



INFORMED AND FAITHFUL

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GOD vs SATAN

❖ **Genesis 3:14-15** The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life; And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

❖ **Revelation 13:3** I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;

PROLIFERATION OF SIN

- ❖ **Genesis 6:1-2** Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.
- ❖ **Wives:** *ishshah*: women
- ❖ **Genesis 6:4** The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. (*shem*: made a name for themselves)
- ❖ **Nephilim:** from *naphal*: fallen ones

GOD'S JUDGMENT

❖ Genesis 6:5-7 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. The Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."

❖ **Grieved: *atsab*: hurt, pained**

ABOUT FALLEN ANGELS

- ❖ **Jude 1:6-7** And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in **gross immorality** and went after **strange flesh**, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.
- ❖ **Strange flesh: *heteros*: other, strange; other than what is acceptable (in this case, to God)**
- ❖ **Punishment to the world: flood**

COMPARISON

❖ **2 Peter 2:4-8,10** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men... then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority

FLOOD

- ❖ God apparently gave Noah 120 years to build the ark
- ❖ Those inside were Noah and his wife, and his three sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives
- ❖ It rained for 40 days (Genesis 7:17)
- ❖ **Genesis 8:5 The water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.**
- ❖ It was apparently over a year between the time when Noah and family went into the ark until they disembarked

GOD'S COVENANT

- ❖ **Genesis 9:11-17** "I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. "It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. "When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have
8 established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

NOAH'S DESCENDANTS

- ❖ Shem, Ham, Japheth
- ❖ Shem became the father of the Semitic (shemitic) people
- ❖ Shem: Arpashad → Shelah → Eber (Hebrews)
- ❖ Eber: Peleg → Reu → Serug → Nahor → Terah → Abram
- ❖ Abraham (Abram) was a Hebrew and Semitic
- ❖ Abraham → Isaac → Jacob (Israel) → 12 sons (tribes)
- ❖ All Israelites are Hebrews; not all Hebrews are Israelites; All Hebrews are Semitic; not all Semites are Hebrews
- ❖ Ham: Cush → Nimrod

NIMROD

- ❖ The Hamitic people generally settled the areas today known as Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, African nations
- ❖ **Genesis 10:8-13** Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth. 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 and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.

NIMROD'S LINEAGE

- ❖ Nimrod was primarily headquartered in what is current day Iraq (Nineveh ruins are by Mosul)
- ❖ Nimrod began building a tower into the heavens to "make a name for themselves." God stopped it
- ❖ Nimrod married Semiramis (prostitute)
- ❖ Semiramis killed Nimrod and then turned him into an object of worship as a god (eventually probably worshipped at Ba'al)
- ❖ Semiramis claimed an "immaculate conception" via the god Nimrod producing a son, Tammuz
- ❖ Semiramis was turned into a goddess and known by many names in different cultures including Ishtar, Asherah

ISHTAR AND TAMMUZ MARY AND JESUS



PROLIFERATION OF WORSHIP

- ❖ The worship of Ishtar, Nimrod (Ba'al), Tammuz proliferated in their region, fostering other gods, and spreading into other regions.
- ❖ **This "god group" became known to us as the Babylonian cult gods**
- ❖ One of the Hebrew months was renamed Tammuz
- ❖ Ishtar's birthday was celebrated annually at the spring equinox with died eggs (she supposedly hatched from an egg dropped by the gods) and rabbits (she was the goddess of fertility among other things)
- ❖ **The Greek and Roman pantheons came from Babylon**

IN ISRAEL

- ❖ **Numbers 25:3** So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor, and the Lord was angry against Israel.
- ❖ **1 Kings 18:19** "Now then send and gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, together with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."
- ❖ Jezebel was the daughter of Ethbaal, king of Sidon
- ❖ **Ezekiel 8:14** Then He brought me to the entrance of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.

OVERVIEW

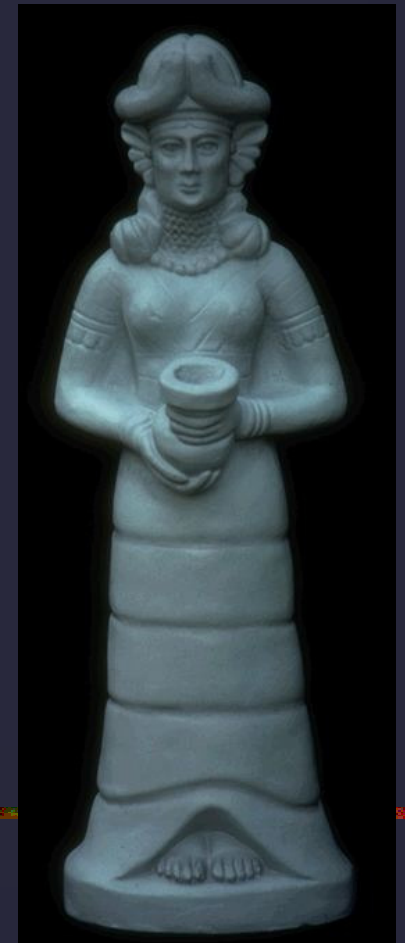
- ❖ **Babylon conquered the southern kingdom in 586 BC**
- ❖ **During the captivity even more Babylonian customs infiltrated judaism**
- ❖ **Medo-Persia conquered Babylon; Babylonian cult religion moved to Pergamon**
- ❖ **Revelation 2:13 I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.**

LATER MOVE

- ❖ **After Constantine moved his headquarters to Constantinople, the Babylonian cult religions moved to Rome, where they actively supported the bishop of Rome in his quest to become more powerful than the bishop of Constantinople**
- ❖ **In 1054 the church finally split: Roman Catholic; Eastern Orthodox**
- ❖ **Many things from the Roman pantheon via the Babylonian cult religions sneaked into Christianity at this point**

JOHN'S VIEW OF THE FUTURE

- ❖ Revelation 17:4-5 The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."



CONCLUSION

- ❖ After sin entered the human race, it spread throughout
 - ❖ All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God
 - ❖ All need a redeemer
 - ❖ After the flood, Nimrod began trying to make himself great in his own ways
 - ❖ God called a man named Abram to begin making a difference God's way
 - ❖ GOD IS A COVENANT MAKING AND KEEPING GOD!
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