we would be on our knees most of the time.**

Dear brethren,

Greetings in our Great God and King's Name.

I am writing you again because I have had so much feedback. Several have expressed their desire to know what the outcome &/or update is. From a mailing of approximately only 50, I've received many phone calls and letters, giving confirmation and encouragement. I wish to share some of these and some new prophecies with you. Before I do that, I'd like to mention a few things.

Why did I send it?

In case you were wondering, one reason that I sent you the first copy (titled: "God says: If we only knew what was coming, we would be on our knees most of the time"), was because I love you and think you should know or be reminded of what is coming upon us very soon. As I alluded to at the end of that letter, it caused me to make sure I had made things right with God and others. All of this has brought me to a strong desire to live a more holy life, "unspotted from this present world". I was also brought to realization that I had not been living as I knew I should. I thank our dear Jesus (Yeshua) for loving me enough to show me!!

Explanation of Intent for Including Each Prophecy

I also wanted you to know that just because I included all of those prophecies, it didn't mean that I was in total agreement with each one. Some of you had questions about this. I only put the ones in that I felt were conveying a true message from God to prepare your hearts, because heavy duty judgment is coming on this country soon, and then the world. I included them in the hope that you would glean the warning from the messages (as many did) that repentance and a drawing closer to God needs to come to all of us.

In other words, just because I included certain ones, it doesn't mean that I was sanctioning every detail in each one. There are some that I believe are exactly right, like Dumitru Duduman's, but that was NOT my motive for including them. My motive was to let them speak to you as the Holy Spirit would speak into your heart. I included them so that you could make up your own mind, as God shows you. I just thought you ought to know, because you are a dear friend.

True and False Prophecy

(taken from "True and False Prophecy" booklet,
which has **more complete** explanations)

What is the test of true prophecy? I'm not going to go into much concerning whether or not there is such a thing as prophecy functioning in the Church today. An honest study of the Bible and the early Church will answer that beyond all doubt. All modern day 'doctrine's of men', that say prophecy disappeared way back in the first or second century, will be laid to rest after such a study, if one has an honest heart for the truth. Prophecy is listed there as a "**normal**" Church gift, in Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12, right along with other gifts in use today, such as ministry, teaching, exhortation, discernment, etc. Furthermore, true prophecies have indeed never "failed" yet. "Surely the lord god will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." Amos 3:7

Oh, yes, there are a lot of false prophets and prophecies bombarding us today-perhaps more false than not. But, the fact that the erroneous ones have multiplied, does not negate the reality of the true ones. In fact, it proves the existence of the true.

How Do We Know the Difference?

What usually comes to the mind of a Biblically studious person, respecting the subject of "true & false Prophecy", is Deuteronomy 18:21-22, although usually in a paraphrased form. The exact Scripture is:

"And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."

However this is not a main Biblical test, dear hearts. Just think about this. How could this be the only test? If it was, we'd find ourselves giving heed to the occult world as well. Just because something does come to pass, doesn't mean it was from God. The devil can and does bring many of his occultic prophecies to pass with amazing accuracy. The devil did so in Moses day: "...Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments..." (Ex 7:10-22)

Taking Deut. 18:21-22 as the only way to test prophecy is probably the main reason why so many are now deceived and will continue to be, through the last days because they cannot discern the devil's signs and wonders.

Another reason that Deut. 18 can't be the main test is this. We may not even live long enough to see if a prophecy comes true. So although this test in Deut. 18 is very important, it is not to be taken by itself as the only way to test whether a prophecy is from God or not. Deuteronomy 13:1-3 and John 15:26-27 & 16:8 are the tests we need to start with prior to using Deut. 18. Without using these, plus Holy Spirit discernment, sadly, many already "have turned aside unto vain jangling" and have taken "heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils".

"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder **come to pass**, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, **Let us go after other gods**, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul." (Deut. 13:1-5)

What all this means is this: Just because a prophecy (teaching, doctrine, exorcism) comes true, it doesn't mean that it was from God, nor that it is even right. Some of the so called 'prophecies', I've heard in the past, have been so vague, **man-centred**, loving and mushy that almost everyone I knew, came away wondering what it was they were supposed to know, do or understand, as it relates to the Kingdom of God. These are usually not real prophecies. Please remember this: "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jer 23:29) The popular "prophets" of today, who prophecy "smooth things", are from the same mold as the ones in Jeremiah's day. "Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart." "Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD." (Jer 14:14 ; 23:16)

How Can We Tell, Then?

If a prophecy is from God, it will speak as our God the Holy Spirit does. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me" "And when he is come, he will reprove (Grk.-to find fault with, correct) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." (John 15:26-27; 16:8)

So, the bottom line for testing a prophecy is this: Does this prophecy draw our hearts to Godly repentance and a stronger desire to love Jesus and our God more? Does it line up with what Scripture teaches? I'm not talking about lining up with our interpretation of Scripture based on preconceived doctrinal stances. I mean, that all prophecy **must** line up with the **plain** Biblical meaning in context with each paragraph, chapter and book in the Bible. If not, then it is NOT from God.

The prophecy(s) in question must speak what and the way God the Holy Spirit speaks. It must glorify God. It must draw us closer to God. It must show us our need of repentance. It must pinpoint a Biblical Solution, not man's idea of it. It must speak as God would, not present a vague generalization that expects no response or responsibility on our part. It must show us what God's judgment is on the situation(s). If it doesn't do any of these, then it may be either something out of someone's own heart, a lying spirit, a doctrine of demons, or just someone who's using religious mumbo jumbo (I call it Christian gobbley goop).

ALL prophecies have to have the same Holy Spirit conviction and solution - "Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." (Isaiah 1:16-17) All prophecy today must match that of the past in Spirit, because He says, "I am the LORD, I change not", "with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning". (Mal 3:6 James 1:17)

I believe that all of the prophecies I had included in the first paper I sent you had the same Holy Spirit message. Some were translated from Russian. Some came from 3rd and 4th hand sources. Some of those, that came from unfamiliar sources, may have even had a little of the person's own doctrine (or person relating it) involved. There was no way to verify this. But, to me, ALL of them had the same Holy Spirit conviction and solution - 'get our lives right and prepare for hard times'. This is NOT a coming Sunday School picnic, dear hearts! Please remember. This is going to really hurt!

Some of the Calls and Letters we first received

I sent 27 letters out at first. Within the first two weeks I received a long distance call from a dear pastor from Amish/Mennonite background in

Tennessee. He just wanted to encourage me that he bore witness with the message of the letter. He shared some of his own experiences and understanding of the Bible in confirmation with the prophecies. He and many others, likewise, believe that God is telling them to leave this country.

It definitely had the effect of drawing him and his closer to God.

Several days later, in the early morning, a dear Mennonite sister from Maryland called us. She said that she had never really thought much of about such things before. However, right before she received the letter, her 9(?) year old daughter came to her. She told her about some very disturbing dreams she had even earlier. Up to this point, her daughter had never had such dreams before. Her daughter had dreamed that she had been inside their house and had heard screams outside. She went outside to see. When she got outside, she saw everything burning and people screaming. God spoke to her to go back inside. Later, she had another dream where she was detached, but looking on as from a distance. She saw fire, heard bombs and destruction everywhere. Then my letter comes. This sister was so shocked by the timely arrival of my letter, that she called us right away.

All during this time, a dear Christian couple in British Columbia have been aware of coming destruction. The wife has been having dreams of warning and of the coming judgment. We had been in contact with them even before I put the letter together. They too bare witness with it as well. A dear brother and sister east of us in Montana wanted to likewise confirm the message. He was used of God to bring several others to see the reality of what is coming on the earth. He personally visited many of his brethren warning them of the coming judgment. His wife is the one who came across the Mother Shipton prophecy from an old (1950's) Budget newspaper.

Then I got a long, long letter from a brother in Minnesota. He expressed his witness to it as well and then, unknown to me, had passed it along to another.

This brother, whom the brother above gave it to, wrote me. He likewise confirmed that the Lord had spoken to him the same things years back. He shared numerous examples of how this country is Mystery Babylon and his experience with their oppression in other countries. He is a recent immigrant who has seen this country's actions in Asian countries. He is a native of Europe. He said that God has used him in the past to protect and lead children out of countries like Vietnam and Guatemala, when war and destruction came. He said that God has shown him that he will again lead the children out of this country when it is hit. I noticed that one of Dumitru's messages warned the children of this country to stop sinning, so they can be protected.

Just before I mailed the second batch of letters, I got another early morning call from a brother in Indiana. He had visited here in Montana 3 or 4 years back. We have barely stayed in touch through our children's letters since. However, he felt the need to call me long distance during the day to confirm the letter as well. He asked permission (as others have) to photocopy it and pass them out. He wanted to confirm his support for the spirit of the letter. It was very good to hear from him also.

The Response we received from the Second Mailings

After the first batch, I sent out a second bunch to 23 or so loved ones. I received a call from one of my dearest friends in this second group. He and I had been Hippies in the late 60's and had moved out of the city to live in the country. In 1971 I was converted to Christ. In the 1980's he turned to Christ all the way. We were close before, in the world of sin and death. Now we are closer in the Lord than ever (although further apart geographically). He just had to call me (during the day) and tell me how much he appreciated the letter. God used it in his life to convict him of things he needed to make right. He and I had sweet fellowship and he told me how he is making copies and passing them out.

Then there is my dear friend and his wife from North Dakota. He didn't call to say that he liked it or anything else. He didn't have to. He called to say that he was missing a page in his mailing and just couldn't go on without it. We Faxed him the missing page. He likewise bore witness to the message.

Then there is my dear brother in Southern California. He and I haven't been able to see each other much since he moved from here in '92'. In the past, he been instrumental in the conversion of Jews in Israel. However, the devil decided to distract him a little with the cares of this life and great discouragement. He called (during the day) and admitted to me that the message and reality of the letter was real. He had, prior to receiving it, been deeply convicted to return to his first love and was walking in it when he received my letter. He told me that just the weekend before, he had seen a prophet friend from Israel who had a message for the people of this country. He said that God says of America that "It's over!!!" "For America and Europe IT....IS.... Over!!". This brother who called shared a Scripture with me that God gave him recently. It was from Isaiah 52:11-12. "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD. For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your reward."

A Few More and New Prophecies

From the "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles" (100 A.D.) respected by all the early Church.

1) Chapter 16. Be watchful for your life; do not let your lamps be quenched and your loins ungirded, but be ready; for you know not the hour in which our Lord comes. And you should gather yourselves together frequently, seeking what is fitting for your souls; for the whole time of your faith shall not profit you, if you be not perfected at the last season.

For in the last days false prophets and corrupters shall be multiplied, and the sheep shall be turned into wolves, and love shall be turned into hate. For as lawlessness increases, they shall hate one another and shall persecute and betray. And then the word-deceiver shall appear as a son of God; and shall work signs and wonders, and the earth shall be delivered into his hands; and he shall do unholy things, which have never happened since the world began.

Then all created mankind shall come to the fire of testing and many shall be offended and perish; but they that endure in their faith shall be saved by the Curse Himself (Jesus). And then shall the signs of the truth appear; first a sign of a rift in the heavens, then the sign of a voice of a trumpet, and thirdly a resurrection of the dead; yet not of all, but as it was said: The Lord shall come and all His saints with him. Then shall the world see the Lord coming upon the clouds of heaven.

2) Larry in the Yaak, Montana 1979 or 1980. Saw a vision as real as life. Saw Washington D.C. and the president sitting in a chair. From the sky a huge black spider began to descend on the Dome where the president was sitting. He looks up and began to lean backwards in his chair. As the spider descends, the president continues to lean backwards until he leans his chair almost all the way over backwards.

3) translation of a prophecy from the Russian language last year (95). The Lord is speaking.

"I will work in a big way to bring my people to their destiny. I will purify them as gold through the fire. I will make my children complete in my work. You need to depend on Me for everything, because I will make a big change in your homes and your families. I will be visiting you in a great way. This will bring you wisdom and understanding. Lots of Wisdom. Truly you will be my witnesses. My Holy Spirit is doing lots of work here, there and everywhere, because there is LITTLE TIME LEFT!

"There is little time left for you to purify and prepare yourselves. After a short time of preparing and purifying, there will be a way shown to you. I will move through my people from America to Canada and will designate a place to go. This will be according to my foreknowledge. In this place there will be a large number of people. I number My true and faithful people. I bring them to my destiny and will make a covenant with them. They will be united. I will be their ruler.

"People, prepare for a great work of God. Afterwards, I will bring you from Israel to the Arabian desert. There you will do a lot of mighty works in great ways. I will open things up through the Holy Spirit. I will rule through the Spirit and move my people through the Spirit as I did with Philip. I will move mightily amongst the people of Israel.

"All My children, because the time is short, I will bring you as true witnesses. My people will ask to become like you (Christians). They need to listen. They need Messiah. The Lord opened for you to know the Messiah, so I tell you to explain the law of Christ to them that the mystery of Jesus will be open to them, so that the veil will be taken off. Then I will take off the veil from My children, (Israel)."

4) Dear Brethren,

The call of the Heavenly Father is being heard louder than ever: "Awaken people of God, awaken while you still can." Times are hard, and the trials that are allowed to come over this earth multiply. All these will seem trivial compared to the battles that will occur against true believers in God. The

fight to destroy those that are now standing. To discourage those that come before God in prayer asking forgiveness when they stumble. The fight against those who worship God with all their heart, all their love, and all their strength will not be easy. Be strong my brothers, call upon God, not allowing fear to bring hopelessness and worry into our hearts. We must, with an even stronger conviction, go out and tell those around us to return to God today, while they still have the grace. Tomorrow may be too late. I have felt the strength of your prayers with me. Just a few months ago, all who looked upon my countenance, shook their heads and said I would not be on this earth much longer. Through God's mercies, I am still among you, continuing to fulfill the work I was chosen to do.

I just returned from a trip in which I visited 9 states. Through God's abundant grace, I brought the message, and everything God put on my lips to say. The Holy Spirit is at work, and God loves you. He is jealous for you, and for me. I do not tell people what God gives me for monetary gain, or to gain notoriety. I do this because it is my duty, and because I love you. I want us to inherit heaven together. He requires holiness, for He is a holy God. He is not a God of compromise, therefore we as His children should have no compromise in our lives.

The Holy Spirit knows what is lacking among the people of God. When we trust in Him, He will tell us the areas we need to change in our lives. We are weak, hated by many, and beaten down for the faith we carry in our hearts. In all this, let us rejoice for we are the redeemed of God. Worshipping in righteousness, having faith in the protecting arm of the Father, let us continue to fight the good fight. We will one day receive our reward, if we remain faithful until the end.

With love in Christ,

Dumitru Duduman

Revelation 3:10-11, "Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth. I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown."

A VISION received by Brother Duduman

- January 1996 -

One Page Remains

(the significance of this can be fully understood by reading Dumitru's Book or Visions)

As I was riding in the car from Kansas toward Nebraska, I saw a large star appear before me. This star appeared, and disappeared before my eyes 4 times. I told my grandson what I had seen, and he said, "pray, and see what God shows you."

The next evening as I was praying, I saw the star again. It shone with such intensity, that it took my eyesight away. Two men walked out of this star, dressed in shining garments. One spoke to me: "Dumitru, listen and remember. Your returning to America was my plan, and my decision. I still have names to add to the number before all things that I have shown you will happen."

They opened a great book and said, "do you remember how many pages were left to fill when I showed you last time? Now, there is but one page left. When this is completed, what I have told you will happen to America." The man proceeded to tell me that the time it would take for this page to be filled, would not be longer, but shorter. He closed the book, and sounds of thunder reverberated. Frightened of what I had seen, I continued to pray.

One evening, I dreamt the moon had been dipped in blood.

Please pray that God would show me the meaning.-Dumitru Duduman

5) February 1996 translated from Russian.

President Clinton will be asking: "Who are these people? I want to know!" He will look through the posts (public records?) and will make a ruckus looking in documents. He will use computers as well as secret meetings and talks.

This will affect everybody. He will open gates (borders?) and say, "Go and learn other cultures and food used by others."

God says: "For some when I speak, it will be hard for them to understand what I say (2 Peter 3:16). But for others these words will give knowledge. I will raise up columns and make up squads, but the worldly will be in great fear. Pray for understanding of My mysteries. Everything will go stage by stage."

Blessings to you,

R.J.V.

Phil. 3:14

END of Update to: "God says, if we only knew what was coming, we would be on our knees most of the time."

Since the time of the first printing (1995), there has been additional information acquired especially respecting points 32 & 33 (pg. 26).

Refer to Points 32 & 33)

1) I have seen the book by this Russian Brother. I believe that it accurately compares this country to Mystery Babylon, including its destruction. It traces the roots of this country's sins and what evil has brought it to this point in time. He is a genuine brother in the Lord who came to this country expecting it to be "Christian", but was shocked to find it was otherwise. He, likewise, believes that this country is soon to be destroyed as described in Revelations 17 & 18.

2) I have also met the man from Canada, Joseph Waldner, who had a vision of America's destruction. He is also a dear brother, having come from a Hutterite upbringing. As he related this to me, he saw what he perceived to be an angel appearing to him in the room. This angel held out a globe of the earth. He then took a vial of something and, from it, poured some sprinkley substances over the earth. This was a judgement. After this brother saw a tombstone for the country of America. He saw the date of November 1999(something), but was able to remember that last digit. This is now the year 1997. With the United Nations conference meeting in San Francisco June 1997 to decide on implementing a world religious system, time in running out folks.

Additional information:

1) September 1996:

Olga, a Christian sister from Buffalo, N.Y., after being taken to the entrance of hell and brought back to life, testified that she was shown the exact day and hour that this nation's cities will be burned by fire. As far as we know, prior to this, she had not been interested in such information. She said that the Lord showed her that this fiery destruction would happen in the middle of the night.

2) Further confirmation of Olga's revelation.

It is not well known that the Old Testament books commonly referred to as the 'Apocrypha' were included in all English translations of the Bible, including the King James Version, up until 1769. This is easily verified by visiting most religious bookstores, or a large library, and examining any exact reprint of the 1611 King James Bible or 1560 Geneva Bible.

Although the Apocryphal books were not regarded by the Jews as the infallible Word of God, they were highly esteemed as containing true prophecies, revelations, wisdom and history. They were carefully preserved and copied right along with the Scriptures. When the Scriptures were translated from Hebrew into Greek %200 years before Christ (called the Septuagint), all of the Apocryphal books were included also.

Contained in the Apocrypha are the books '1st Esdras' and '2nd Esdras' (the Greek form of Ezra). In 2nd Esdras 12:22-26 it appears to confirm what Olga was told: "And whereas thou sawest three heads resting, this is the interpretation: in his last days shall the most High raise up three kingdoms, and renew many things therein, and they shall have the dominion of the earth, and of those that dwell therein, with much oppression, above all those that were before them: therefore are they called the heads of the eagle. For these are they that shall accomplish his wickedness, and that shall finish his last end. And whereas thou sawest that the great head appeared no more, it signifieth that one of them shall die upon his bed, and yet with pain."

3) Referring to point 8, Dumitru Duduman moved from this country to Romania in December 1996. This May 5th, 1997 he died there.

I ask you all:

What are you going to do, if you don't believe any of this? If you do not hear God's voice personally, know what His will is for you and are not living in it, God WON'T be able to protect you. How can any of us expect Him to do that unless we repent from living in our will and turn our entire attention to seeking to know Him? Then we will know His exact will for us. Then and only then, will we have our conversation (speech and actions) occupied with eternal things. Don't wait till it's too late and you've learned that you've made a mistake by being nonchalant about it, having believed the false teachers who teach 'peace, peace' (or 'rapture, rapture') or 'we're already in the millennium'.

Please wake up, if you haven't already. If you are reading this and destruction hasn't started here yet, you still have time to get right with God. Praise His Holy Name! He is so merciful.



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Genesis

Although the story of the Tower of Babel is often thought to be purely a myth, there are archaeological indications that a tower really existed, in the glorious city of Babylon (the plain between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, in what is now modern Iraq).

Babylon was one of a number of cities built by a succession of peoples that lived on the plain starting around 5,000 years ago. Archaeologists examining the remains of the city of Babylon have found what appears to be the foundation of the tower: a square of earthen embankments three-hundred feet long on each side. Believed to have been originally constructed by Nimrod, the tower's most impressive incarnation was probably under King Nebuchadnezzar II (605-562 BC), who rebuilt the tower to stand 295 feet high. According to an inscription made by the king, the tower was constructed of "baked brick enameled in brilliant blue." The terraces of the tower may have also been planted with flowers and trees.

Construction would not have been easy. The area lacks the stone deposits the Egyptians used, and the local wood is mostly palm, so the Babylonians used what they had in abundance: mud and straw bricks, baked in the sun. Yet the Tower, referred to by the Babylonians as Etemenanki, was only one of the marvels of the city, in addition to the Hanging Gardens and superb palaces inside the city. The final beginning of the end of the tower of Babel probably began around 478 BC. The city had been taken over by the Persian King Xerxes who crushed a rebellion there that year. The tower was neglected and crumbled.

The Tower of Babel has been gone for many years, but has continued to inspire artists and intellectuals throughout the ages.

The History of Herodotus

book I, trans. George Rawlinson

Even after the Tower had been crumbling for many years, the Greek historian Herodotus visited it and was very impressed:

"It has a solid central tower, one furlong square, with a second erected on top of it and then a third, and so on up to eight. All eight towers can be climbed by a spiral way running around the outside, and about halfway up there are seats for those who make the journey to rest on."

The Bible and Jewish tradition

The Biblical tale of Babel describes how, in the early days of the world, all mankind spoke the same language. Journeying from the east, they came to the great plains of Babylonia, and settled. They wished to build a tower so high that its top could reach heaven: however God was angry with their arrogance, and as punishment for this excessive human pride, similar to that shown in Eden, God divided the people by giving them different languages and scattering them over the face of the earth.

The name Babel is associated with the Hebrew root "bil", "to confound." The name 'Babil' (Bab-il or Bab-ilu) means 'Gate of God'. Jewish oral tradition suggests that one-third of the unfinished tower sank into the earth, another third was consumed by fire, and only one third remained standing. Passing the place of the tower makes you forget all you know.

This story serves as the end of the 'prehistory' of humankind (beginning with Adam and Eve) while introducing the era of patriarchs beginning with Abraham. The sin of Adam isolated him from God and his fellow humans, while the sin at Babel led to the alienation of the entire human society from God and men from one another.

Genesis 11 (King James Version):

11:1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

11:2 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.

11:3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

11:4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

11:5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

11:8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

11:9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

The Toltecs

The Toltecs of Mexico have a legend that the age of the 'first world' lasted 716 years, after which man and all the earth were destroyed by floods and lightening, except for those who escaped in a toptlipetlacali, or closed chest. After multiplying, they built a huge tower to take refuge when the world would again be destroyed. Thus this story conflates the stories of Babel and the Ark of Noah.

The Toltecs dominated central Mexico from the 10th until the mid-12th century AD. Many of the region's later peoples claimed descent, notably the Aztecs, who told Spanish conquerors about the Toltecs.

They moved into the Valley of Mexico after the collapse of Teotihuacán in the late 7th century left a power vacuum. They quickly developed trade routes that reached from modern-day Costa Rica to the American Southwest. By the 9th century the Toltecs were established at Tula, Hidalgo, the most northern capital ever built for a Mesoamerican culture.

In the 12th century, Toltec power waned as droughts disrupted agriculture and Tula came under heavy pressure from displaced peoples. Tula was destroyed around 1150. Some Toltecs fled to the Valley of Mexico, where their lineages bore great prestige in the Aztec era.

The New Millennium

The story of the Tower of Babel has been told for thousands of years. In this new millennium, it is likely that many more stories, ideas, artworks and more will be inspired by Babel's themes of language and communication, knowledge and mankind's punishment.

Many thinkers believe that we will return to a pre-babelic state of one universal language (see for example [Professor Henry Prais](#) and [Rod Mengham](#)), perhaps through the development of the Internet ([Roy Sniffen](#)) or other forces of cultural homogenisation ([Martin Overby](#)).

Whether or not we are creating another Babel, it is clear that the Internet is an increasingly important stage of the story.

Whilst many small languages all over the world are being forgotten and lost, English has become the 'natural' language of business and international communications.

At the same time the development of a pan-cultural Internet language, based primarily on the use of acronyms and symbols, may yet take over as a kind of 'pre-Babelic' language.

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Research Paper 38

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Neanderthal = Nephilim? Carbon 14 Dating?

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Introduction:

A speculative research paper examining current evidence available on Neanderthal man with comparison to references in early manuscripts of the Nephilim an ancient race of half-caste humans. The argument is presented that the scientific facts verify that the Neanderthal were in fact one and the same as the ancient warrior race the Nephilim. It is proposed that an examination of the evidence and facts currently available on Neanderthal man will reveal that they could well have been this race of half-caste humans referred to in some of the earliest manuscripts found as the Nephilim.

Background:

Neanderthal man has become an enigma to science once being hailed as the proof of the evolution of apes to modern man. He was considered to be the brutish ancestor link to man in the evolution chain, the intermediate stage between man and ape.

Now! Neanderthal is recognized by scientists as a contemporary of modern man living alongside humans with many human attributes. But amazingly with a LARGER brain than mans! Were they the Nephilim?

To address this question first we need to examine the current facts and information available on Neanderthal man.

1. The archaeological history of Neanderthal finds :

In 1856 workers in the Neander Valley near Duesseldorf, Germany uncovered a skull and bones. The skull was unlike anything seen before, with a flattened cranium with a heavy ridge above very large eye sockets. Nearby, workers also uncovered an assortment of thick and heavily fossilized bones. In succeeding years many further specimens were found, not only in the German Neander Valley, but in France, Italy, Iraq and Israel.

Controversy surrounded the interpretation of these fossils. Initially a German Anatomist Rudolf Virchow examined the first discovery and concluded they were Homo sapiens with rickets, caused by a deficiency of vitamin D. He considered that the flattened head was caused by repeated powerful blows (his examination was done pre Darwinism 1859).

When more finds came to light with what also appeared to be rickets, it was considered far too much of a coincidence and for lack of any other explanation they became relegated to a sub-human category. The French paleontologist Marcellin Boule, concluded Neanderthals walked stooped forward which fitted in with the then new current thinking of Darwin's evolutionary theory of the origin of man (the new assumptions were made post Darwinism 1859). For the next fifty years this created the popular image of an ape-man intermediary to man. Science thought it had the conclusive evidence it badly needed showing the missing stage between ape and man.

Over one hundred years after first being found Boule's skeleton was re-examined in 1957 and it was now determined that Neanderthals walked upright and that the stooped posture suggested by Boule's skeleton was caused by arthritis. More evidence from various caves and digs have shown that Neanderthals wielded tools and weapons, wore ornaments, had cultural and religious rites, ceremoniously burying their dead.

2. The Neanderthal Brain Size:

The greatest enigma found with Neanderthal is their brain size, which is more than 13% larger than our own brain size. The average Neanderthal brain measured 1,500 milliliters in volume compared to less than 1,400 milliliters for humans current worldwide average. This brain size allowed for large cerebral hemispheres. Neanderthals were intelligent thinkers. Yet they left almost no permanent record of their presumed intelligence or culture. Some say he could walk the streets today in a suit collar and tie and be unrecognised, well maybe in New York, but about as unrecognisable as the incredible hulk without his green paint, would be a fairer reflection. Yet today study books continue to be full of illustrations of Neanderthals as subhuman ape-men. Out of date TV documentaries go on wrongly depicting Neanderthals as the evolutionary ape-man link.

3. The Physical Features of Neanderthal:

Neanderthals were physically very strong and unquestionably tough, a physically impressive race. Males averaged about 1m 75 cm; females 1m 60 cm, Neanderthals were considerably stronger and tougher. Their joints, were larger; their bones thicker. The fossils indicate they were substantially more muscled including the children. Neanderthal fossils lack the predominant chin of humans and a last set of molars. They had well muscled chests, long bodies, with shorter legs. Some fossil specimens (not all), have hip sockets more splayed than modern humans. The size of the skull eye sockets would have carried very large eyes.

Through examining the attachment points at which muscle binds to their bones it has been illustrated that their calves and biceps were extremely well developed as well as their pectoral chest and back muscles. A Neanderthal, because of this greater muscle mass, would weigh some ten kilos more than a modern human of equivalent height. They were regular Mr Universes.

4. Neanderthals possessed advanced skills:

Neanderthals used fire for heating, cooking and manufacturing. They probably crafted leather and fur garments of various types. Had a relatively advanced tool and weapon making culture manufacturing a large variety of finely-edged, sophisticated flint tools and weapons. This industry is characterised by the many tool types found, including spear points, stone lances and wooden spears with fire hardened points. Neanderthals made these different types of implements, for both "military" and domestic use, it provides evidence of their ability to plan, think and scheme.

5. Language:

Almost certainly, the Neanderthal race possessed advanced language. Fossil remains indicate Neanderthal voice boxes were capable of making the same sounds as modern humans. As they lived alongside humans it is reasonable to conclude they spoke the same language or if not learned to speak it becoming bi-lingual.

6. Command and appreciation of Music:

In a cave in Slovenia Yugoslavia, archaeologists consider they have unearthed the world's oldest true musical instrument, a flute which appears to have been made by Neanderthals. Broken at both ends, the 12 cm long instrument is made out of the leg bone of a young bear still retaining its four finger holes. Apart from being considered the oldest musical instrument in the world, this flute's greatest significance lies in its association with Neanderthal man's ability to produce music, and make musical instruments. The Neanderthal race would have composed music, sung to it and probably danced to it no differently than humans today. The ability to create music on a multiple note instrument reveals evidence of imagination and abstract thought. It would therefore be reasonable to conclude that these same qualities would have also been put to use in other skills such as reading and writing.

7. Neanderthal Culture:

There is evidence indicating that Neanderthals possessed a sense of community spirit by performing ritual burials and caring for the old and sick. Remains of several physically impaired individuals have been uncovered. Some recovered skeletons display old, healed injuries suggesting their wounds or injuries were treated and cared for. In a cave in Iraq, archaeologists uncovered skeletons of a man, two women and an infant buried together in soil containing pollen of flowers. The flowers, being set there by survivors, strongly suggests that Neanderthals thought and cared for their dead.

Analysis of the sediment pollen concentrated in batches, implied that possible bunches of flowers had been placed on the grave. Closer examination of the pollen enabled scientists to identify many flowers that were present, all of which had some therapeutic properties. Were they part of an aromatic preparation, a kind of pot-pourri for the dead, or perfumed oils used in ointment preparations? If so an appreciation of the cosmetic appearance of flowers and perfumed fragrances existed, much the same as today with our embalming of the body with fragrances and the use of flowers at funerals. These flowers also testify to the warm climate and abundant floral varieties availability at the time.

8. Neanderthal Burial tombs:

It is possible Neanderthals chose certain caves to use as burial 'tombs' this would account for the fact that so many of the remains of Neanderthals have been found buried in caves. This practice would be similar to more recent human cultures who in certain parts of the world used memorial tombs often carved out of the inside of a natural caves using a stone rolled in front of the entrance to seal shut the tomb cave.

Evidence showing Neanderthal skeletons buried in excavated graves in the ground suggests concern over the concepts of life and death. Value being placed on the dead person, funerals being a part of the social and psychological practices for dealing with death.

9. Neanderthals exercised abstract thinking concepts:

Neanderthals show signs of being a social race in which the old and the injured were taken care of instead of simply left to die. Individuals of well advanced years, have been found supporting the idea that they exercised "humanity" the exercise of mental thought principles over physical actions. Religion is a characteristic of the human species. In order to have religion, one must be capable of abstract thought and reasoning. Without such abilities, the concepts of life and death or a God could not be imagined. It appears the Neanderthal race possessed some of these attributes.

Unlike humans however, there is evidence presented by the scientists that the male/female role interplay as practised by humans in family activity was not carried out by Neanderthals. There is no evidence of couples or family oriented activities among Neanderthals such as taking meals together. This stands out in contrast to their closeness in so many other ways to humans.

10. Cruel Warriors:

There is evidence however that Neanderthals were cruel warriors and fighters suffering and inflicting battle wounds, mutilations, torture and maiming, they may also have practiced cannibalism. In France Archaeologists uncovered 2 fragments of leg bones and 3 arm bones. Some scientists believe that these bones show signs of being fractured while still fresh. Another Neanderthal site containing human bone fragments shows signs of cuts and burns. The presence of burns on the bones is significant since no animal, other than humans, makes deliberate use of fire. These burnt and intentionally broken human bones have been interpreted as being evidence of some form of cannibalism. They could equally be evidence of torture and or mutilation by dismemberment as has often been the case within certain human cultures who engage in cruel battle blood lust.

11. Neanderthals lived side by side with Humans:

Researchers working in caves in Israel have unearthed skeletons of both Neanderthals and modern humans. These Neanderthal remains have been dated back some 60,000 years (see following information on dating); the accompanying "modern" humans skeletons back 92,000 years.

If the dates are correct, modern type humans were around for a long time 'before' the Neanderthals appeared. After they did arrive on the scene "modern humans" appear to have coexisted with Neanderthals, sharing living space together with them for some time, until they the Neanderthals went extinct. Although it appears that Neanderthals and modern humans were contemporary, inhabiting the same geographic areas and living space Neanderthals did not interbreed with humans.

12. The scientists dating for the extinction of the Neanderthal race:

There is evidence that both 'human types' exchanged ideas, at least in how to make tools. As a result, the idea that Homo Neanderthalensis directly evolved into Homo sapiens now seems wildly improbable.

According to present scientific thinking the fossil record of Neanderthals abruptly ends about 30,000 to 35,000 years ago (see following information on dating). After this time only Homo Sapiens dominate the scene. Researchers make the comment that *"Why Neanderthals suddenly went extinct is a topic of much question we may never know the true reason."*

Radiocarbon analysis puts the later Neanderthal sites as being c 32,500 years old. So some 32,000 years ago, Neanderthals disappeared completely they simply vanished for no clear reason.

Today Neanderthal is classified as totally human - Homo sapien(humankind. What happened to them? Some scientist theorise that the Homo sapien race; 'us humans', killed off the Neanderthal race. So did a physically and mental inferior race; humans (Homo sapiens) exterminate a physically and mentally superior race Neanderthals?? Logic dictates that if one race extinguished the other, the Neanderthal race with their superior strength and mental abilities should have exterminate the inferior human race!

This, of course, is the ultimate question, one that continues to divide and baffle experts, one I shall endeavour to provide rational explanations for in this paper, covering all the above criteria.

13. How science determines Neanderthal dating:

The scientists as we have seen date the period of the Neanderthals to end 32,500 years ago. How do they arrive at this date what scientific processes do they use to come to this conclusion. Well surprisingly as it may seem it is all based on 'relative' methods "guess work".

Ridiculous! Have a look at the facts. When we do we are faced with an unusual situation that exists no where else in the sciences.

The scientists have created a theoretic "geological column chart" on which the theory of evolution is hung. The most recent chart, now used in most museums and universities is that drawn up by Van Eysinga in 1975. This chart covers some 600 million years dividing time into periods, ie. Cretaceous 65 to 140 million year ago; Jurassic 140 to 195 million years ago etc etc. The complete chart cannot be found in nature, it is imaginary pieced together from various inter-related strata from all over the world. The vast time periods that have been allocated in the chart to facilitate the slow burying of fossils which formed the sedimentary rock layers cannot be proved or illustrated in any deposits being formed today it is all calculated and based on estimated guess work.

When a geologist has difficulty dating a rock stratum he requests the evolutionists opinion on the date of the fossils the rock contains, this then becomes its 'established' age date. When an evolutionist has difficulty dating a fossil he requests the geologists opinion on the age of the rock containing the fossil which then becomes its 'accepted' age date. A case of two theories being cross referenced in order to establish a so called *fact*??

14. Using the Carbon dating clock (C14):

Technically the carbon dating process is very accurate, making precise calculations according to a set formula. The clock itself works very well; like a stop watch with meticulously manufactured cogs and wheels. The problems come with the set up data fed into it, unless the calibrations are realistic and accurate the clock is no good. For example if an extremely accurate clock is set to the wrong time to start with no matter how accurate it is, the time it shows will always be wrong. Or if a clock has its mechanism set to a 25 hour day calibration with accuracy down to one thousandth of a second, the time it shows will always be useless to its owner.

So how has the important Carbon dating clock been set for dating Neanderthal man? We shall examine the evidence which shows that this C14 dating process as it is presently calibrated is only good for dating things back 2-3,000 years.

Scientists claim they have accurately calculated the age of Neanderthal bones by using this Radio Carbon C14 method. C14 is a type of carbon formed in the upper atmosphere when cosmic radiation particles bombard it. It forms radioactive carbon dioxide and from the atmosphere in minute quantities through photosynthesis passes into plants and animals and so is absorbed by all living things along the food chain. Natural carbon C12 is also present in all living things but in much greater quantity. The ratio of C12 to its minute cousin C14 is constant in all living things (today one C14 atom to one billion C14 atoms).

The scientists have accepted the assumption that C14 has been forming in the atmosphere constantly and continually for millions of years and that its build up which they calculate would have taken 30,000 years has reached its constant saturation point (the radiocarbon

reservoir) and that as much C14 is now decaying as is being formed. C14 absorbed into any living thing during its life time starts to decay once it dies. Half its amount of C14 decays away in about 5,700 years, half of the remaining half decays away in a further 5,700 years and so on until immeasurably small. Once a plant or animal dies it stops taking in C14 and it starts to decay at the above rate while C12 stays the same.

The Calibrations given to the C14 clock:

5,700yrs after death 50% original C14 remains = 150 C14 counts per second.

after 11,400yrs 25% original ratio C14 remains = 75 C14 counts per second.

after 17,100yrs 12.5% original ratio C14 remains = 37.5 C14 counts per sec.

after 22,800yrs 6.25% original ratio C14 remains = 18.7 C14 counts per sec.

after 28,500yrs 3.12% original ratio C14 remains = 9.8 C14 counts per sec.

after 34,200yrs 1.56% original ratio C14 remains = 4.9 C14 counts per sec.

This dating test rests entirely on knowing exactly what the original ratio mix of C14 to C12 is or was. It is only accurate if the ratio is the same today as when the organism lived and remained constant during its life and its death up to the time of dating. If there had been less C14 in the atmosphere during its life than today it would have absorbed less and the ratio would read much lower giving it a much older false reading.

Evolutionists believe that there has been no change but experiments by Richard Lingenfelter, Hans Suess, V R Switzer and Professor Melvin Cook have shown that the C14 in the atmosphere is 'still' increasing at between 25 to 38% more than it is at present decaying. This indicates that the atmosphere because it has not yet reached saturation with C14 (*saturation point is reached when the amount decaying as the same as that being formed*) is either much younger than originally considered or at some earlier stage was protected from the present rate of cosmic particle bombardment and is still building up C14 to reach its saturation equilibrium point estimated to take some 30,000 years.

When calculating the equation back to the zero point of C14 in the atmosphere incorporating this 'greater build up to decay ratio' we get a starting date for the C14 build up in the atmosphere at only c10,000 years ago. This would drastically reduce the amount of C14 that was in the atmosphere and thereby absorbed by living organisms during their life times creating an artificially, much older dying date when using the presently calibrated C14 clock reading.

Scientists calculate Neanderthal disappeared some 32,500 years ago according to dating by C14, applying the erroneous assumption that C14 saturation has already been achieved. To arrive at a date of 32,500 years ago the C14 reading in the Neanderthal bones would have been c 2% of original ratio, giving a C14 clock reading of c 6 counts per second.

Reworking the date using the 10,000 year period of C14 build up and the 2% of original ratio (6, counts per second) used in the evolutionists original calculation. Then if a Neanderthal had died say 4,400 years ago and the absorption of C14 into the atmosphere had only been going on for 5,600 years then at death the Neanderthal would only have absorbed 18.67% of the scientists anticipated full saturation amount of C14 (If absorption into the atmosphere started 10,000 years ago then 4,400 years ago absorption would have been in operation for 5,600 years, if saturation takes 30,000 years then 5,600 years would be 18.67% of 30,000 years). This would give a false calculation for the year of his death showing erroneously that he had been dead for 14,286 years at the time he died.

Reducing the ratio to the same 2% reading (6 counts per sec) as follows:

Plus 5,700 years only 9.34% C14 remains.

Plus 11,400 years only 4.67% C14 remains.

Plus 17,100 years only 2.34% C14 remains.

Plus 18,756 years only 2% C14 remains, at a 6 count reading.

Take the 18,756 years and subtract the 14,286 excess years gives a 4,470 year old death date for the Neanderthal, a lot more recent than the 32,500 year set by the scientists. So is there any evidence that the Neanderthal race went extinct only 4,400 years ago?

The date 4,470 years ago comes right within the time frame the ancient manuscripts reveal the Nephilim was on the earth 4,380 to 4,500 years ago. They were apparently only around for some 120 years, why and who were they?

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The Nephilim Race:

Introduction:

The following information will initially raise eyebrows but all the observations and comments made are backed up with logical supporting evidence. A self-confident science reacts to new evidence with the ability to change its conclusions. But sciences that have become dogmatic respond in exactly the opposite way. It denies the evidence or refuses to even consider it, redoubling its fanaticism libelling the bearers of new information and its evidence. Consider the evidence.

Can the criteria uncovered about Neanderthals be applied to the Nephilim race? To do so it would need to explain the following list of 16 characteristics associated with Neanderthals.

1. Had brains as large if not larger than humans.
2. Well muscled and developed physiques.
3. Distinctive characteristics from humans.
4. Evidence that humans lived before the Neanderthals arrived.
5. Humans & Neanderthals coexisted for a period sharing same living space.
6. Neanderthals were skilled in tool and weapon making.
7. They were a battle scarred warrior race.
8. Neanderthals were skilled in language, and literacy.
9. They were cultured in music and musical instrument making.
10. Neanderthals had a general culture of their own similar to humans.
11. They practised burial of the dead and religious rituals.
12. Possibly possessed skills in apothecary and, aromatherapy.
13. Neanderthals lived in warm temperate climates.
14. They had possible hybrid characteristics.
15. Corrected C14 dating places them coexisting with humans 4,400 yrs ago.
16. Neanderthals were exterminated suddenly while humans continued.

1. Ancient manuscript information on the Nephilim race:

The ancient manuscripts refer to a time 4,500 years ago, before the ancient Egyptian civilisation, when highly intelligent life forces from outside our universe were aware that the human race was beginning to multiply on this planet. They turned their attention to earth with the intention of controlling and colonising it. The human race at that time had a possible population of some 35 million * (see foot note 1) [Click here to go to foot note 1](#). For certain calculated reasons they took this opportunity to move in on the Human estate with the objective of usurping it and bringing it under their control and domination.

With an extremely high level of scientific knowledge; coming from a race millions of years older than the fairly new human race, they understood precisely how the human DNA functioned in the human make up. Engineering the transformation of their own makeup to assimilate the human form they took on physical bodies fashioned on their prior knowledge of the human DNA structure and cellular make up. Probably emphasising and enhancing in the process their physical power and size, making themselves extremely impressive specimens * (see foot note 2 for manuscript references). [Click here to go to foot note 2](#).

There is no manuscript information as to how many went through this metamorphic change but possibly some thousands participated. They took pleasure in exercising control over the natural human population, cohabiting with the women, selecting the best for themselves without restriction. Probably meeting very little objection from husbands or other human males due to their impressive physical dominance. Once these women had been impregnated and inseminated with their engineered semen they became pregnant giving birth to children who were a hybrid half-caste race known as Nephilim. It is very likely that these individuals were sterile and did not breed.

2. Hybrid Sterility:

** To illustrate the existing natural laws, a Hybrid, strictly defined, is an offspring that is a cross between different species usually producing sterile hybrids; the male mule is the sterile offspring of a female horse and a male donkey. It is used in many parts of the world as a beast of burden with much greater body strength than its parents it seems to excel both its parents in muscular endurance, surefootedness, and length of life. The hinny is the sterile hybrid offspring of the female donkey and the male horse.*

Hybrids often have what is called hybrid vigour; they tend to be larger, faster growing, and healthier than their parents. Thus, mules are bred for their strength, superior to that of either parent. Ornamental plants are bred for their larger flowers; nearly all corn and tomatoes grown today are hybrids that bear much larger fruit than their parental stock.

3. Population ratios of the two races.:

How many of these hybrid half-caste humans were born is hard to say but the records inform us that these transformed humanoid like visitors continued taking women and impregnating them for almost 120 years* (*see foot note 2 vs 3) [Click here to go to foot note 2 vs 3](#). . If there were 'say' 5,000 of them and they continued fathering children by means of various human women at the rate of 'say' one a month over a period of 100 years they would have accumulated a Nephilim hybrid race numbering 6 million compared to a population of humans by then having increased to approximately 135 million.* (* see foot note 2 vs 2). [Click here to go to foot note 2 vs 2](#).

This some 6 million strong Nephilim race formed a veritable army by which their fathers could hold tight control on the 135 million human population. This period of human history became so filled with violence and bloodshed the entire human population became subject to an environment of terror.

4. Are the Neanderthal one and the same as the Nephilim?

It is the writers belief that this hybrid half breed race referred to as the Nephilim were in fact one and the same as the Neanderthal race. The characteristics of Nephilim fit the scientists descriptions of the Neanderthal "*a physically very strong, tough impressive race with larger joints, thicker bones, well muscled chests, long bodies, and shorter legs weighing approximately twenty pounds more than a modern human of equivalent height, regular Mr Universes.*" It also explains why their brain size and cerebral hemispheres were as large if not larger than humans.

The new scientific evidence examined above correcting the calibration of C14 dating process to the carbon 14 build up readings, brings both Nephilim and Neanderthals into the same time frame some 4,400 years ago.

(For full manuscript dating chronology see further references at the end of the paper, R/P 32).

5. The cause of the extermination of the Neanderthal/Nephilim race:

The scientists do not know what caused the extinction of the Neanderthal race but the ancient records do tell us what happened to cause the extinction of the Nephilim race, a massive deluvion flood, exterminating the entire race. The manuscripts shed further light on how this deluge occurred and how it would have affected the C14 build up in the atmosphere fitting the scientific facts found to date on the situation *.

(see foot note 2 vs 7-17).[Click here to go to foot note 2 vs 7](#).

6. An Atmospheric protection layer:

These ancient manuscripts refer back to when a water vapour, screen layer was suspended above the atmosphere, probably held in place by counter balancing effects of centrifugal, magnetic and gravitational forces* (see foot note 3)[Click here to go to foot note 3](#). In fact Saturn today, has suspended around it atmospheric rings, although very different in composition to that which would have surrounded the earth. This earth's vapour layer would have had to have been much wider than Saturn's rings, roofing the earth's atmosphere, thicker over the equator, tapering down towards the poles, forming a massive atmospheric climate controlling mechanism.

This mechanism would have dissipated the thermal heat rays of the sun more evenly over the entire surface of the earth. Protecting the equator regions from overheating as we experience today and dispersing the heat out toward the polar regions, making for a more even temperate climate throughout the entire earth's surface. This would explain the evidence found on the earth of temperate vegetation and animals found living so close to the polar regions and why warm climate animals living in these arctic areas were suddenly destroyed and preserved in ice. Also why the desert areas of the earth today show evidence that during the earlier chapters of mans history there was abundant water supplies and lush vegetation throughout the year, the very same temperate climate that the Neanderthal lived in.

Could this also explain the dilemma some archaeologists have when they find evidence that the Great Sphinx of Egypt built before the pyramids shows signs of exposure to rainfall weathering over a long period. While the pyramids show no evidence of it as for the last 4,000 years their has been very little if any rainfall in Egypt, had the earth's climate changed radically between the building of these two great structures by the removal of this water suspension canopy?

This protective outer layer surrounding the earth's atmosphere dissipated the warmth around the earth similar to the effect of a green house roof. Just as the panes of glass block the suns harmful radiation rays entering the green house (ie you will never get a suntan sitting inside a glass green house on a sunny day) so the water vapour screening layer above the atmosphere would have protected the earth from these

cosmic harmful C14 forming rays. Unprotected today from the constant bombardment of these rays we are subject to the effects of premature ageing. Science is now linking the bombardment of these radiation rays to cell and DNA breakdown as causing part of human ageing process (see further related material at the end of this paper "chapter 8" on Telomeres).

This water vapour screen protected life from the harmful exposure of direct cosmic radiation rays from the sun, preventing the infiltration of harmful radio carbon C14. As already discussed this would account for the atmosphere still building up its levels of C14 not having reached its saturation point yet estimated by some scientists to take approximately 30,000 years. If this figure is correct then from a starting point for the build up of C14 some 5,000 years ago there would be a further 25,000 years to go before saturation is reached.

This would have the effect of causing all carbon dating done so far to be thrown out of the window as the clock on which all these dates have been calculated has been set at a wrong starting time through assuming that saturation in the atmosphere was reached millions of years ago, whereas this evidence dictates that it still has not been accomplished.

7. What caused the removal of this benign protective layer?

According to the manuscripts, because of the situation of interbreeding between humans and extraterrestrial races the earth had acquired a fearsome, hybrid half-caste race of Neanderthals (Nephilim). This situation of interbreeding caused, violence and bloodshed to fill the inhabited earth and had to be dealt with, this intolerable situation had to be removed, wiped out completely or otherwise civilisation as we know it today would not have been able to come about. According to the Greek manuscripts* (see foot note 3 Greek Codex Sanaticus) the suspended water vapour layer, provided the means to do this. [Click here to go to foot note 3, Greek Codex Sanaticus.](#)

At a pre determined date the suspended layer was broken up, the manuscripts indicate according to chronological calculations this to have been almost 4,400 years ago* (see further related material at the end of this paper, R/P 32) the falling of the deluge waters came from the breaking-up of this suspended water canopy. Possibly the balancing centrifugal, magnetic and gravitational forces holding it in position were adjusted in some way.

Scientists acknowledge that the earth's magnetic force fields have at certain times reversed themselves. Surveys of palaeomagnetism, the study of lava rocks which contain iron particles, when these rocks were cooling and solidifying from a liquid state the iron particles would line up in line with the direction of the earth's magnetic field leaving behind a record of the direction of the magnetic field at the time. These surveys have revealed that the earth's magnetic field was reversed on more than one occasion. Did a reversing of the magnetic field provide the trigger mechanism setting off a controlled reaction that lead to the pulling down of the water vapour layer?

The billions upon billions of tons of water vapour could have been drawn down mainly at the poles by gravitational forces, condensing vapour into water and water into ice accompanied by high velocity winds. Almost overnight causing dramatic changes to the former earth's temperate climate.

The build up of great pressures of water and ice falling mainly onto the polar regions would have forced it in glacier form to spread rapidly out over the surfaces of the globe toward the equators, gouging out valleys under the rapid movement of mountains of ice being bulldozed out under massive back pressure. Everything in their paths would have been destroyed. With the continual falling of this water and ice for 40 days* (see foot note 4) at both poles with more and more ice building up behind its mass pressure quickly built up until its sheer weight cracked the earth's mantle buckling it and braking it up into the 'tectonic plate' continental land pieces. These great continental land mass plates, crushed against one another forcing up mountain ranges while the weight of the massive ice glaciers along with millions of tons of additional water forced down great surface depressions allowing the water to settle into these new ocean basins that we have today. [Click here to go to foot note 4.](#)

8. The evidence fits the theory:

How does the evidence fit with this? Did the deluvian mechanism provide the criteria that resulted in the formation of the worlds continental plates?

It certainly could have provided the energy to create the tremendous forces needed to tear apart and crack up the earth's crust. It could also have provided the on going energy to drive these cracked continental plates apart in some places, over riding neighbouring plates in others compressing and forcing plate edges against one another with such force as to drive up and form the great world's mountain ranges that have come into existence.

The hypothesis that the crust of the earth could have been cracked up into the continental plates by a thickening of the earth's polar ice caps was put forward by Hapgood and Campbell in 1958, in their publication "*Earth's Shifting Crust*".

Professor Melvin Cook took this theory and modelled it. He started with a situation where the earth's mantle was fairly uniformly covered with crust from pole to pole. By creating a build up of ice at the poles he finally cracked the crust, the fracture lines determined by the pressures being exerted from the opposing polar forces. These pressures on the earth's crust can be likened to the effect on the shell of a hard boiled egg being squeezed in a vice from both ends. When the earth's crust fractured it would have snapped rapidly and violently and like the pieces of the egg shell, quickly separated in some place, but in others forced up against one another.

Professor Cook believes the ancient Arctic ice cap a mass of some 100 million tons disappeared suddenly about 10,000 years ago. To explain this he says it would be necessary for the ice to have dissipated catastrophically he concludes the evidence proves the earth's crust was rapidly forced up into the great mountain ranges at about the same time. The mass of ice and snow released forming the present oceans. Much evidence supports the above; that the earth not so long ago contained much less water on its surface and had far more dry land:

1. Vast masses of terrestrial animal remains have been found thousands of meters deep in the oceans, evidence that the land was once above sea level.

2. Marine animal remains including whale skeletons bear evidence of sudden extinction having been found hundreds of meters above sea level, evidence of some phenomena causing the water to suddenly and dramatically to raise above the original sea level.

3. Thousands of flat top islands over 1,000 meters high have been charted at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. They are encrusted with coral revealing that they at one time must have been at or near the surface.

4. The island of Great Britain was once linked to Europe by a connecting plateau now 20 meters below sea level, it was once all dry land, remains of forests, animal and human bones have all been found on this plateau, evidence of a previously lower sea level.

5. The Oceans and Seas at present cover some 70% of the earth's surface. It has been calculated that if 20% of the earth's water was evaporated off some 50% more dry land would appear. With the re-emergence above sea level of much of the land that at one time was originally above the water. A suspended water vapour layer as described could have comfortably taken up this 20% amount of water .

So does the evidence support linking the Neanderthals to the Nephilim? The criteria associated with Neanderthals can equally be applied to the Nephilim situation.

- 1a. Neanderthals had brains as large if not larger than humans.
- 1b. Nephilim were Hybrid of two intelligent races a large brain size could be anticipated.
- 2a. Neanderthals were well muscled with highly developed physiques.
- 2b. Nephilim would have inherited these common hybrid vigour characteristics.
- 3a. Neanderthals had distinctive characteristics (flattened cranium, heavy ridge above large eye sockets)
- 3b. Nephilim were only half-caste with human, characteristics being acquired from both parents.
- 4a. Neanderthals appeared only after humans had been around for a long time.
- 4b. Nephilim started breeding 1400 years after humans started populating the earth.
- 5a. Neanderthals and Humans coexisted, sharing same living space for a period.
- 5b. Nephilim inhabited the earth alongside humans for 120 years.
- 6a. Neanderthals were skilled in tool and weapon making.
- 6b. Nephilim learnt physical skills and human culture from human mothers.
- 7a. Neanderthal were a battle scarred warrior race.
- 7b. Nephilim aggressive tyranny filled the earth with violence & blood shed.
- 8a. Neanderthals were skilled in language, spoken and written.
- 8b. Nephilim communicated freely with the human populus.
- 9a. Neanderthals were cultured in music and musical instrument making.
- 9b. Nephilim as an intelligent half-caste human hybrid had no problem mastering such skills.
- 10a. Neanderthals had general culture similar but not the same as humans.
- 10b. Nephilim inherited part human culture from mothers and part from metamorphosed fathers.
- 11a. Neanderthal practised burial of the dead and religious rituals.
- 11b. Nephilim had an intelligent awareness with which to learn theoretical concepts, some may have been unknown to humans at that point but revealed to the Nephilim by their fathers, this cosmic knowledge awareness when handed down through later human generations may explain the seemingly high level of religious thought connected with intercommunications between the heavens and the earth as practised by the early civilisations particularly the ancient Babylonians and Egyptians many of which we still do not understand down to this day, ie mechanisms of electric batteries found in ancient Babylon, star maps modelled in the pyramids etc etc.
- 12a. Neanderthal possibly possessed medical skills, practicing apothecary and, aromatherapy.
- 12b. Nephilim were intelligent, fully able to develop advanced skills, see 11b.
- 13a. Neanderthals lived in warm temperate climates.
- 13b. Nephilim also lived in warm temperate climate before the deluge changed it.
- 14a. Neanderthal revealed possible hybrid 'vigour' characteristics.
- 14b. Nephilim were a hybrid half-caste race with strength greater than humans.
- 15a. Neanderthal coexisting with humans 4,400 years ago according to corrected C14 dating.
- 15b. Nephilim according to the chronological manuscripts lived during this same time period.
- 16a. Neanderthals were exterminated suddenly while humans continued on.
- 16b. Nephilim because of degenerating the earth and the human race, were exterminated by a cataclysmic world deluge caused by bringing down of the protective water vapour layer while the human race was preserved.

Conclusion::

The contradicting and mysterious circumstances surrounding the Neanderthal's can be explained by the manuscript accounts referring to an ancient hybrid race, the Nephilim. These manuscripts are among some of the oldest ever found in the world, now collected together as part of the scriptures. The Neanderthal remains are very likely the remains of Nephilim.

The writer does not claim this paper to be free of errors but a stimulus to others with greater skills to examine further the information on the early activities of the human race that has been under our noses for thousands of years generally ignored and forgotten. Some scientists under the weight of built up evidence are beginning to do this, others are entrenching themselves ever deeper in their old theories. The cry from them of heresy seems to be getting louder in proportion to the evidence. Some sciences unfortunately have taken their received knowledge and moulded it into a pseudo scientific philosophy not unlike the religions have done with theirs.

Truth should lead science and not the other way around. All disciplines of science particularly the ones built on the 100 year old theory of evolution should re-examine the current evidence for what it tells us and not what they would have it say by discarding the evidence that do not fit with their pre conceived theories. Maybe then many more of the present mysteries of 'science' will not be so mysterious after all but find rational explanations. A mystery remains so until to get a rational fact fitting explanation, it then ceases to be a mystery unless of course the explanation is rejected because it contradicts some previously accepted theory then the mystery continues as a self created one for the rejector.

True facts form a concrete foundation on which to advance onto further revelations. Truth should always be the target no matter what the circumstances, the 'science of evolution' has been masquerading under the claim of 'proven truth' while in fact it is anything but proven. Most of the reliable evidence pointing in the opposite direction to their evolution theories. Exposure is never met with welcoming arms and is often a bitter pill to swallow, but once swallowed the health of the science improves considerable.

*** Foot note 1:**

The population on the earth 4,500 years ago could be calculated to 35 million. The chronology of the human race places the first breeding couple c 6,000 years ago. Using the conservative population increase demographics of doubling every 60 years then over a period of 1,500 year the population would have increased from two to 35 million. By 4,380 years ago it would have increased to 135 million. (figures are speculative and for approximation use only).

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*** Foot note 2:**

Evidence in the manuscript records from the Masoretic text as per the Codex Leningrad B 19A manuscript as presented in Kittels Biblia Hebraica.

Ref Gen 6 vs 1 "men started to increase in numbers on the surface of the ground and daughters were born to them".

Ref vs 2 "then the sons (translated "Angels" codex Alexandrinus Gr 5th cent C. E British museum) of the (true) God began to notice the daughters of men, that they were good looking; and they went taking wives for themselves, namely, all whom they chose". [Click here to return to section "3 Population ratios of the two races"](#)

Ref vs 3 "After that Jehovah said: "My spirit shall not act toward man indefinitely in that he is also flesh. Accordingly his days shall amount to a hundred and twenty years." [Click here to return to section "3 Population ratios of the two races"](#)

Ref vs 4 "The Nephilim* (* ancient Hebrew, han.Hephilim, Fellers or those who cause others to fall down) proved to be in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of the (true) God continued to have relations with the daughters of men and they bore sons to them, they were the mighty ones* (* ancient Hebrew, hag.gibborim') who were of old, the men of fame* (* "of name")".

Ref vs 5 "Consequently Jehovah saw that the badness of man was abundant in the earth and every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only bad all the time* (* all the "day").

Ref vs 6 "And Jehovah felt regrets that he had made man in the earth, and he felt hurt at his heart".

Ref vs 7 "Stating: "I am going to wipe men whom I have created off the surface of the ground, from man to domestic animal, moving animals and flying creatures of the heavens, because I regret that I have made them."

Ref vs 11 "And the earth came to be ruined in the sight of the (true) God and the earth became filled with violence".

Ref vs 12 "So God saw the earth and look! It was ruined, because all flesh had ruined its way on the earth".

Ref vs 13 "After that God said to Noah: "The end of all flesh has come before me, because the earth is full of violence as a result of them; and here I am bringing them to ruin together with the earth".

Ref vs 17 "As for me, here I am bringing the deluge* (* heb., ham.mabbul " the heavenly ocean") of waters upon the earth to bring to ruin all flesh in which the force of life is active* (* the active force [spirit]) from under the heavens. Everything that is in the earth will expire". [Click here to return to section "No 5 The cause of the extermination of the Neanderthal/Nephilim race"](#)

Manuscript: Codex Sanaticus Greek 3-4th Century British museum:

Ref 1 Pet vs 18 " .. Christ died once for all time concerning sin ... he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit".

Ref vs 19 "In this (state) also he went his way and preached to the spirits in prison,"

Ref vs 20 "who had once been disobedient when the patience of God was waiting in Noah's day....." [Click here to return to section "1 Ancient manuscript information on the Nephilim"](#)

* Foot Note 3:

Evidence in the manuscript records from the Masoretic text as per the Codex Leningrad B 19A manuscript as presented in Kittels Biblia Hebraica. Ref Gen 1 vs 6 "God commanded "Let an expanse (atmosphere) come to be between the waters, and let a dividing occur between the two waters."

Ref vs 7 "Then God proceeded to create the expanse (atmosphere) causing a dividing between the waters that should be under the expanse (atmosphere) and the waters that should be above the expanse (atmosphere)".

Ref vs 8 "And he called the expanse "Sky" (the atmosphere in which the birds fly see vs 20).

Manuscript: Codex Sanaticus Greek 3-4th Century British museum.:

Ref 2 Pe 3 vs 5 "There used to be a Sky (Heavens or atmosphere) and a earth of old which stood out of water and in the middle of water suspended".

Ref 2 Pe 3 vs 6 "By means of this (suspended water) the inhabited world of that time was destroyed by being deluged with water".[Click here to return to section "No 6 An Atmospheric protection layer"](#)

* Foot Note 4:

Evidence in the manuscript records from the Masoretic text as per the Codex Leningrad B 19A manuscript as presented in Kittels Biblia Hebraica.

Ref Gen 7 vs 11 "... on this day all the springs of the vast water canopy was broken up and the windows of the heavens were opened".

Ref Gen 7 vs 12 "and the downpour upon the earth went on for forty days". [Click here to return to section "No 7 What caused the removal of this benign protective layer"](#)

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War Of The Ages:

6000 Year Overview: Satan's Effort To Hinder God's Plan

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PART FIVE: The Mystery Religions: Circa 4000-0 AD

This chronology outlines hundreds of psychic/occultic belief systems offered to mainstream society by the New Age. By using the chronological method, we hope to sharpen Christian discernment through knowledge of Satan's overall strategy in his plan to defeat the Church - deceiving the world into following and worshipping himself.

Satan's Deceptive Plan

After the Fall of Adam, Satan led men into numerous deceptive belief systems that appear unrelated. But through the modern New Age movement, he has now established a "bottom line" lie in the world, "All roads lead to God." So with a few deft changes in directional road markers, Satan is drawing mankind toward himself through the new consciousness of unity which he says is destined to save mankind and the planet. His goal is to unite the world apart from Christ and rule over it as "God."

There was a time when a Hindu was one who held to the beliefs of Hinduism, and the Theosophist lived by the teachings of Theosophy. But because of the "All roads" lie, it is becoming commonplace for a person to believe in Theosophy's "Hierarchy of Ascended Masters" who promise to lead the world into a New Age, while preparing for that time through the use of Hindu meditation.

The intersections of these various belief systems now offer a pick and choose selection to help man "develop his soul/mind," or "experience his divinity and oneness with the Universe." And for those who are afraid of paranormal or Eastern religious experiences, the names of psychic/occultic techniques and practices have been changed to deceive the innocent.

I'm a person who likes to get the full picture of things, and one day I wondered to myself, "What if all the religions and the various ways they've come into society were put into chronological order? Would it show that the New Age is more than a passing fad? That we are living in a time when demon forces are infiltrating society in great numbers? Would we see that humanity really is being deceived into pursuing and accepting a "new consciousness" that will result in a New Age?

After tiring of my wonderings, I began to page through our reference books, marking down the originating dates and accompanying commentary on the various non-Christian, pagan religions. I then placed the dates in order. The results were shocking; it became evident that Satan is working according to a plan. For centuries, he's been establishing multitudes of beliefs and techniques centering on man as his own savior. And now that these foundations are laid, he's begun to "reveal" to men that these systems are interchangeable, that they all lead to the same end.

Our purpose, then, is to look at beliefs and religions established throughout history that have led to our present situation. There's a Christian consensus that everything listed in our recap has been absorbed by the New Age, though not all the religions and organizations themselves agree or would admit that they are a part of the movement.

We did have trouble with the starting dates of some religions, but placed them as best we could. Every topic isn't listed; we dealt mostly with man's religious hunger to know who he is and how he can bring about a utopian society. Within the chronology, we listed a few of the actions taken by the true living God in order to help man overcome the lies of the deceiver and to give him true hope in God alone.

The Fall Of Satan And Man

?Date:

Creation and Fall of Lucifer and 1/3 of the angels.

?Date (4000 BC?):

Creation of the world and Man

?Date (4000 BC?): ?Date (4000 BC?): Satan authors "THE LIE."

He instigates the Fall of Man:

1. "Your eyes shall be opened ."
2. "You shall know good and evil."
3. "You shall be like God."
4. "You shall not die."

IMMEDIATE PROMISE: Redeemer promised; In Genesis 3:15, God said there would be enmity between the woman's seed and the serpent's:

Genesis 3 14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Strong's, bruise = properly to gape, i.e. to snap at; fig. to overwhelm: break, bruise, cover.

Webster says "gape" means "to open the mouth wide," and Strong's says "gape" means "to snap at."

Let's look at how the word "bruise" is used in this context.

A tremendous battle is described in these verses. The battle is between the seed of the woman and the serpent. The serpent shall "bruise" the heel of the woman's seed and the seed will "bruise" the head of the serpent. The word "bruise" means "to open wide the mouth, to snap at." This gives us a good picture of what is being said here. The serpent bruises the heel of the woman's seed by opening its mouth and snapping at it. The dragon is at the feet of the seed, biting at his heels.

Now let's look at the woman's seed. Genesis 3:15 says, "he will bruise your head." While the dragon snaps at the seed's feet, the seed is opening his mouth wide and snapping at the serpent's head. Can we see the picture? The serpent, the devil, snapping at the heels of Christ, groveling in the battle, while Christ, the Lion of Judah, snaps at the head of the serpent.

Bruise also means "cover." Can we picture the serpent "covering" the heel of the woman's seed, his jaws wrapped around his heel, trying to bring the seed down to the ground? And can we see the Lion of Judah in this battle covering the head of the serpent with His jaws?

Bruise also means "break." Can we see the serpent breaking the heel open in order to make the seed fall, while the Lion breaks or crushes the skull of the serpent?

This picture also translates into the Christian's spiritual battles. Satan tries to trip us up and bring us down by snapping at our heels so he can break them and break our walk with the Lord. He does this with the words of his mouth by lies, deceits, and imaginations. But, we overcome him by the words of our mouth, which is the testimony and truth of Jesus. In this sense, we wound the head of the deceiver, silencing him. This is where true spiritual warfare lies: it is a war of words between what Satan says and what Christ has said as the truth of God.

Types Of Christ in Genesis 3

Adam And Eve: A Type Of Christ And The Church

The first type of Christ we have in Genesis is found in chapter 2, verses 22 and 23:

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

The New Testament says Adam was a type of the man who was to come (Romans 5:14), meaning Christ. And in Genesis 2, before the Fall, woman is taken out of man. The type here is that out of perfect man would come perfect woman. So, just as Eve came forth from Adam, out

of the risen Christ would come His Bride, brought forth complete and perfect in His eyes. 1 Corinthians describes the reversal of the consequences of Adam and Eve's sin, a reversal brought about in the person of Christ as the fulfillment of the type in Adam:

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

And a few verses later we read,

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Every man is born of Adam, of the fleshly man's nature. But man has to be born again in the spirit through Christ, who is more than flesh and bone: he is a life-giving spirit. We must believe in Him, and when we do and His Spirit enters us, it is as though we come out of Him, just as Eve came forth from Adam, perfect in his eyes.

Adam's response to the creation of Eve was this:

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Paul fills in this type in Ephesians where he says,

Eph 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

The Fig Leaves And The Skins Of Genesis 3

In Genesis 3:7, we have a picture of man attempting to provide his own covering for his sin, an attempt to establish his own righteousness:

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

But God knew fig leaves don't last, just as man's establishing his own righteousness doesn't last. So, verse 21 tells us that God provided a covering for Adam and Eve, and that covering typified a future redemption from man's sin:

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Where did God get coats of skin? The word "skin" here means hide or leather, so it is logical that God had to slay an animal to get the skins to cover Adam and Eve. It was the first blood shed in the Bible. In this picture, we see a type of the shed blood of Christ that provided a righteousness not our own, a righteousness God had to provide according to His plan. What animal's blood was shed? The Bible doesn't say, but it is possible that it was a lamb, or a sheep. Also notice that God made COATS of skins. The word "coat" means a shirt or a robe. This typifies the robes of righteousness that God would provide when, in our fallen state, we were unable to find true righteousness before Him. Satan's goal, of course, is to try to make man think that wearing fig leaves is much better.

BC: The Mystery Religions And Their Offshoots

Building on "The Lie" that he propagated in the Garden, Satan established the Babylonian religious system. When Babylon was conquered, her occult beliefs, practices and techniques were then absorbed into the religions of her conquerors. Although the names of these methods and beliefs may have changed, the spirits behind them continued to operate, right down to the present time. This section lists these ancient Mystery religions and their offshoots, as well as others that Satan established with the long-term intention of drawing from them to form his world religion in the end-times.

2350 BC?: THE FLOOD

Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. . . . 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

The "sons of God" spoken of here are "the Nephilim," and their presence is known both before and after the flood. There are indications that this same phenomena is happening today in the spiritual birthing processes of the renewal and in the philosophy of the New Age. Not only does there seem to be a significant connection in this birthing process, but in other areas as well. For instance, on a parchment fragment found at Qumrum, we read,

13. [They (the leaders) and all ... of them took for themselves] 14. wives from all that they chose and [they began to cohabit with them and to defile themselves with them]; 15. and to teach them sorcery and [spells and the cutting of roots; and to acquaint them with herbs.] 16. And they become pregnant by them and bore (great) giants three thousand cubits high ...] (parchment fragment 4Q201(En ara) copied ca. 200-150 B.C.E.- Book of Enoch from Translation by J. C. Greenfield).

The use of sorcery, spells, using natural things such as herbs and roots as charms, enchantments, and even cosmetics all led to mankind's degeneracy into fellowship with these evil spirits. In "The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross," John M. Allegro wrote,

"Later Jewish tradition has it that their seduction was at least partly their own fault since they had taught the girls the art of cosmetics, and so had begun the awful progress of mankind to degeneracy and sexual abandon. More important, 'they taught them charms and enchantments, the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants...' (Enoch 7:1ff)."

This sorcery is pertinent to times we live in because we are dealing with the Manifest Sons of God spirits being called "the sons of God." In the Book of Revelation, we read that

Re 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Re 18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

These spirits speak of the Babylon at the end of the age, and I believe the spirits promoting the Manifest Sons of God doctrine are none other than "the sons of God" mentioned in Genesis 6. I've already mentioned some similarities between the Nephilim of Noah's day and the end of the age. There are other similarities in traditions handed down about these giants, showing they were not just associated with Noah's time, but also later in the lands of Canaan, Egypt, Shumar, Rome and Phoenicia. Raymond E. Fowler, in his book, "The Watchers," writes,

"The Hebrew word for giants (Nephilim) literally means the fallen-down-ones because these tall celestial beings fell from the sky. Their half-breed progeny and their descendants are often mentioned in the early books of the Old Testament until the last of them were finally killed off. They were known as the Rephaim, Emim, Anakim, Horim, Avim, and Zamzummim. Some scholars speculate that this tradition of giants born from the union of gods and humans formed the basis for the demigod of Greek mythology."

In his book, "Near Eastern Mythology," John Gray writes of Nephilim as the Rephaim of the Canaanite kingdom:

"The tradition in Genesis 6.4 may reflect the Canaanite myth of the birth of minor gods from the union of El and human women.

The conception of the Rephaim as supermen may reflect the Canaanite tradition of defunct kings as rp'um, or Dispensers of

fertility. The identity in tradition of 'the fallen ones' of Genesis 6:4 and the Rephaim is supported by the nature of the latter in Proverbs 2:18; Job 26:5 and Phoenician funerary inscriptions."

The UFOs are another phenomenon we want to look at. UFOs are playing a role in the last days, and in "Genesis Revisited," Zecharia Sitchin wrote,

"It was from that planet [Nibiru], the Sumerian texts repeatedly and persistently stated, that the Anunnaki came to Earth. The term literally means 'Those Who from Heaven to Earth Came.' They are spoken of in the Bible as the Anakim, and in Chapter 6 of Genesis are also called Nephilim, which in Hebrew means the same thing: Those Who Have Come Down, from the Heavens to Earth."

In his book, "The Stairway To Heaven," Sitchin writes,

"... The Akkadians called their predecessors Shukmerians, and spoke of the Land of Shumer. 'It was, in fact, the biblical Land of Shin'ar. It was the land whose name - Shumer - literally meant the Land of the Watchers. It was indeed the Egyptian Ta Neter - Land of the Watchers, the land from which the gods had come to Egypt.'"

Shin'ar is Babel of Old, and today we are dealing with the rise of Babylon and the UFO phenomena which is growing in importance every day in New Age circles. There have been millions of contacts and abductions, and these beings are said to have come to guide humanity into a Golden Age following a judgement of some sort. That's what was said of the Nephilim. In the Apocryphal Book of Jubilees, we read,

"For in his days the angels of the Lord descended upon earth - those who are named The Watchers - that they should instruct the children of men, that they should do judgment and uprightness upon earth."

The first mention of "The Watchers" or Nephilim is in Genesis 6, but they were ALSO PRESENT after the flood. Some attribute this to the belief that these giants were offspring of Shem, but others believe they were spirits who mingled with the daughters of men. In "The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered," Robert Eisman and Michael Wise wrote,

"The Book of Giants was another literary work concerned with Enoch, widely read (after translation into the appropriate languages) in the Roman empire....The 'giants' were believed to be the offspring of fallen angels (the Nephilim; also called Watchers) and human women" (parentheses theirs).

As we've seen, I think that a better explanation of the origin of the Nephilim is that human, demon-possessed men, "the sons of God," had relations with the "daughters of men" and had these children. The Nephilim were called "The Watchers," and in New Age doctrine, there are hierarchies that have been supposedly guiding humanity on its journey through time, promising to help man come into a New Age after a cleansing of negative forces upon the earth. One of the names given to one of these hierarchies is exactly what the Nephilim were called, "The Watchers." As in the past history of mankind, they are associated with the UFO phenomena.

All of this is significant for today. You all know my testimony of this, but when I got hit with witchcraft a few years ago, the spirit that overwhelmed me told me I was the Christ, and, after overcoming it, I saw that spirit leave and ascend to one of the thrones of an hierarchal system. Through a study of leaders of the current revival movement, especially the Kansas City prophets, it was soon clear that the hit I took was an invitation to leadership. I say that because a year later, Toronto exploded on the scene and I heard testimonies of the very same hierarchy manifesting in Toronto. They preached what I saw, and what they preached was Manifest Sons, which is the establishment of a god-man race on the earth. The birthing and proposed godhood through spirit contact is now very evident in the movement. Furthermore, Mary had prayed about what was happening to me at the time, and the Lord said to her, "As it was in the days of Noah." When she looked up Genesis 6, there they were, the sons of God, the Nephilim, similarly described in the movement under Christian terms. What is significant here is that the New Age calls this hierarchal system "The Watchers," and that is what these Nephilim were called back when. You've heard the parallels for yourself, including how the Nephilim came to Egypt. Egypt is where Mike Bickel, a major KC prophet, got a supposed word that the Lord was starting a new movement on the earth and many were being invited to be leaders in it. Those leaders, of course, are empowered by the Manifest Son spirits of the New Age. I found that out the hard way. The reappearance of "The Watchers" after the flood is also significant. Let's look at two important verses found in Genesis 10:

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Nimrod, the first type of the antichrist mentioned in the Bible, ruled in the land of Shinar, and it was Shinar that was called "The Land of the Watchers," or Nephilim, or sons of God. Of course, part of his kingdom was Babel, and it is Babylon which we see rising in these days, the last days under a soon-to-come antichrist figure, an age when men begin to think they are gods.

2300-2100 BC (Date debatable) BABYLONIAN/CHALDEAN MYSTERIES:

This Mystery Religions taught unchangeable laws concerning the human mind and its relationship to the body and the cosmos. This secret wisdom was withheld from the masses until they could accept the responsibility that came with in-depth knowledge. Psychic skills and psychic healing were a normal part of the teaching of these schools; occult initiations were required for entrance. The occult practices, astrology and magic and the goddess worship of the Babylonians were passed on to other nations through conquest, and found their entrance into the Catholic system through the cult of Mithra. Mithra came from Persia, and it is documented that the Persians got their worship from Ancient Babylon. A lot of time and detail could be spent here, but I want to only give a few quotes from Alexander Hislop's book, "The Two Babylons," and then move on. One interesting quote I found is this:

"As the Apocalyptic woman has in her hand a cup, wherewith she intoxicates the nations, so was it with the Babylon of old. . . ."

"In the Chaldean Mysteries, Salverte says, 'To drink of mysterious beverages was indispensable on the part of all who sought initiation in these Mysteries.' There was a literal cup, and the beverages for initiation into the Babylonian Mysteries were just as real, used to numb the sense and the thinking."

Hislop wrote,

"The Chaldean Mysteries can be traced up to the days of Semiramis, who lived only a few centuries after the flood. . . . In the Mysteries, which she had a chief hand in forming, she was worshipped as Rhea, the great 'Mother' of the gods."

In a footnote for these quotes, Hislop says,

"Plini makes reference to the cup of Semiramis, which fell into the hands of the victorious Cyrus. The gigantic proportions must have made it famous among the Babylonians and the nations with whom they had intercourse. It weighed fifteen talents, or 1200 pounds."

Another interesting fact I found was in this quote:

"In 1825, on the occasion of the jubilee, Pope Leo XII struck a medal, bearing on the one side his own image, and on the other, that of the Church of Rome symbolized as a "Woman," holding in her left hand a cross, and in her right a cup, with the legend around her, . . . 'The whole world is her seat.'"

The cross as a symbol in highly Egyptian, and Hislop's documentation is extraordinary. The Babylonian Mysteries also had a priesthood, and the priests held the knowledge of the Mysteries. Since they alone could interpret the Mysteries, and administer them, the people had to submit to them in implicit submission. The celibacy of the priesthood, the confessional booth and the priest as Confessor, the Mother-Child worship, sun worship as depicted in the Catholic host, Christmas, Easter, the sign of the cross made on the forehead - all the rites and practices of Babylon are found in strong similarity in Catholicism.

Historians have found images depicting the Madonna and Child in most of the ancient nations' myths, always fashioned after the promise of one to come who would crush the head of the serpent. The roots of all that we know about the worship of Mary as the Great Mother and as the Madonna holding the Child can be attributed to Semiramis and her reincarnated Child-god, who was Nimrod come back to rule. Semiramis exalted her dead Nimrod as the sun god, then reincarnated as the Child she held, elevating her to a position of deity as the "Queen of Heaven," and "the Great Mother." The similarities are great between the Madonna and Child of Babylon of old and modern Rome. The same Madonna and Child are with us today through the Catholic Church, and there are signs that the popularity of today's representation is on the rise.

There are three aspects that we want to look at concerning the goddess worship of Babylon:

The Great Mother: Semiramus was worshipped as Rhea, "The Great Mother" of the gods, bringing forth the seed of the sun god, Nin, who was the reincarnation of her dead, but deified, husband, Nimrod. She was known also as the mother of the sons of the gods, much like Mary today who is the Mother of the Church and all who come to Christ. Remember, it is Mary whom the Pope says will bring about the rebirth of humanity through the triumph of her Immaculate Heart in unifying the Churches. There is not a goddess or Madonna and Child that cannot be traced back to Babylon in the days of Semiramus. In St. Alphonse de Liguori's work on Mary, and St. Louis de Montfort's as well, there is not a title or an attribute or description of character that don't coincide with Semiramis of Babylon and her depictions in other cultures.

The Sun God (Nimbus): In "Two Babylons," Hislop wrote,

"There is yet another remarkable characteristic of these pictures worthy of notice, and that is the nimbus or peculiar circle of light that frequently encompasses the head of the Roman Madonna. . . . It is found in the artistic representations of the great gods and goddesses of Babylon. The disk, and particularly the circle, were well-known symbols of the Sun-divinity. . . . The same was the case in pagan Rome."

Speaking of Circe, Hislop says,

"'the daughter of the Sun' with her head surrounded with a circle, in the very same way as the head of the Roman Madonna is at this day surrounded. Let any one compare the nimbus around the head of Circe, with that around the head of the Popish Virgin, and he will see how exactly they correspond."

The Sun God (Communion): In Jeremiah, Scripture tells us that Israel "offered cakes to the Queen of Heaven." Hislop comments on this in reference to the Papal Communion or Eucharistic rite. He writes,

"The 'unbloody sacrifice' [the Queen of Heaven's] votaries not only offered, but when admitted to the higher mysteries, they partook of, swearing a new fidelity to her. In the fourth century, when the queen of heaven, under the name of Mary, was beginning to be worshipped in the Christian Church, this 'unbloody sacrifice' also was brought in. The very shape of the unbloody sacrifice of Rome may indicate whence it came. It is a small thin, ROUND wafer,What could have induced the Papacy to insist so much on the "roundness" of its unbloody sacrifice? . . . 'The thin, round cake,' says Wilkinson, 'occurs on all altars.' Almost every jot and tittle in the Egyptian worship had a symbolic meaning. The round disk, so frequent in the sacred emblems of Egypt, symbolized the sun. Now, when Osiris, the sun-divinity, became incarnate, and was born, it was not merely that he should give his life as a sacrifice for men, but that he might also be the life and nourishment of the souls of men."

This is exactly what the Catholic Church teaches about the Eucharist. Popes actually took the name "Invictus," which was attributed to Mithra as the sun god, "Sol Invictus," meaning the "Invincible Sun." Even the letters on the host refer to Egypt. Hislop writes,

"There are letters on the [Roman] wafer that are worth reading. These letters are I.H.S. What mean these mystical letters? To a Christian these letters are represented as signifying, 'Issus Hominum Slavator,' 'Jesus the Saviour of men.' But let a Roman worshiper of Isis cast his eyes upon them, and how will he read them? He will read them, of course, according to his own well-known system of idolatry: 'Isis, Horus, Seb,' that is, 'The Mother, The Child, and the Father of the gods,' - in other words, 'The Egyptian Trinity.' Can the reader imagine that this double meaning is accidental? Surely not."

From Babylon to Egypt to Persia to Rome to Catholicism to our day, the gods of Babylon are now uniting the Church, under the direction of Mary, to lead it to a global Eucharistic celebration. Rhea as Mary will bring about a rebirth of humanity and become the mother of the new civilization, and will also lead the Church and the world to her son in that Eucharist, who will manifest to rule the world.

BC (Dates very debatable: Ancient Kingdom: 2400 BC; Middle Kingdom: 1750-1500 BC; New Kingdom 1500-332 BC) **EGYPTIAN MYSTERY SCHOOLS:**

Only royalty and priests could learn advanced knowledge and its practice. Studies were related to the invisible world, progressive growth of the soul-mind, and the use of the psychic arts as a tool for this progression. These were added to, if not incorporated from, the Chaldean/Babylonian Mysteries. All that was of Babylon passed into Egypt. The goddesses had their names changed, but the spirits in back of them were the same. The sun god as well the Madonna and Child did not die in Babylon but were passed on to the nations.

1900 BC Abraham

was promised a seed (Isaac typifying Christ). Abraham came out of Ur of the Chaldees. Isn't it ironic that out of the Chaldees came the Babylonian Mysteries that are now penetrating society in every area of life. Isn't it ironic that the man whose faith is lifted up as our example of faith for salvation came from the same place whose system has now changed that very covenant of promise. Isn't it ironic that the Pope and Hubbard and the revival leaders are implementing Babylon again today by uniting with Catholicism in doctrine, while we stand in the faith of Abraham. The seed promised to Eve would come through Abraham's seed, while the devil worked at raising up his system of religions to counter the faith of Abraham, the faith of our salvation where we are accounted righteous by believing in the promised one, Jesus Christ.

1800 BC HINDUISM (Persia, India):

Hinduism began as an organization of the tribal superstitions energized by the Babylonian mysteries. It is a Pantheistic religion, believing "God is All," the sum of all that exists, the "all" being found in both animate and inanimate objects. Good and evil are aspects of the same God.

Hindus believe in reincarnation/karma, denying the resurrection, and making God impersonal and their religion a religion of works. It is also a religion that believes in Maya, meaning that the only Reality there is, is in the spiritual realm, while the temporal world is an illusion. The goal of Hinduism is to liberate man from the material world by attainment of a high spiritual plane where one is united to "God." This process is called Samsara, meaning the transmigration of the soul on the wheel of life, where the Hindu must balance his Karma until the Atman, or Soul, is absorbed into the Universal Soul, called Brahman.

Hindus believe in millions of gods, and idolatry is not a stranger to their religious practices. Their trinity consists of Vishnu, the preserver, Sheva, the destroyer, and Brahma, the creator. Goddess worship is not foreign to their belief system, with Kali being one of their main goddesses and consort to the gods.

They believe Vishnu, the preserver, is the sun god who incarnates again and again as a Christ figure throughout mankind's history. The antichrist will be the embodiment of the gods of all religions, and the foundation to support the Hindu's accepting him as that is in their belief system.

1750 BC Jacob (Israel)

has 12 sons, forming the Jewish nation through which Messiah, the promised seed of Eve and then to Abraham, would proceed. In the midst of the Devil's raising up his idolatrous religious systems in the world, a new nation was called to be unlike the others, a nation who would bring forth "Eve's seed," Abraham's Isaac, Sarah's child who would be Immanuel, God with us. The promise held and the word came forth to Jacob's offspring:

Numbers 24:17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

A Star would rise out of Jacob to rule the world, while the nations worshipped their sun gods and the Queen of Heaven.

1740 BC STONEHENGE:

Stonehenge was a center of religious worship near Salisbury, England. The arrangement of the stones is believed to have had an astrological purpose, and it was a place used for occult worship and the demonstration of psychic forces. These astrological practices have their source in the ancient kingdom of Babylon and were most likely centered on sun worship practices passed down from Babylon.

1500 BC MAYANS (See Calendar Below):

Evidence for the existence of the Mayans goes as far back as the 6th century AD. This evidence had been found in North America. The religion is one of worship of nature gods, but the most important aspect of the Mayan religion that I found is the Mayan/Aztec Calendar. This

"Calendar points to the year 2012 as the end of this age . . . that began more than 5,000 years ago. The world will end in A.D. 2012, according to the Mayan calendar stone, as interpreted by Jose' Arguilles, New Age eschatologist, art historian and author of 'The Mayan factor'. . . The Mayan Calendar, or Tzolkin, describes a 5,200-year Great Cycle beginning in 3113 B.C. and ending in A.D. 2012, Arguelles claims. This cycle, in turn, is embedded in a longer 26,000-year cycle, composed of five Great Cycles, which also ends in 2012. (Meaningful-coincidence buffs may note that this long cycle . . . corresponds to the 26,000 years of Plato's 'Great year' and of the astronomical precession of the zodiac.) 'What we are experiencing,' he concludes, 'is the climax of our particular species and evolutionary stage, the very last twenty-six years of a cycle some twenty-six thousand years in length'" (OMNI magazine, 1989).

1500 BC Moses

led the Exodus from Egypt and Israel was set free to be a light to the nations.

1350 BC ROSICRUCIANS:

Rosicrucianism was born as one of the mystery schools of secret wisdom during 18th dynasty Egypt. When it was founded, it was called "The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (AMORC)." It does not consider itself a religion, but believes that Jesus was "one of the earth's great teachers" along with Muhammad, Buddha, Plato, the Hindu gods and many others. They share a widespread belief found in the pagan religions that Christ was not a person, but that the Christ spirit took possession of the body of Jesus.

They believe every man has this spirit in him, but that it must be awakened and realized. The blood atonement is an invention, making Rosicrucianism a religion of works. They believe in the Great White Brotherhood, being an offshoot of Freemasonry, which is also based in the mysteries religions of Egypt, and they believe, in our day, that humanity is moving into a New Age.

1100 BC King David

is promised an heir to his throne who will rule forever, who would be Solomon typifying Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the one who would overcome and rule the nations and their gods.

1000 BC GREEK MYSTERIES:

a composite of doctrines, based on study and personal experience during initiation, and made up of the secrets of mythologies and ancient Babylonian and Egyptian religions. The Greek Mysteries were also based on the concept that one must live righteously to have a noble life after death in one's next reincarnation.

604 BC TAOISM (Chinese):

Though I have conflicting dates on this one, Taoism is said to be an offshoot of Confucianism, and is a religion and philosophy that sees the universe as engaged in ceaseless motion, activity and continual flux. This constant cosmic process is called the "Tao," and the ongoing goal of Taoism is to balance heaven and earth. The process is described in terms of Yin and Yang (the interplay of positive and negative energy). The balancing of this positive and negative energy is the foundation for much of the new practices in new Age medicine. It is from Taoism that the well-known phrase, "Go with the flow," originates. The Taoists, like Confucianists, are not believers in Reincarnation.

550 BC CONFUCIANISM (founder: Kung Fu-tse):

The basics of Confucianism were discussed under Taoism. Confucianism is a philosophy based on ancestor worship that teaches man should "adjust heaven with the earth" to preserve a balance. As with Taoism, many of the practices of Confucianism are used in new Age medicine.

550 BC BUDDHISM (founder: Gautama Buddha):

Founded by Prince Siddharta Gautama, now called Gautama Buddha. Surprising to me was the fact that Buddhism was founded as a violent protest against Hinduism, and it is simply another form of Hinduism with minor modifications. The oldest Buddhist Scriptures are the Veda; Bhagavad Gita appeared later. Buddhism believes in monism, that all of reality is an undivided organism, "All is One." It is on this monistic "All is One" of Buddhism and the Pantheistic "All is God" of Hinduism that the unity effort of the New Age is based. Since all All is One, then All must be God. Buddhists believe in the annihilation of desire, development of the soul-mind through meditation, techniques of yoga, mystical devotion, some goddess worship, Reincarnation/Karma, and The Eight-Fold Path to Nirvana.

The Eight-Fold Path includes right understanding, right thoughts, right speech, right action, right means of earning a living, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration. These eventually are said to lead one to Nirvana, a state of heavenly bliss. If you look closely, you will see that being politically correct in the modern age is basically the practice of the Eight-Fold Path to enlightenment.

Buddhism has what are called Four Noble Truths about the state of humanity, and if you look closely at these, you will see these as the road to the Millennium, the path to a New Age where all suffering is done away with and all becomes one. These Four Noble truths are: 1. Man suffers through sickness and old age. 2. This suffering is caused by man's inadequacies, such as greed. 3. Through his will, and certain spiritual techniques and knowledge, man can break through this suffering. 4. By undertaking the Eight-Fold Path, man may finally put an end to his suffering and achieve Nirvana, or union with the divine "all that is." This Eight-Fold [Path] explains why Buddhism has made such inroads in the Catholic faith, because it is very similar to its agenda, though the terminology may differ.

The Chinese River Goddess, Qwan Yin, is called the Goddess of Mercy, who helps men understand how to be happy, recognize their beauty within and how to succeed in attaining nirvana.

550 BC ZOROASTRIANISM (founder: Zoroaster):

Zoroastrianism is an ancient Persian religion. Zoroastrians in one Creator manifesting in various aspects (dualism), for example, good and evil, and that the "Holy Spirit" inspires psychics in order to keep the cosmos orderly. Zoroastrianism is founded on the religion and practices of Babylon, and it is the religion that brought the cult of Mithra to Rome. The practices, beliefs and offices and hierarchies of the cult of Mithra were largely absorbed by the Catholic Church, from the Pope as the high priest to Communion to baptism to its celebrations. Thus, Babylon's survival through the Persian cult of Mithra survives still in Roman Catholicism.

500 BC JAINISM

is a religion of India, an offshoot of Hinduism. Jainism teaches man can destroy evil in the soul by good works. They have a deep reverence for animal life, even sweeping a chair before sitting down lest there is an insect on it. They believe heavily in saint worship and their temples are usually found in caves. There is a sect within Jainism which rejects the worshipping of idols and icons.



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The history of the Temple of Ishtar

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In Her Temples in many lands from Egypt to Assyria to Babylon to Crete to India, in Rome and Greece and many Celtic lands, Her Temples had Sacred Priestesses who were also called Prostitutes by those of body denial religions. Her worship was in the arms of the Priestess who embodied and represented The Goddess(s). These worshipers are sometimes known as pagans.

A fundamental difference in the concept of worship is important to note: In the Temples of the old ways people would go to the temple TO BE WORSHIPPED not to worship. Women would go to the temple to serve the Goddess to embody Her, to represent Her, to be worshipped as Her. Women would spend a day, or a week, or a year serving at the Temple as a priestess, as a sacred Prostitute, as a whore in service to the Goddess. There they would be worshipped as the incarnation of the Goddess, as The Goddess Herself.

Men would come to Her Temple TO BE WORSHIPPED. Men would be welcomed and served by the Priestesses and men would represent the divine male principal, the Horned One, the Sacred Bull, The God. Men would come to the temple to give their love and passion to The Goddess, and would receive the passion, love, and affection of The Goddess. But some three millennia ago there came monotheists who refused Her Worship preferring instead to be diminished in body and spirit. They called Her, "The Whore of Babylon, who leads men into fornication." They called our sacred sexuality "sin," and cast shame on Her sacred Priestesses. They held up a "virgin" as the ideal that women should imitate instead of the sacred Goddess that they had always held as the most sacred image of Woman. This is essentially the state of things in the modern world.

The two principal deities of ancient Babylon were Baal and Ishtar. Baal was the god of war and the elements and Ishtar the goddess of fertility - both human and agricultural. These two deities have roots going back before Babylon to Nimrod at Babel and to Assyria. Through the ages they were imported into other nations and under different names but always retaining the same basic characteristics. Baal was also called Bel, Baalat, Molech, Merodach, Mars and Jupiter, and was frequently represented as a bull. Ishtar was also called Aphrodite, Astarte, Ashtoreth, Cybele or Sybil, Diana, Europa, Isis, Semiramis and Venus. The two main elements in the worship of Baal were fire and human sacrifice, usually children.

Ishtar was worshipped via offerings of produce and money as well as through fornication with temple prostitutes. It is this last characteristic that helps make the tie between religious Babylon and kings and merchants. In his book *The Secret of Crete*, H.G. Wunderlich reports that before marriage, every woman in Babylon was required to go to the temple of Ishtar and lie with a stranger. We have a similar report from Gerhard Herm in his book, *The Phoenicians* (1), where women in the Canaanite cities of Tyre, Sidon and Byblos were required to become prostitutes for a day and give themselves to foreign guests during the spring festival. This festival survives today in the name of "Easter", which is derived from the word "Ishtar". Note that the women were to prostitute themselves with strangers or foreigners. In ancient times, the foreigners in these cities were mostly composed of traveling merchants and political dignitaries. In the third century A.D. the historian Eusebius described the patrons of these temples in this way: "It was a school of godlessness for those dissipated men, who had ruined their bodies in the pursuit of luxuriousness. The men were soft and effeminate, were no longer men; they had betrayed the honor of their sex; they believed they must worship their god with impure lust."

[The full text and pictures from an excerpt chapter from *Sacred Sexuality* by A T Mann and Jane Lyle](#)

Links:

Another group with similar (but also differing) interests is: [The Society of Ishtar](#) (thanks to them for info and text relating to the history and meaning of Temple of Ishtar) Their festival is FreedomFest July 1-6, 1999 in Santa Fe.

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Currency The oldest coin currency that we know is a Sumerian bronze piece dating from before 3000 BC. On one side of the coin is a representation of a sheaf of wheat, and on the other, Ishtar, the goddess of fertility. The Sumerians called it the "Shekel" where "She" meant wheat, "Kel" was a measurement similar to a bushel, hence this coin was a symbol of a value of one bushel of wheat. (The word "shekel" survives in modern Hebrew as Israel's monetary unit.) The original shekel had as its purpose payment for sacred prostitution at the temple of Ishtar, which was the temple of life and death. The temple, as well as being a ritual center, was the storage place for the reserves of wheat that supported the priesthood, and also the community in lean times. So farmers fulfilled their religious and social obligations by bringing their contributions of wheat to the temple, and receiving in exchange a shekel coin, entitling them to a visit with the temple prostitutes at the festival time. All this also must be understood in its cultural context: The sacred prostitutes were representatives of the goddess, and intercourse with them was intercourse with the goddess of fertility herself, nothing to take lightly. At that time fertility was truly a matter of life and death. If the crops failed, there was no alternative, and everyone starved or at least went hungry until next year. And, of course, completing the magic ritual properly insured the fertility in crops, animals and children that was necessary for future prosperity.

BABYLON. (Iraq)

The capital of BABYLONIA, situated on the Euphrates River south of Baghdad in modern Iraq. The city was occupied from the 3rd

millennium BC but became important early in the 2nd millennium under the kings of Babylon's First Dynasty. The sixth king of this dynasty was Hammurabi (c1792-1750 BC) who made Babylon the capital of a vast empire, and is best remembered for his code of laws. This period was brought to an end by an attack by HITTITES, and the city had a mixed history until the Neo-Babylonian period of 7th-6th centuries BC - it once again achieved pre-eminence when Nebuchadnezzar extended the Babylonian Empire over most of Western Asia. Babylon fell to Cyrus in 539 BC; occupation continued in the ACHAEMENID period. The city was taken by ALEXANDER in 331 BC; indeed, Alexander died in Babylon in 323. Babylon subsequently declined and was eventually abandoned after the Muslim conquest of AD 641. Because of the high water table, which has risen in the last few millennia, only buildings of the Neo-Babylonian period were accessible to the German excavators of Babylon in the first decades of this century. The city of this period covered c200 hectares, divided into two by the River Euphrates. Most work was conducted in the part of the Inner City on the east bank, which housed the palace and several important temples. The fortifications consisted of a double line of walls and a moat connected to the Euphrates, allowing boats to enter under the gatehouse bridges. The most impressive surviving monument is the Ishtar Gate on the north side of the city, approached by a processional way, and decorated with glazed bricks bearing relief figures of lions, bulls and dragons. Important buildings excavated include Nebuchadnezzar's palace, close to the Ishtar Gate, a colossal building with many rooms arranged around five different courtyards; the vaulted store rooms of this palace were formerly interpreted as the base of the Hanging Gardens of ancient repute. Another huge palace of Nebuchadnezzar's reign (605-562 BC) - the Summer Palace - was constructed to the northwest of the Inner City and was enclosed by a triangular outer wall. A number of temples were excavated, including the temple and ZIGGURAT of the city's patron deity, Marduk, which was the original Tower of Babel; little of the structure survives today after centuries of brick-robbing by later Mesopotamians.

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