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~ Foundation 3 ~

# The Rise of Babylon

Kingdom of Rebellion

"All The Word To All The World"

# **Paradise Becomes Distant Memory**

#### Genesis 10:1, 8-10

Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood... And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth... And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel...

#### Genesis 11:1,4, 6-9

Now the whole earth had one language... Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens..."

...And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language... Come, let us go down and there confuse their language"... And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

# Israel Turns To The Gods of Babylon

#### Judges 2:13

They abandoned Yahweh, and served Baal and the Ashtaroth.

# Judges 3:7

And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and forgot Yahweh their God, and served Baal and Ashtaroth

#### 2 Kings 21:3

For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he raised up altars for Baal, and Ashtaroth... and he worshiped the heavenly lights and served themRemnants of The Ancient Religion

# **Copying What We Do Not Understand**

#### Jeremiah 10:2

Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

# Deuteronomy 12:29-31

When Yahweh your God cuts off the nations from before you... be careful that you are not ensnared to follow them... do not inquire after

their gods, saying, "How did these nations serve their gods? I will do likewise." You shall not do so to Yahweh your God.

#### 1 Corinthians 10:20

But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

# **Hidden Remnants of The Ancient Religion**

## Image of Jealousy

#### Ezkekiel 8:5,6

Behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary?

#### **Sacred Poles**

#### **Deut 16:21**

When you build the altar for offering sacrifices to the Lord your God, do not set up any sacred pole...

#### Idols on The Walls

#### Ezekiel 8:10

And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold... all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about.

#### **Censers of Smoke**

#### Ezekiel 8:11

And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel... with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

## **40 Day Fast of Tammuz**

#### **Ezekiel 8:13.14**

Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

#### The Sunrise Service

#### **Ezekiel 8:15-17**

Behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord... about twenty five men, with their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east... Then he said unto me, Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?

# **Identifying The Harlot**

#### Revelation 17:1-5

"Come, I will show you the judgment of the great WHORE... The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup ... And on her forehead a name was written... "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE 'MOTHER' OF HARLOTS"

# **Revelation 17:6,7...9**

I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered with great amazement. The angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads... The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits

# The Prophesied Fall of Babylon

#### **Revelation 18:2-4, 21**

Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen... For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her... And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues

... And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all

#### "Hosea 2:13

And I will punish [Israel] for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers and forgot me, declares the Lord.

# **Revelation 18:21**

Thus with violence will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down, and will be found no more at all.

# Isaiah 21:9

He answered, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the engraved images of her gods are broken to the ground.