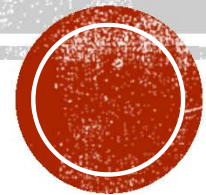


# **REVELATION 17&18**

# **BABYLON, THE HARLOT**

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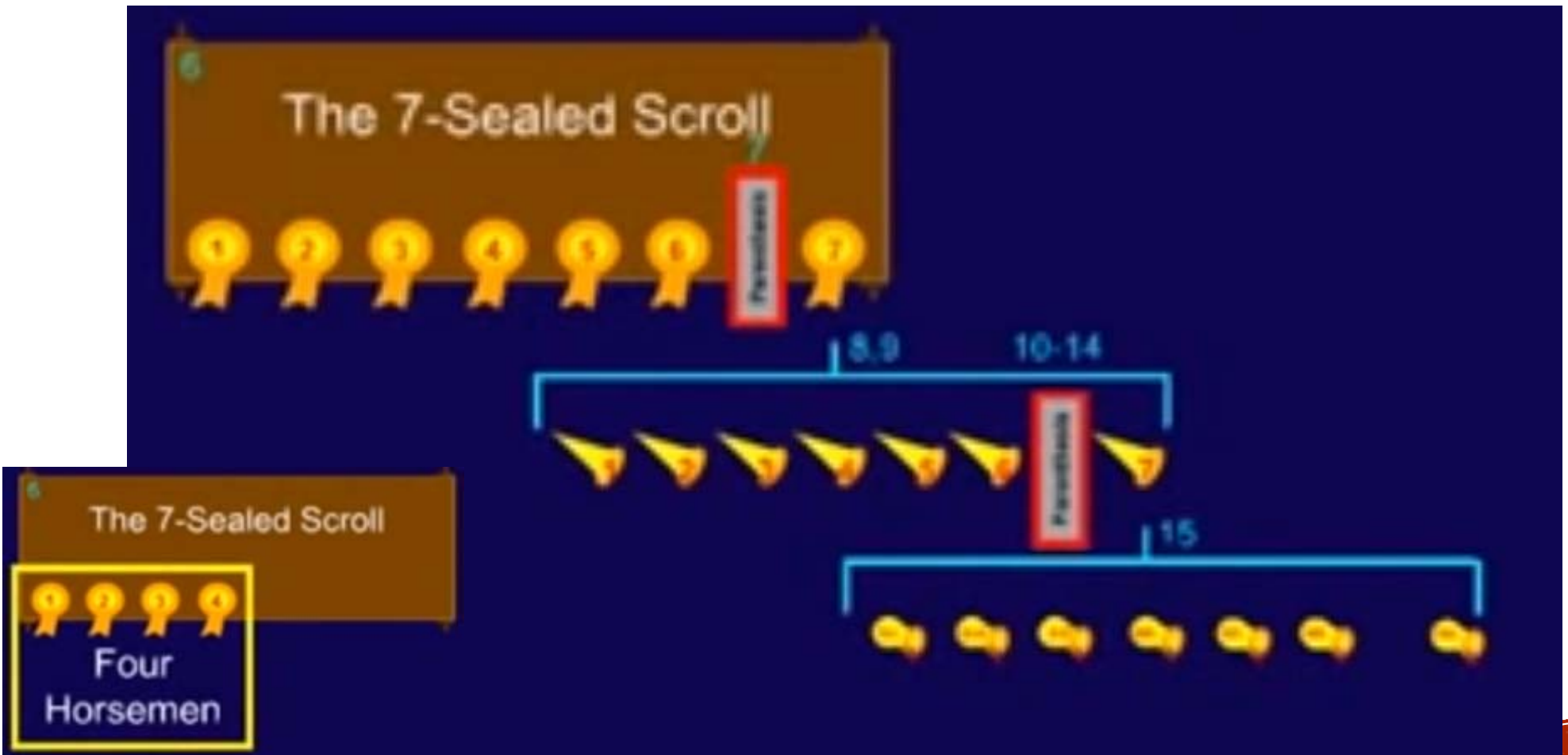
# OUTLINE OF REVELATION

- 1-3 - Introduction
  - 4-11 - Salutation & Occasion
  - 12-18 - Vision of the Risen Christ
  - 19 - Outline of the Book
  - 20 - Prep for Chapters 2 and 3
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- Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. (Rev. 1:19)





# THE SEALS AND TRUMPETS



- **Chapter 10**

- The “Little Book” , The Seven Thunders

- **Chapter 11**

- The Temple, The Two Witnesses

- **Chapter 12**

- The woman, The Man Child, & the Dragon

- **Chapter 13**

- The Two Beats



# REVELATION 14

## ■ **Chapter 14**

- Lamb on Zion & 144,000, Angels and their Gospels

## ■ **Chapter 15**

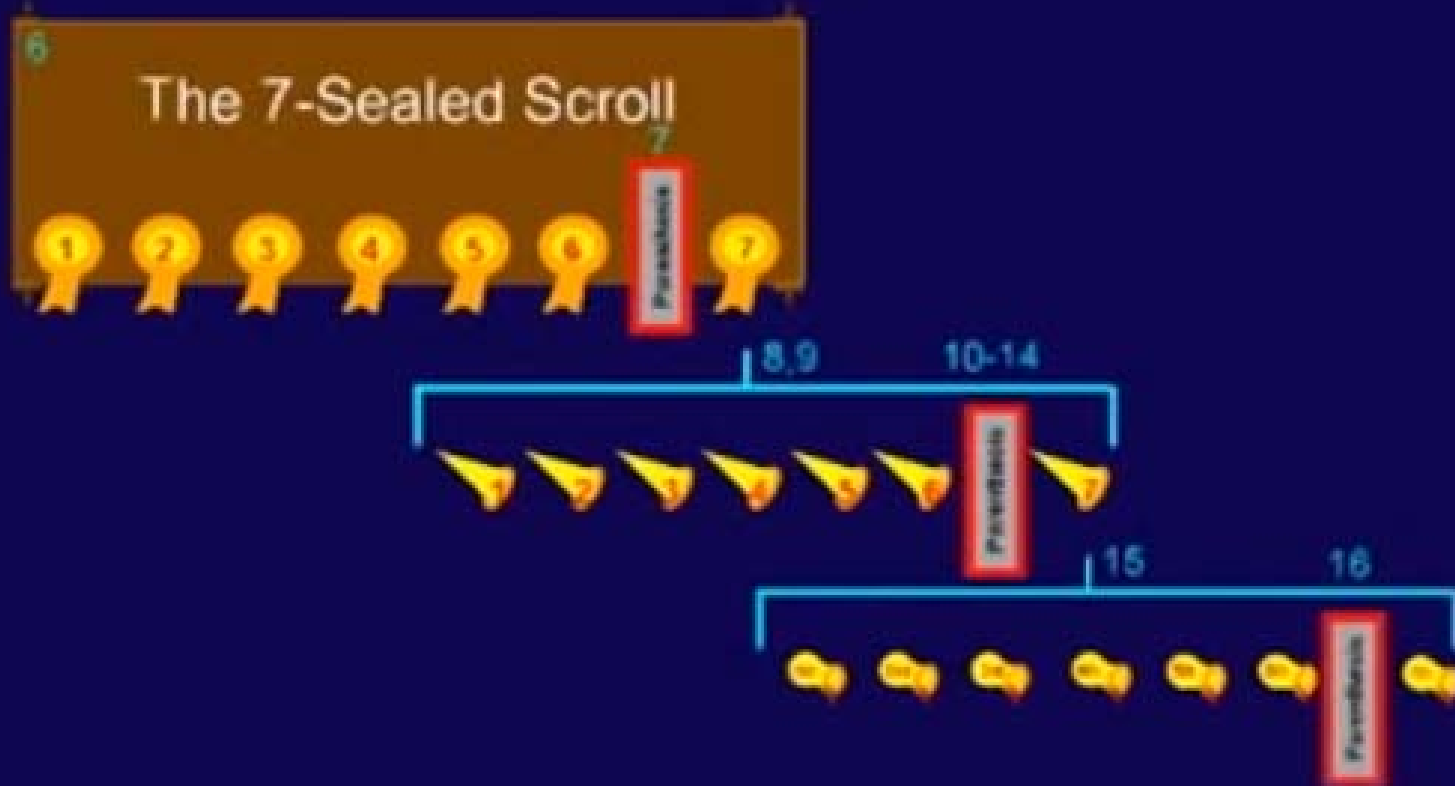
- Seven Angels seven golden bowls

## ■ **Chapter 16**

- Wrath of God



# The Heptadic Structure





# SUN WORSHIP

- The earliest form of Paganism, originating on the plain of Shinar.
- Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-10)
  - - Hebrew, marad, “to rebel”; future tense, “we will rebel.”
- <sup>8</sup> Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter **before** the LORD; therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod the mighty hunter **before** the LORD.” <sup>10</sup> And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (Gen. 10:8-10)
- “Before” should be “in defiance of” the Lord.



# GLOBAL DICTATOR

- Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-10)
  - - Hebrew, marad, “to rebel”; future tense, “we will rebel.”
- The final global dictator will be an Assyrian: (Nimrod II”?)
  - Micah 5:5-6, Isaiah 10



## SEVENTH BOWL: THE EARTH UTTERLY SHAKEN

- <sup>17</sup> Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl **into the air**, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “**It is done!**” <sup>18</sup> And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.
- Who is the prince of the air?



## SEVENTH BOWL: THE EARTH UTTERLY SHAKEN

- <sup>19</sup> Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. **And great Babylon** was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. <sup>20</sup> Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. <sup>21</sup> And great hail from heaven fell upon men, *each hailstone* about the weight of a talent. **Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail**, since that plague was exceedingly great.



# **SPIRITUAL BABYLON**

- All forms of occultic practices have had their origin in the original city of Babylon (Isa. 47)
- Tammuz, the son of Nimrod and his queen Semiramis (earlier name Thyatira) was identified with the Babylonian Sun God, and worshipped following the winter solstice ~ Dec 22-23
- As Babylon was conquered by subsequent empires, this entire religious system was transplanted, first to Pergamos, (Rev. 2:12-17) and then to Rome.



# **SPIRITUAL BABYLON**

- **As Christianity was established as the official state religion of Rome, many of the religious traditions and practices of the earlier pagan worship were adapted and incorporated, including:**
  - **Many of our traditions surrounding Christmas**
  - **The Babylonian worship of Ishtar, the Golden Egg of Astarte and the fertility rites of spring give us Easter**
  - **The Calendar year-end on October 31, and its associated occultic rituals, gave us our Halloween**
    - **This was related to worship of Baal (Mars) and many have been stimulated by the perturbation of the orbit of the earth associated with the planet Mars**



	<b>Israel Chapter 12</b>	<b>Woman riding Beas Chapter. 17</b>
Where?	In Heaven	Upon many waters
Mother	Of Man-Child	Of Harlots
Clothed with	With sun	Purple Scarlet, Gold
Identity	Sun, Moon, Stars	Reigns over kings of the earth
Enemy	Dragon	10 Kings (ultimately)
Relationship	Hated by the world	Caressed by the world
Sustained by	Wing of Heaven	Dragon
Headdress	Crown of 12 stars	Mystery Babylon the Great
Status	Widowed, divorced	Am no Widow
Final location	New Jerusalem	Habitation of demons





# **MYSTERY BABYLON – REV. 17 & 18**

- **The Great Whore (chapter 17)**
  - **Rides the Beast with 7 heads, 10 horns**
  - **Mother of Harlots and Abominations**
  - **Drunk with the blood of the saints**
- **Babylon the Great (City) (chapter 18)**
  - **Kings**
  - **Merchants**
  - **Those that trade by sea**



# **BABYLON**

- **Mentioned over 300 times in the Bible**
- **Alluded to 3 times in Christ's genealogy**
- **Capital of the**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> World Dictator**
  - **The Last World Dictator**
- **A “Litmus Test” for the literal view**



# THE SCARLET WOMAN AND THE SCARLET BEAST

- Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, <sup>2</sup> with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” <sup>3</sup> So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
- Harlotry is a form of false devotion



# THE SCARLET WOMAN AND THE SCARLET BEAST

- <sup>4</sup> The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. <sup>5</sup> And on her forehead a name *was* written:
- MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,  
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS  
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS  
OF THE EARTH.
- <sup>6</sup> I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.



# THE MEANING OF THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- <sup>7</sup> But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. <sup>8</sup> The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.



## THE MEANING OF THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- <sup>9</sup> “Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. <sup>10</sup> There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. <sup>11</sup> The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.



# SATAN'S SEVEN SUPER-KINGDOMS

- Egypt
- Assyria
- Babylon
- Persia
- Greece
- Rome
- Rome II (10 Horns)

- <sup>3</sup> And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. (Rev. 12:3)
- <sup>9</sup> “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.<sup>10</sup> There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. <sup>11</sup> The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. (Rev. 17:9-11)



# Satan's Seven Super-Kingdoms

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• Assyria ?

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• Rome II

10 Horns

The 11th Horn

Daniel 7:8, 20-26; 8:9-14

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Daniel's 4 + 1

And there appeared another wonder in heaven;  
and behold a great red dragon,  
having seven heads and ten horns,  
and seven crowns upon his heads.

Revelation 12:3

And there are seven kings:  
five are fallen, and one is,  
and the other is not yet come;  
and when he cometh,  
he must continue a short space.

Revelation 17:10

And the beast that was, and is not,  
even he is the eighth,  
and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition

Revelation 17:11





# THE MEANING OF THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- <sup>12</sup> “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. <sup>13</sup> These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup> These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is **Lord of lords** and **King of kings**; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful.”



# THE MEANING OF THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- <sup>15</sup> Then he said to me, “The **waters** which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, **multitudes, nations, and tongues.** <sup>16</sup> And the **ten horns** which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. <sup>17</sup> For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup> And the **woman** whom you saw is that **great city** which reigns over the kings of the earth.”



## **REVELATION 17**

- Notice that the prostitute is not the beast, but rides the beast. She initially exploits the beast, but is eventually destroyed by him. (Rev. 17:16-17)
- The reference to the “golden cup” is another link with Jeremiah, et al.
- Mystery Babylon as a false religious system has been identified with the city of Rome from the early centuries until this present hour.



# TEN CLUES

- 1. A prostitute: promiscuous, unfaithful
- 2. Has universal influence; all over the world
- 3. She is seated upon the beast (steers, dominates)
- 4. Purple, Scarlet, Gold, and Jewels
- 5. Golden cup: precious, yet a counterfeit, filled with abominable things
- 6. Mystery, Babylon the Great; linked with Babylon of Nimrod (Cf Rev. 11:8)
- 7. Mother of Prostitutes: has spiritual offspring; Not alone
- 8. Persecutor of Christians, revels in their blood
- 9. Seven Hills, Rome Built on seven hills:
  - The original city of Romulus was built upon Palatine Hill (Latin: Mons Palatinus). The other hills are the Capitoline, Quirinal, Viminal, Esquiline, Caelian, and Aventine (known respectively in Latin as the Mons Capitolinus, Mons Quirinalis, Mons Viminalis, Mons Esquilinus, Mons Caelius, and Mons Aventinus)
- The Great City that rules of the kings of the earth
  - In John's day, could only be Rome.



## **BABYLON OF 17 = 18**

- 1. The usage of the word “Babylon” is never used of the beast or its head (Rev. 17:5,18)
- 2. The context before and after Revelation 18
  - Cf. 16:19, 17:1,18; 18:2-3; 19:2
- 3. The statements of Revelation 18:3, 24 with 6:9-11



# THE FALL OF BABYLON THE GREAT

- After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “**Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!** <sup>3</sup> For all the nations have **drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication**, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.”



## THE FALL OF BABYLON THE GREAT

- And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “**Come out of her, my people**, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. <sup>5</sup> For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. <sup>6</sup> Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her **double** according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix **double** for her.



## THE FALL OF BABYLON THE GREAT

- <sup>7</sup> In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, '**I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.**'<sup>8</sup> Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong *is* the Lord God who judges her.





## THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLON'S FALL

- <sup>9</sup> “The **kings of the earth** who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, <sup>10</sup> standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’



## **THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLON'S FALL**

- **<sup>11</sup> “And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: <sup>12</sup> merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;**



## **THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLON'S FALL**

- **<sup>13</sup> and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. <sup>14</sup> The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.**



## THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLON'S FALL

- <sup>15</sup> The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, <sup>16</sup> and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! <sup>17</sup> For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' **Every shipmaster**, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance <sup>18</sup> and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What *is* like this great city?'



## THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLON'S FALL

- <sup>19</sup> “They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.’
- <sup>20</sup> “**Rejoice over her, O heaven,** and *you* holy apostles and prophets, for **God has avenged you on her!**”



## **FINALITY OF BABYLON'S FALL**

- **<sup>21</sup> Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw *it* into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. <sup>22</sup> The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.**



## FINALITY OF BABYLON'S FALL

- <sup>23</sup> The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your **merchants were the great men of the earth**, for by your **sorcery all the nations were deceived.** <sup>24</sup> And in her was found the **blood of prophets and saints**, and of all who were slain on the earth.”



# THE ORIGIN OF BABYLON

- The first world dictator: Nimrod (“Rebel”)
  - “a mighty hunter in defiance of the Lord.” Gen. 10:9
  - “Bav” = gate; “El” = God
    - Babel = “Gateway to the Gods”
- This was the beginning of the city of Babylon
  - This ziggurat was later rebuilt by Nebuchadnezzar as Etemenanki, “the building which is the foundation of heaven and earth”
  - The Letter to Cyrus
  - When Cyrus make his grand entrance Daniel presented him with an ancient scroll of Isaiah, which contained a personal letter addressing him by name (Josephus, Antiquities, XI, 1 2)
  - Isaiah had died 150 years before Cyrus was born! (Isa. 45:1-5)





# VIDEO LINKS

- ISLAM: Babylon the Great

- <http://youtu.be/X4hh0Zxn5Xg?list=PLom-MY97-21N96SGCKsAuOzLUVrMwMKnW>

- Mystery Babylon the great! Walid Shoebat

- <http://youtu.be/F47uAKG-k-s>



## **FOR NEXT STUDY: THE “FIFTH HORSEMAN”**

- **Read Revelation 19**
- **Review your notes on the ancient Jewish Wedding**

