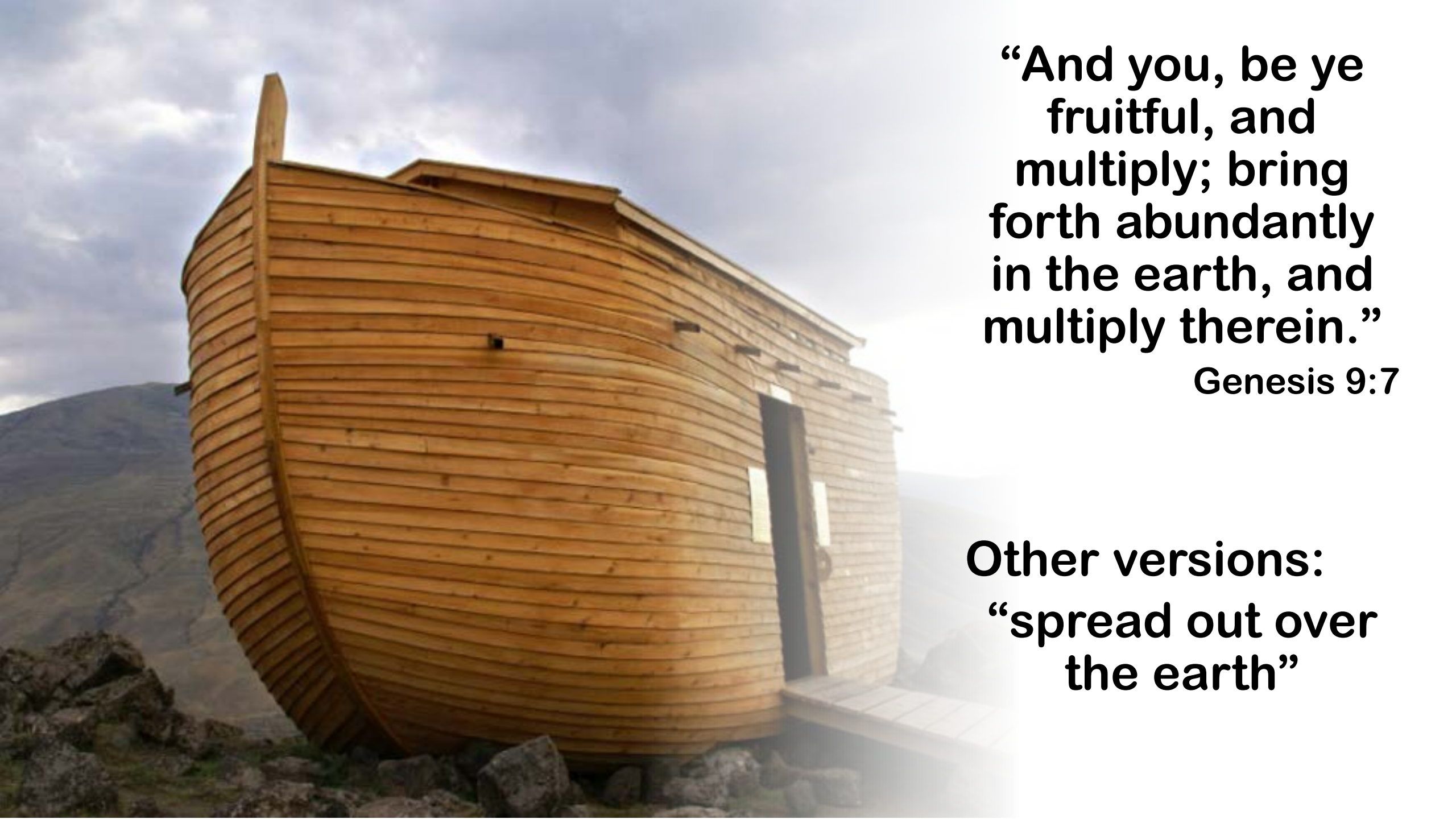


What Is Babylon?

Why is Babylon called
“the mother of harlots”?
Where is Babylon?
Why are we told to “come
out of her”?





**“And you, be ye
fruitful, and
multiply; bring
forth abundantly
in the earth, and
multiply therein.”**

Genesis 9:7

**Other versions:
“spread out over
the earth”**

**“And Cush begat
Nimrod: he began
to be a mighty one
in the earth. He
was a mighty
hunter before
the LORD:
wherefore it is
said, Even as
Nimrod the mighty
hunter before
the LORD.”**

Genesis 10:8-9



**“Nimrod the
mighty hunter
before the LORD.”**

Genesis 10:9

“mighty warrior”

Genesis 20:8

Noah was Nimrod’s
great-grandfather.

Nimrod = “to rebel”
Warrior = “tyrant”



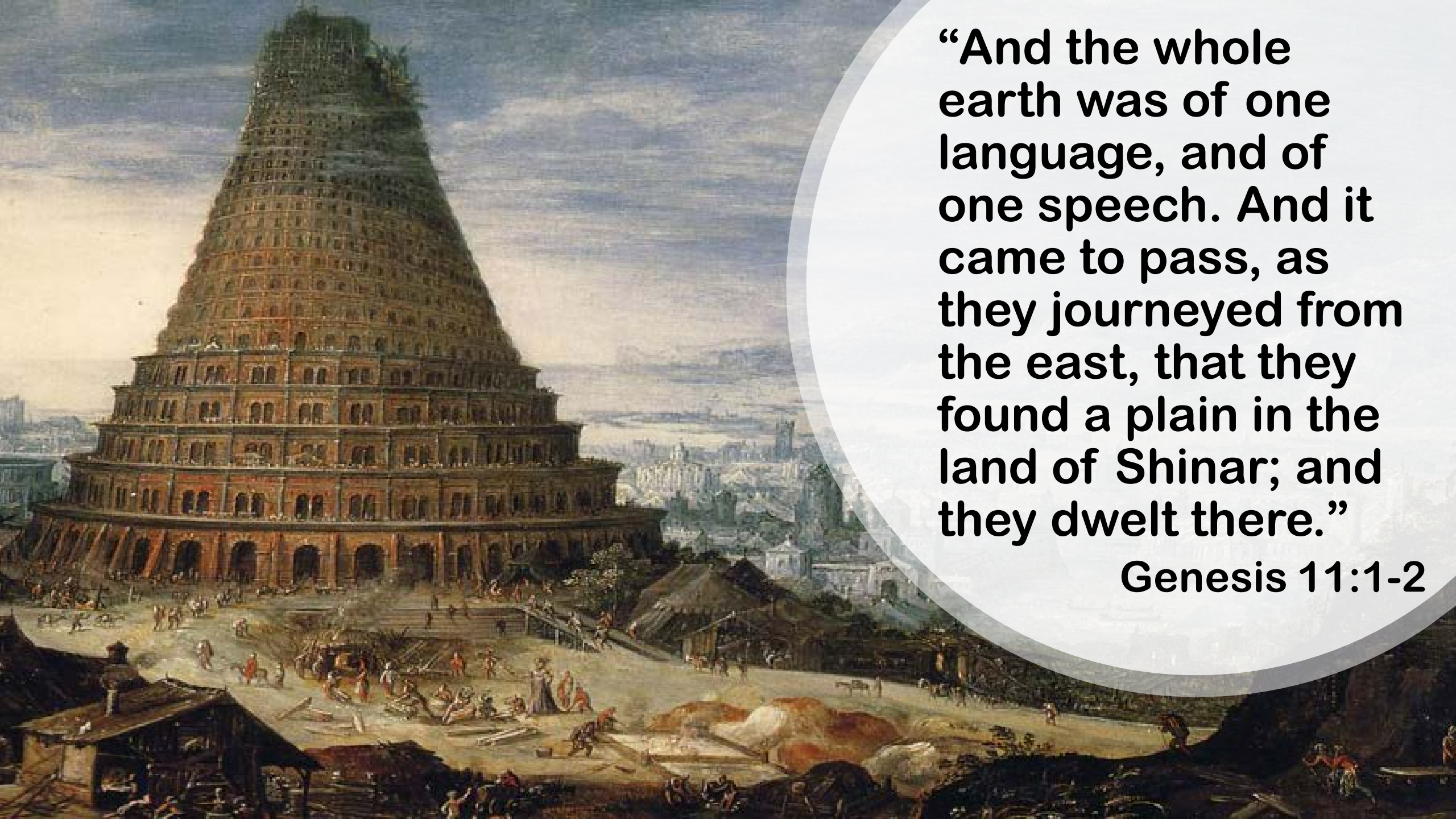
“And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel.”

Genesis 10:10

Josephus (historian):

“He said he would be revenged on God, if he should have a mind to drown the world again; for that he would build a tower too high for the waters to be able to reach and that he would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers” ([*Antiquities of the Jews, Book 1, Chapter 4*](#)).





“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.”

Genesis 11:1-2



“Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

Genesis 11:4



Josephus (historian):
“[Nimrod] also gradually
changed the
government into
tyranny—seeing no
other way of turning
men from the fear
of God, but to bring
them into a constant
dependence upon his
own power.”

Mystery Babylon



- Much of the Babylonian worship was carried on through mysterious **SYMBOLS**.
- Nimrod was believed to be the Sun-god or Baal. **FIRE** was considered as his earthly representation.
- The **GOLDEN CALF** was a symbol of Tammuz, son of the Sun-god.

- Babylon was the earliest source from which ALL systems of idol worship flowed
- The devil used Nimrod, Semiramis, and Tammuz to produce false religion, and this spread throughout the whole world.
- Babylon was the **MOTHER** of all the false religions of the world.



**The English
words
BABEL and
BABYLON
are derived
from the
same Hebrew
word, which
means
"confusion."**



Babylon
began in
REBELLION
to God's
command
and ended
with
CONFUSION.



**In the Bible,
Babylon
was a
symbol for
SIN
and
REBELLION.**



Approximately
500 Years Later

HAMMURABI, KING OF BABYLON

With the reign of
Hammurabi, the city of
Babylon became a great
religious center. The
Babylonian religion was
POLYTHEISTIC.



**Babylon
represents
SIN,
REBELLION,
and rejection of
ONE TRUE
GOD.**



Babylon was a small city-state until King Hammurabi made it his capital, expanding the empire that became Babylonia. Babylon had an intricate system of canals leading off the Euphrates River. Breathtaking buildings adorned with enameled brick, neatly paved streets, and statues of lions and dragons made Babylon the most impressive city of its time.



Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon

- Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of dominating the world.
- Nebuchadnezzar rose to power with the ferocity of a roaring lion and struck fear into the hearts of men.
- The Talmud teaches that throughout his reign, “No laughter emerged from the mouth of any creature.”



Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon

- Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple, the king's palace, and all its residences by fire.
- Nebuchadnezzar spared no effort to humiliate the Jews in captivity.
- Nebuchadnezzar tried to cause the Jews to worship idols.

An aerial, high-angle view of a detailed reconstruction of ancient Babylon. The city is a vast, rectangular grid of terracotta-colored buildings and streets, enclosed by a massive, multi-tiered brick wall. A wide river, the Euphrates, flows along the right side of the city, with several small boats visible on its surface. In the background, a large, stepped pyramid (the Temple of Bel) is visible within a walled enclosure. The overall scene is set in a dry, desert-like environment with some sparse vegetation.

**Historians
believe Babylon
was the first ancient
city to exceed
200,000 people.
The city proper
measured four-
square miles.**

An aerial, high-angle view of the ancient city of Babylon, showing its massive, multi-layered walls and the Euphrates river flowing through it. The city is built on a grid pattern, with numerous buildings and courtyards visible within the walls. The river is a prominent feature, curving through the city and carrying several small boats. The overall scene is set in a dry, desert-like environment with some sparse vegetation.

**The
Euphrates
river flowed
through Babylon.**

**Babylon's wall was 350
feet high and 87 feet
thick, with 100 solid
brass gates, 25 on each
of the four sides
(Herodotus, historian).**

Belshazzar, King of Babylon





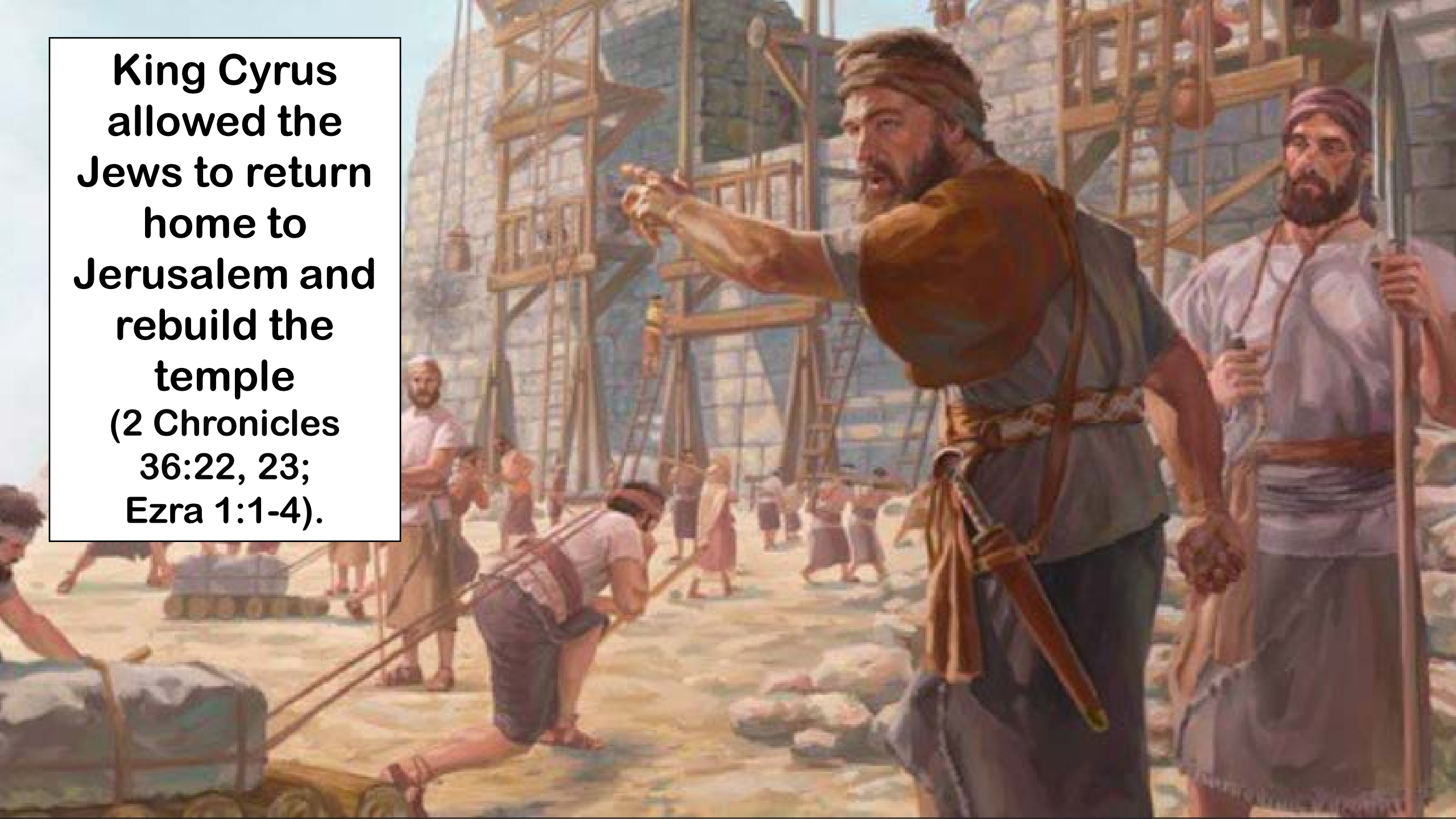
**“Cyrus diverted the Euphrates into a new channel, and guided by two deserters, marched by the dry bed into the city while the Babylonians were carousing at a feast of their gods.”
(Herodotus)**



**“In that night
was Belshazzar
the king of the
Chaldeans slain.
And Darius the
Median took the
kingdom.”**

Daniel 5:30-31

**King Cyrus
allowed the
Jews to return
home to
Jerusalem and
rebuild the
temple
(2 Chronicles
36:22, 23;
Ezra 1:1-4).**





“And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant” (Jeremiah 51:37).



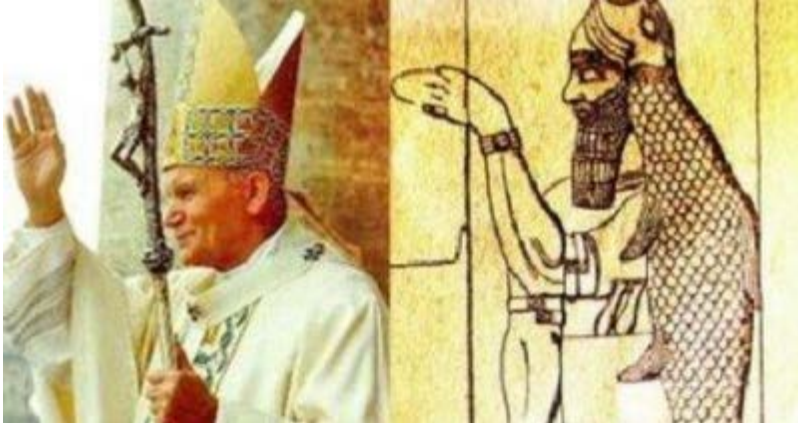
**“Nothing is left of Babylon but heaps of earth, trodden under foot of men”
(*The Ruins of Empires* by Francois Volney).**





The Dark Ages

- Great spiritual darkness
- Came about because of apostasy
- “Be Catholic or die!”



Pagan Symbols Became
Catholic Symbols

Protestantism

Jehovah's Witness
Baptist
Mennonite
Church of Jehovah
Congregationalists
Presbyterian
Amish
Mormon
Foursquare Gospel
Church of God Cleveland
Church of England
Church of the Nazarenes
Salvation Army
Pentecostal
Anabaptist
United Methodist
Full Gospel Church
Assemblies of God
Quakers
Reformed Church
Society of Friends
Christian Science
Apostolic Methodist
Church of Christ
Lutheran
Seventh-Day Adventist
God's Assembly
First Church of God

Daughters

“And upon her forehead was
a name written,
**MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**”

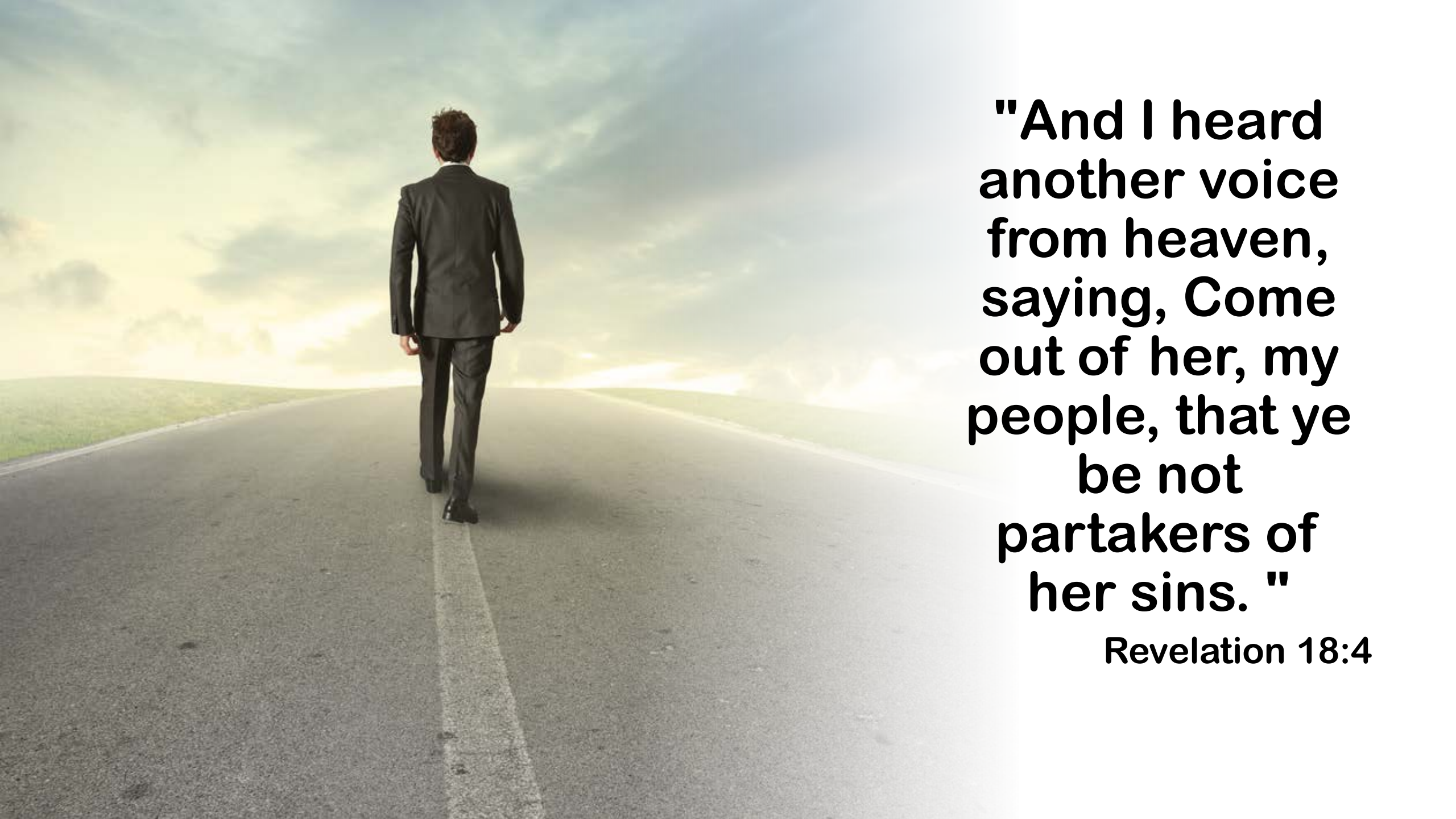
Revelation 17:5

“**written**” on “**her forehead**”
– this is supposed to be God’s
name (Revelation 14:1), but it is
the false doctrines of Babylon

“**GREAT**” – size of this system

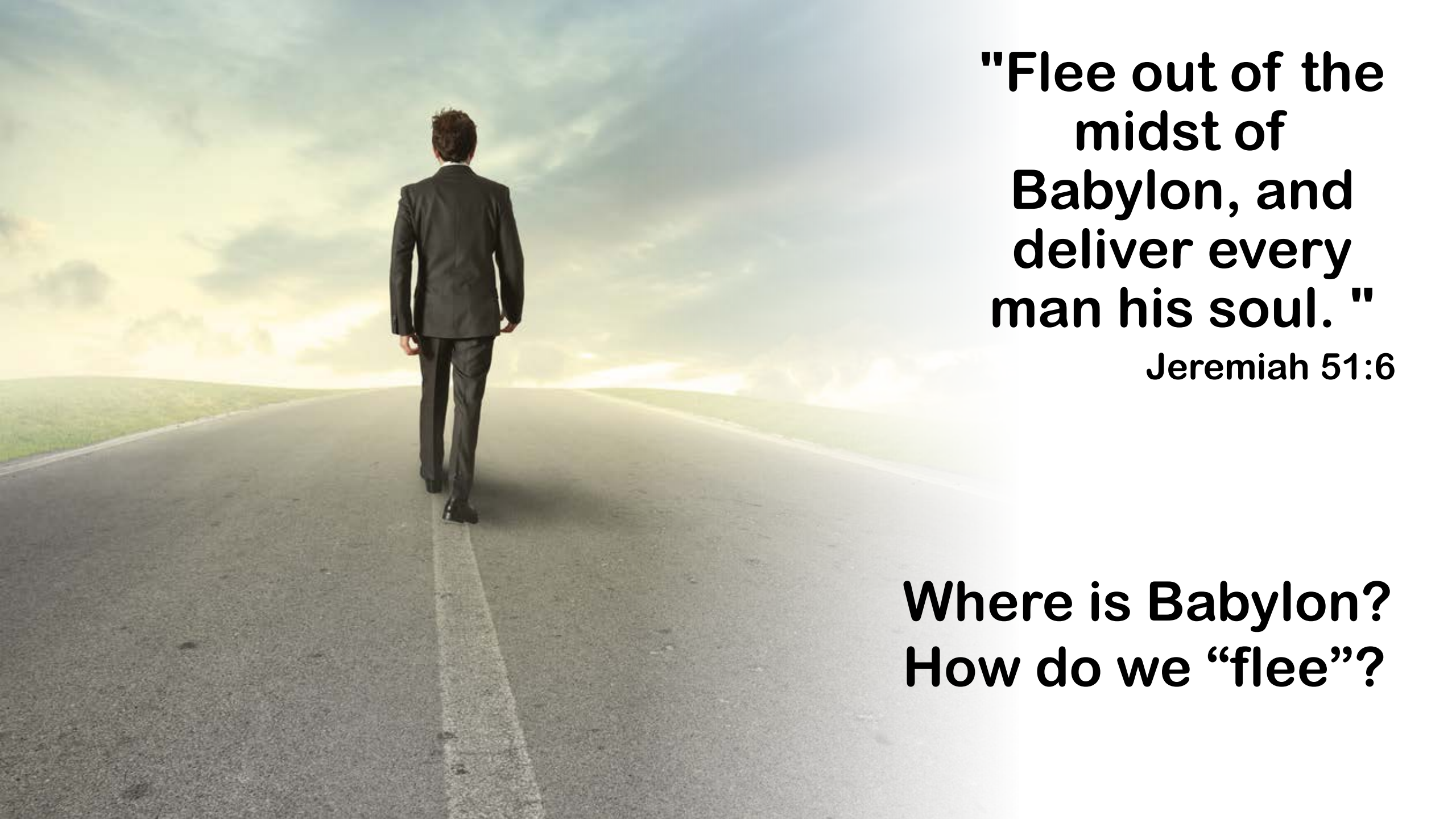
“**HARLOTS**” – would not take
God’s name





"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins. "

Revelation 18:4



**"Flee out of the
midst of
Babylon, and
deliver every
man his soul. "**

Jeremiah 51:6

**Where is Babylon?
How do we "flee"?**



**Revelation 20:13 calls Babylon
“the false prophet.”**



“Come
out of
her, my
people.”

How?



False Churches False Teachers False Doctrines

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing”
(2 Corinthians 6:17).

Just like the Jews “came out of Babylon” and rebuilt, God wants His people to “come out” of false religion & teachings and build on the Word of God (true doctrine).

