

Mount Up Wednesday
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The Midway Point of the Tribulation

Daniel 9:26b-27

“....the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. **And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”**

Daniel 12:10,11

“Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand. From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.”

Perilous Times -Matt. 24:15-28

“Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or ‘There He is,’ do not believe him. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you in advance. So if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, or, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe them. For just as the lightning comes from the east and

flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. (Matt. 24:15-28)

NOTE: This is the halfway mark of the Tribulation Period; 3.5 years have passed. (42 months or 1260 days) At this point.... The following events will occur simultaneously in the three heavens.

(1st Heaven)

The Beast from the Earth (Rev 13:11-18)

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who live on it worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of the sky to the earth in the presence of people. And he deceives those who live on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who live on the earth to make an image to the beast who *had the wound of the sword and has come to life. And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause all who do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And he causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, and he decrees that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

(1st Heaven)

The False Church/Mystery Babylon (Rev. Chapter 17 and Genesis 11)

The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls, holding in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her sexual immorality, and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery: "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

Explanation of the False Church: AI Overview and Summary:

Genesis 11, which recounts the story of the Tower of Babel, is interpreted in biblical theology as the origin of the "false church"—a system of organized religion based on human pride, salvation by works, and defiance of God, which ultimately evolves into "Mystery Babylon" in Revelation 17.

The narrative in Genesis 11:1-9 represents an organized rebellion against God, characterized by several key features that contrast with true worship:

- **Human Pride and Self-Exaltation:** Instead of glorifying God, the people sought to "make a name for themselves".
- **Salvation by Works:** The tower was designed to reach heaven, representing a human effort to attain divinity or salvation on their own terms, substituting human effort for divine grace.
- **Defiance of Divine Command:** God had instructed humanity to disperse and fill the earth (Gen 9:1), but the people built the tower to avoid being scattered.
- **A "Counterfeit" Center:** The project was located in Shinar (Babylon), acting as a centralized, false religious system that unified people against God's plan.

Characteristics of a False Church

The false church system initiated at Babel is characterized by:

- **Rejection of Authority:** It works to undermine the authority of God's Word.
- **Self-Serving Doctrine:** It focuses on cultural acceptance, self-preservation, and human glory rather than biblical truth.

- **False Teachers:** It is associated with false teachers who propagate lies and promote a "counterfeit" Christianity.
- **Counterfeit Unity:** It seeks a forced, superficial unity that rejects God's divine order, similar to the unity in Babel before the scattering.

In summary, Genesis 11 presents the Tower of Babel as the archetype of a false, man-centered religion that, according to biblical prophecy, will reappear in the last days as a "false church" before being judged by God.

In the Bible, **Shinar is the ancient name for Babylonia**, the region in Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq) where cities like Babylon, Erech, and Accad were located, most famously known as the site where the Tower of Babel was built. It represents a place of human pride, rebellion against God, and idolatry, but also a place from which God's people were exiled and to which prophets prophesied.

Key Mentions & Significance:

- **Nimrod's Kingdom:** Genesis 10:10 states that Nimrod's kingdom began in Shinar, encompassing major cities like Babel (Babylon) and Erech (Uruk).
- **Tower of Babel:**
Genesis 11:2 describes people settling in the plain of Shinar and building a city and tower to reach the heavens, leading to God's judgment and the scattering of languages.
- **Amraphel:** A king of Shinar, Amraphel, fought against Abraham in Genesis 14, showing Shinar's involvement in early world conflicts.
- **Exile & Prophecy:** Later, Shinar became synonymous with Babylon, the destination for Israelite exiles (Daniel 1:2), and a symbol of wickedness from which God promised to rescue His people (Isaiah 11:11, Zechariah 5:11).
- **Symbol of Sin:** The Bible consistently links Shinar with spiritual rebellion, idolatry, and anti-God systems, even appearing in the vision of the harlot woman in Revelation.

(End of AI Overview and Summary)

Daniel 12:5-7

Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river. And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?" I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

1st Heaven cont.

CHAPTER 10:1-11

The Angel and the Little Scroll

I saw another strong angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was on his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; and he had in his hand a little scroll, which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them." Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there will no longer be a delay, but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He announced to His servants the prophets.

Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the scroll which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little scroll. And he *said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. And they *said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples, nations, languages, and kings."

Matt. 24:15-20

“Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.”

(1st and 3rd Heaven)

The Woman is hidden (Rev. 12:14-17)

But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she *was nourished for a time, times, and half a time, away from the presence of the serpent. And the serpent hurled water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon had hurled out of his mouth. So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

(1st Heaven)

More on the Two Witnesses (11:7-14):

When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them and overcome them and kill them. And their dead bodies

will lie on the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. Those from the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not allow their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. And those who live on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who live on the earth.

And after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. And at that time there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past; behold the third woe is coming quickly.

(3rd Heaven)

The Seventh Trumpet: Christ’s Reign Foreseen (11:15-17)

Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, “We give You thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, the One who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

The voices in Heaven prophesy here, about what is yet to happen. The remainder of their prophesy will be added in later.
