

THE MYSTERY RELIGION OF BABEL/BABYLON
(Genesis 11:1-9 with Revelation 17)

- I. Founded by NIMROD
- II. City Named Bab-El, the “GATE of GOD”
 - A. An apostate religion in REBELLION against GOD
 - B. Built a tower as a LANDMARK and a TEMPLE
- III. Committed IDOLATRY through the High-PRIESTESS Semiramis I, Nimrod’s WIFE
 - A. She is said to have had a son, TAMMUZ, whom she claimed was MIRACULOUSLY CONCEIVED
 - B. He was hailed as the PROMISED DELIVERER (cf. Gen. 3:15)
 - C. Ezekiel PROTESTED his WORSHIP during the captivity (Eze. 8:14)
- IV. The “CENTRAL MYSTERY” Was of the MOTHER and CHILD
 - A. Image of a MOTHER holding a HEAVENLY child ubiquitous in ancient lore
 - B. Phoenicia called them ASHTORETH and Tammuz
 - C. Egypt called them ISIS and HORUS
 - D. Greece called them APHRODITE and EROS
 - E. Rome called them VENUS and CUPID
- V. The “LESSER MYSTERIES”

- A. PURGATORIAL purification after DEATH
 - B. SALVATION by many SACRAMENTS
 - C. Sprinkling with HOLY WATER
 - D. Dedication of VIRGINS to the GODS
 - E. WEEPING for Tammuz for 40 DAYS prior to the Festival of ISTAR
 - 1. A celebration of having received Tammuz BACK from the DEAD
 - 2. Used the EGG as sacred symbol of his RESURRECTION
 - F. Setting up EVERGREENS in honor of Tammuz' BIRTH at the WINTER SOLSTICE
 - G. Use of the CROSS as the sacred sign of the "LIFE-GIVING principle"
- VI. Became Entangled with JUDAISM under JEZEBEL'S Influence
- A. BA'AL, the SUN god, is identical to Tammuz
 - B. Modern PAGANS, DRUIDS, and WICCANS revere Ba'al as "the most POWERFUL of the ANCIENT gods"
- VII. When BABYLON Fell, the High Priests Fled, Eventually Establishing New Headquarters in ROME
- A. Priests wore miters shaped like a FISH HEAD in honor of DAGON, the PHILISTINE form of the Tammuz mysteries
 - B. High priests in Rome took the title *PONTIFEX MAXIMUS*
 - 1. Title later claimed by all ROMAN EMPERORS from JULIUS CAESAR to CONSTANTINE
 - 2. Constantine conferred the title on the BISHOP of ROME
 - 3. Title claimed today by the POPE