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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Genesis 10-11 is of great prophetic significance.
 - i) The Bible tells us at the dawn of civilization what will transpire and take place in the future.
- b) This passage in Genesis tells us of a colossal and amazing building project.
 - i) This great tower was, in fact, Satan's civic masterpiece.
 - ii) This tower was a center of world religion and world government, and it has great prophetic significance for us today.
- c) Genesis 10:8-10
 - i) The beginning of Nimrod's kingdom was Babel.
- d) Genesis 11:1-9
- e) In these chapters in Genesis, we have both history and a prophecy.
 - i) Genesis is the seedbed of all Bible prophecy, and these stories literally happened.
 - ii) These accounts are a preview and a foreshadowing of what is to come.
 - iii) Nimrod is a picture of the beast, the Antichrist, who is going to come.
 - iv) The city that was built, Babel, is actually Babylon, which is the cradle and the grave of false religion.
 - (1) We don't need religion; we need Jesus Christ.
 - (2) Most people have too much religion and not enough Jesus.
- f) There are two great cities in the Bible:
 - i) One of these cities is Jerusalem, and the other is Babylon.
 - (1) Jerusalem is the holy city.
 - (2) Babylon is the hellish city.
- g) There are two great leaders in the world:
 - i) One is the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - ii) The other is the Antichrist.
- h) There is a battle between Babylon and Jerusalem, between Christ and Antichrist.
 - i) We are right in the middle of this battle.
- i) In the message today, we'll see the coming kingdom of Satan and the coming kingdom of Christ.

2) THE BABYLONIAN BEAST (GENESIS 10:8-9)

- a) A man named Cush had a son, whom he named Nimrod.
 - i) The name Nimrod literally means "let us rebel."
 - ii) Nimrod was a rebel by birth.
- b) This passage in Genesis shows us three things about Nimrod:
 - i) It speaks of his arrogance.
 - (1) Genesis 10:9
 - (a) The phrase "a mighty hunter before the Lord" does not mean that God just merely saw him hunt, but that Nimrod was in the face of God.
 - (b) We would say today, "In your face."

- (2) Nimrod was not a hunter of animals but a hunter of the souls of men.
- (3) Nimrod was a rebel against Almighty God.
- (4) There is coming another Nimrod in the last days.
 - (a) 2 Thessalonians 2:3
 - (i) The apostle Paul is speaking of the coming kingdom of Christ.
 - (ii) The word for “falling away” is the same word from which we get our word “apostasy.”
 - (iii) There is coming an apostasy first, and then the man of sin will be revealed.
 - 1. Jesus is the Man of Sorrows; the Antichrist is the man of sin.
 - (iv) There is coming a man of sin who is the son of perdition, which means unmitigated wickedness.
 - (b) 2 Thessalonians 2:4
 - (i) “Anti” means “against” and “instead of.”
 - (ii) The Antichrist will be against the true Christ.
 - 1. He will present himself instead of the true Christ.
- ii) It speaks of his abilities.
 - (1) Genesis 10:8-9
 - (a) Three times in this passage, Nimrod is called “mighty.”
 - (i) Nimrod is called mighty, mighty, mighty.
 - (ii) Our Lord is holy, holy, holy.
 - (b) Nimrod was no ordinary man; three times by divine inspiration, this founder of Babel, which was the cradle of all false religion, is called mighty, mighty, mighty.
 - (2) 2 Thessalonians 2:9
 - (a) This passage speaks of the man of sin, the son of perdition.
 - (b) There is coming to this Earth a devilish deception.
 - (i) Matthew 24:24
 - (ii) Intellect will not keep us from being deceived.
 - (iii) Good intentions will not keep us from being deceived.
 - (iv) Only the Holy Spirit of God will help us to see clearly in these days in which we live.
 - (c) Satan will take a man and put into that man incredible power.
 - (i) He will be Satan in human flesh, just as Jesus Christ is God In human flesh.
 - (d) People without a spiritual anchor in the Lord Jesus will be deceived.
- iii) It speaks of his ambition.
 - (1) Genesis 10:10
 - (a) Nimrod was the first man who ever said that he was going to be king.
 - (b) He didn’t want to just build a city; he wanted a kingdom.
 - (i) Nimrod wanted to rule.
 - (2) 2 Thessalonians 2:4
 - (a) The devil is not against religion; he uses religion.

- (i) The temptation in the Garden of Eden was not for Adam and Eve to fall down but to fall up.
 - 1. Satan told them that they could be like God.
 - 2. Genesis 3:4-5
 - (b) Satan has always wanted to be like God.
 - (i) The New Age religion is based upon the lie in Genesis 3 that you can be like God, that you are your own god.
 - (3) Nimrod wanted to be worshipped like God and set about to exalt himself above God.
 - (a) This is the spirit of Satan.
 - (b) This is the same spirit that's in the world today that speaks of the so-called divinity of man.
 - (i) Satan does not want casualties; he wants converts.
 - (ii) Satan wants worship.
 - c) Evolutionists say that we have come from the beast, but they have it backward.
 - i) We are headed toward the beast.
 - ii) There is coming a beast, the Antichrist, who is Satan's superman.
- 3) THE BABYLONIAN BUILDERS (GENESIS 11:1-4)
 - a) We see the disobedience of the builders.
 - i) Genesis 11:1-2
 - ii) They sought to centralize power, but God had told them to replenish the Earth.
 - (1) Genesis 9:1
 - iii) God did not tell them to gather up in one place.
 - (1) God's plan was not for a centralized, one-world government.
 - (a) But the people wanted to consolidate the governments of this world.
 - iv) Satan wants a one-world government.
 - (1) We are headed toward a one-world government, a new world order.
 - (2) A one-world government will be a disaster.
 - (a) Power corrupts, and total power totally corrupts.
 - (3) Liberals and humanists believe in big government.
 - (a) They have failed to understand that freedom is always in direct reverse proportion to the size and power of government.
 - (i) The more government, the less freedom.
 - (b) Many of today's liberals are one-worlders first and Americans second.
 - (i) This is not by chance; it is well thought out.
 - (4) Humanists, not to be confused with humanitarianism, are highly motivated persons who are steering this world toward a one-world government.
 - (a) Many national and international leaders are avowed humanists.

- (b) Humanists have stated that nationalism rooted in arbitrary geographical units must be superseded by a globalism based upon the oneness of man.
 - (i) They have also stated that there must be a worldwide organization to which national sovereignty could be relinquished in all international affairs.
- (c) Humanists are committed to a world order based upon world law.
- v) This one-world government is coming monetarily, organizationally, militarily, and philosophically.
 - (1) It roots back in the same thing that motivated Nimrod so long ago.
- b) We see the depravity of the builders.
 - i) Genesis 11:3-4
 - ii) God had told them to scatter and replenish the Earth, but they refused to do so.
 - iii) We see in this passage the beginning of all organized forms of false religion and apostasy.
 - (1) Genesis 11:4
 - (a) In the King James Version, the words “may reach” are italicized because they are not in the original text; they were supplied by the translator to make it read more smoothly.
 - (i) It literally says, “We’re going to build a tower whose top unto Heaven.”
 1. The top of the tower was given to the Heavens.
 2. It was a place for worship.
 3. They were planning to go up on top of the tower to worship their false god; it was dedicated to the worship of the stars.
 - a. This is the beginning of astrology.
 - b. Zodiacs have been found on top of ancient ziggurats, what these towers were called in Babylon, where they worshipped the stars.
 - (2) The very name of the place Babel means “Gate to God.”
 - (a) By all of this, they were saying that this is the gate to God and that they would show people how to get to God.
 - (i) But there is only one gate to God, and His name is Jesus.
 1. John 14:6
 - (3) New Age religion is not new; it goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden when Satan tempted Eve.
 - (a) We have a world today that’s getting ready for the coming kingdom of Antichrist; the spirit of Antichrist is already in the world.
 - (4) To practice astrology is to practice witchcraft.
 - (a) Astrology is idolatry.
 - (i) The word we get “astrology” from means “word of the stars.”
 - (ii) To practice astrology is to substitute the word of the stars for the Word of God.

1. Rather than getting into the Bible, this is getting into New Age religion.
 - (b) The purpose of the stars is to declare the glory of God, not the destiny of man.
 - iv) Isaiah 47:12-15
 - (1) In this passage, God is showing Babylon that all of her New Age religion will not save her.
 - (a) This false religion had its inception at Babel.
 - v) Deuteronomy 18:9-12
 - (1) Abortion is included in this list of national abominations.
 - vi) Revelation 17:1-6
 - (1) In the Bible, an impure woman is a symbol of false religion.
 - (2) The “many waters” in this passage speaks of people, nations and kingdoms.
 - (3) This passage also speaks of the kings of the Earth committing fornication.
 - (a) This refers to the marriage of church and state; this is a world church and a world state.
 - (4) Seven is the number of perfection, and ten is the number of completeness.
 - (5) In verse 3, the heads speak of wisdom, and the horns speak of power.
 - (6) The phrase “great admiration” in verse 6 does not mean that John thought the woman (false religion) was wonderful, but that he just could not take it in.
 - (7) The Babylonian mother is false religion, and the Babylonian monster is the beast; and the two come together.
 - (8) Outwardly, the Babylonian mother (false religion) looks beautiful, but beneath her smiles is a heart that is unspeakably wicked.
 - c) We see the defiance of the builders.
 - i) Genesis 11:3-4
 - (1) Personal pronouns such as “they,” “us” and “we” are used six times in this passage.
 - (a) Six is the number of man.
 - (b) This is the religion with man at the center, which is humanism and new ageism.
 - (c) Rather than saying, “Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name,” they are saying, “Our brothers who are on the Earth, hallowed be our name.”
 - (2) The Babylonian builders were trying to make a name for themselves.
- 4) THE BABYLONIAN BLUNDER (GENESIS 11:3-4)
- a) When God builds His church, He builds it of stone.
 - i) Stone is not handmade.
 - ii) The Bible says that we are built up as living stones.

- (1) 1 Peter 2:5
 - b) The Babylonians, however, took mud and bricks and fashioned the tower with their own hands.
 - c) Genesis 11:3
 - i) They “said one to another;” they did not consult God.
 - ii) They dethroned God and enthroned their own intellect.
 - (1) We are still trying to do the same thing today with our own version of brick and slime.
 - (a) Our brick and slime today are our computers and technology.
 - (b) We have the idea that we can somehow build our utopia.
 - (c) We have substituted our own wit and wisdom for God.
 - (d) We are trying to build a golden age with our minds, machinery and money, but it cannot be done.
 - d) The Babylonians attempted to build a tower whose top may reach Heaven.
 - i) The difference between man-made religion, humanism, New Age religion and true salvation from God is that man tries to build from Earth to Heaven, and true salvation reaches down from Heaven to man.
 - ii) God, in His mercy, came down as a man to lift us to Heaven.
 - (1) John 3:7
 - (a) In the Greek language, this verse literally says that we must be born from above.
 - iii) New agers say that man needs a boost from beneath; God says that man needs a birth from above.
 - e) The Babylonians took their own wit, wisdom and words; and they pooled their ignorance and wickedness and began to make brick and slime in order to build a tower.
 - i) The world today is still using human wit and ingenuity to try to engender independence from Almighty God.
- 5) THE BABYLONIAN BURIAL (GENESIS 11:5-9)
- a) Genesis 11:6
 - i) The Bible says that in the last days knowledge shall increase.
 - (1) Daniel 12:4
 - ii) We are told today that what man can imagine, man can achieve.
 - b) Genesis 11:7
 - i) “Let us go down” refers to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in counsel together.
 - c) How did this tower of blunders end in Genesis, and what does it prophesy for our day?
 - i) The coming of the Savior.
 - (1) It ended with the coming down of Almighty God to Earth.
 - (a) Genesis 11:7
 - (2) The only hope for this world is the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (3) When Jesus comes, he will destroy the kingdom of the Antichrist.

- ii) The confusion of speech.
 - (1) Genesis 11:7
 - (2) The people all spoke the same language at the time.
 - (3) When God judges, He always sends confusion into the enemy's camp.
 - (4) When God's people pray, we do not have to go to war against the enemies; God goes to war against the enemies.
 - (5) God confused their speech, and they could no longer understand one another.
 - (a) Psalm 2:4
 - (6) We will also see the collapse of the false unity of a one-world church with the one-world government.
 - (7) Genesis 11:8-9

6) CONCLUSION

- a) What does this mean for us today?
 - i) Separation
 - (1) Revelation 18:1-5
 - (2) If you are practicing any type of occult, new age religion, astrology or witchcraft, get out of it quickly and repent.
 - (3) God said that Babylon's sins have reached to Heaven and that He has remembered her iniquities.
 - ii) Anticipation
 - (1) Jesus Christ is coming, and He is coming soon.
 - (2) Revelation 19:1-3
 - (3) The time is coming soon when our Lord will step down from glory, and He is going to judge Babylon.
 - iii) Jubilation
 - (1) Revelation 19:5-8
- b) There is only one way to God, and it is not Babylon; it is Jesus.
- c) The devil's tower of blunders is really the door to disaster; you need Jesus.
- d) Those who do not turn to Jesus in these days will buy the lies of the Antichrist when he comes.
 - i) They will take his mark and his brand and will be lost forever.
 - ii) These are the days to get right with God.
- e) Are you saved?
- f) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- g) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16