

## Briefing Doc: The Fall of the World Lesson 6

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### Executive Summary

The following document synthesizes key insights from a study regarding the end-times, focusing on the character of the Antichrist, the innate religious nature of humanity, and the historical origins of false religious systems. Central to this analysis is the transition from the "time of the Gentiles" to the rise of "Mystery Babylon," a global religious system predicted in the Book of Revelation.

The study identifies the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11) as the historical and spiritual source of all false religions. Led by Nimrod—a prototype of the Antichrist—humanity attempted to manufacture a self-willed path to the supernatural. This original "Babel" system was scattered by God but is currently being reunited through the modern ecumenical movement. The document further explores the worsening of religious deception in the last days, the role of demonic influence in false worship, and the ultimate doom of the worldwide system of "Mystery Babylon."

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### Community and Mission Updates

Before delving into the theological analysis, several practical matters and prayer concerns were addressed:

- **Mission Support:** John and Gayen are departing for a mission trip to Jamaica with Lighthouse Medical Missions. They require specific government documentation to ease their passage through customs.
  - **Resurrection Sunday Schedule:** The upcoming Sunday includes a sunrise service at 6:00 AM, followed by a brunch, Sunday School, and praise and worship. There will be no children's church or evening service.
  - **Administrative Meetings:** The Elders are scheduled to meet on the 6th, and the Men's Breakfast is set for the 11th.
  - **Prayer Requests:** Continued prayer is requested for Deb and her father during his health struggles.
  - **Memory Verse:** The focus for March is Philippians 4:13: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*
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### The Antichrist: The Leader of the Nations

The study of the Antichrist, as referenced by Jesus in Luke 21, highlights his role during the "time of the nations" or "time of the Gentiles." Key characteristics and events include:

- **The Mortal Wound:** Revelation 13:3 describes the Antichrist as having a head that was "mortally wounded," yet the wound was healed. While some commentators interpret this as a revival of the Roman Empire, it is presented here as a deceptive event intended to make the world believe he has divine power.
  - *I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. (Revelation 13:3).*
- **Satanic Authority:** The Antichrist derives his power from the "dragon," identified as Satan (Revelation 12). This power facilitates global worship of both Satan and the beast.
  - *So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" (Revelation 13:4).*
- **The Tribulation Period:** The Antichrist will operate for 42 months (three and a half years) during the Great Tribulation. During this time, he will blaspheme God's name, His tabernacle, and those in heaven. He is described as a "lawless one" who will fight and overcome the saints.
- **Divine Restraint:** Despite the Antichrist's power, he is subject to the proverb that those who live by the sword will die by the sword (Revelation 13:10). Jesus demonstrated His own restraint and power in Matthew 26:53, noting He could command 12 legions (approximately 72,000) of angels.

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### The Innate Religious Nature of Man

The document outlines a fundamental theological premise: humanity was created with an innate capacity for fellowship with God and a desire for the supernatural (deity).

- **The Fall and Perversion:** Following the Fall in Genesis, man's nature became dominated by sin. However, the religious "bent" remains. Even atheism is characterized as a lack of honest self-assessment, as men instinctively know there is a God.
- **Manufactured Religion:** According to Romans 1, when men reject the true God, they manufacture their own religions. These systems typically revolve around the worship of three entities:
  1. Satan
  2. Demons
  3. Self

- **The Counter-Campaign:** While God began the redemptive process in Genesis 3:15, Satan launched a counter-campaign to propagate falsehood.
  - *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel. (Genesis 3:15).*
  - *whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. (2 Corinthians 4:4).*

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### The Genesis of False Religion: Babel

All organized, systematic false religion originated on the Plain of Shinar in Genesis 11.

#### The Tower of Babel

The construction of the tower was an act of "self-realization" and "self-will." It was likely a "ziggurat"—a flat-topped tower associated with the stars and the origin of the zodiac. The objective was not necessarily to reach physical heaven but to establish a gateway to the supernatural on human terms.

#### Nimrod: The First Rebel

Nimrod (Genesis 10:8) was the architect of the Babel system.

- **Name Meaning:** His name literally means "rebel."
- **Character:** He was a "mighty hunter before the Lord," which is interpreted as being presumptuous in God's presence, similar to Lucifer.
- **Foreshadowing:** Nimrod serves as a vivid prototype of the Antichrist. Both are kings who lead systems of defiance against God.

#### Divine Intervention and Dispersion

God halted the construction of Babel by confusing the human language.

- *Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. (Genesis 11:7).*
- **The Resulting Proliferation:** As people were scattered, they carried the "ingredients" of the Babel religion with them. This explains why major world religions (e.g., Hinduism, Buddhism, various cults) share common satanic and demonic roots.

## The Worsening of Religion in the End Times

The document asserts that religious deception is not static but is growing worse as history approaches its "apex."

## The Ecumenical Movement

There is a suggested link between the modern ecumenical movement and the "mystery religion" of the tribulation. The document notes that the emphasis on "tongues" or ecstatic languages in these movements mirrors the "Babel" (confusion) of Genesis 11, essentially bringing the world "back to the future" toward a unified false system.

## Biblical Warnings

The New Testament provides explicit warnings about the nature of religion in the latter times:

- **Sacrifice to Demons:** False religions are identified as the worship of demons rather than God.
  - *They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear. (Deuteronomy 32:17).*
  - *They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons. (Psalm 106:37).*
- **Apostasy within the Church:** Paul warned that some would depart from the faith to follow demonic doctrines.
  - *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. (1 Timothy 4:1).*
- **Spiritual Cancer:** False teachings and "profane babblings" are described as spreading like gangrene (or cancer).
  - *But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. (2 Timothy 2:16).*

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## Conclusion: The Doom of Mystery Babylon

The study concludes by looking forward to Revelation 17, which describes the final form of this historical religious progression: "Mystery Babylon."

- **The Final System:** This system is titled *MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH* (Revelation 17:5).

- **The Call to Scripture:** While individuals within these systems may be caught in ignorance, the systems themselves must be brought to the light of Scripture and exposed by the gospel.
  - **Historical Collapse:** Just as the original Babel was confounded, the end-times system of Mystery Babylon is predestined for collapse and divine judgment.
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#### Societal and Educational Context

The document briefly notes that systems of tyranny and institutional failure often originate from within. An example cited is the \$6.2 billion investment by Qatar into the American educational system, which is viewed as a potential influence on the shift in administrative priorities over classroom funding, contributing to a general decline in educational integrity.