

# GENESIS

Why The Beginning Matters

*STUDY 10  
BABLE AND BEYOND  
GENESIS 10-11*



## Chronology

Genesis 9 Noah's Covenant



Genesis 11 Tower of Babel



Genesis 10 Table of Nations



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(Genesis 11:9 ESV)

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Editorial Intent

# BOUNDARIES OF BLESSINGS



- 1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.” 2 The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. 4 But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. 5 And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his Original blessings modified to accommodate man’s new condition life of man.
- 6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man by man shall his blood be shed,
- for God made man in his own image.
- 7 And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it
- (Genesis 9:1-7 ESV)



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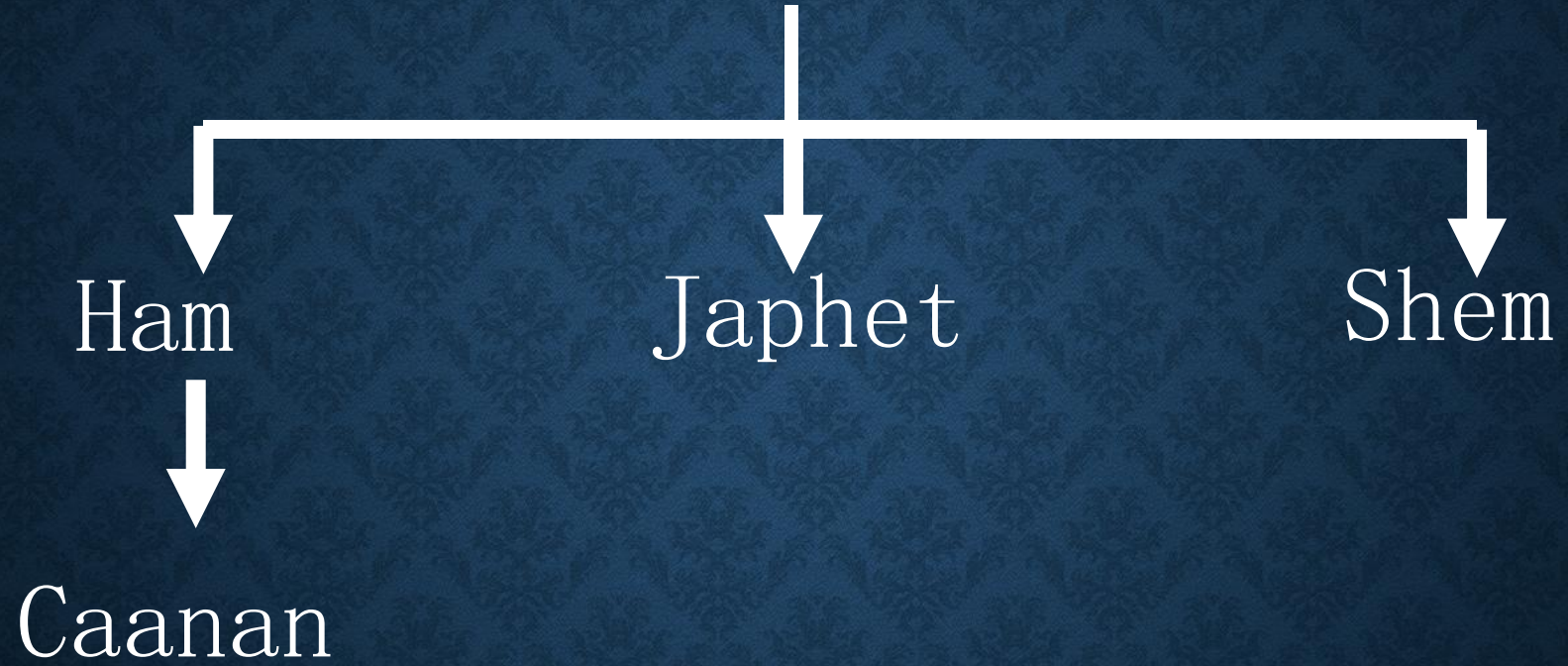
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*NOAH*

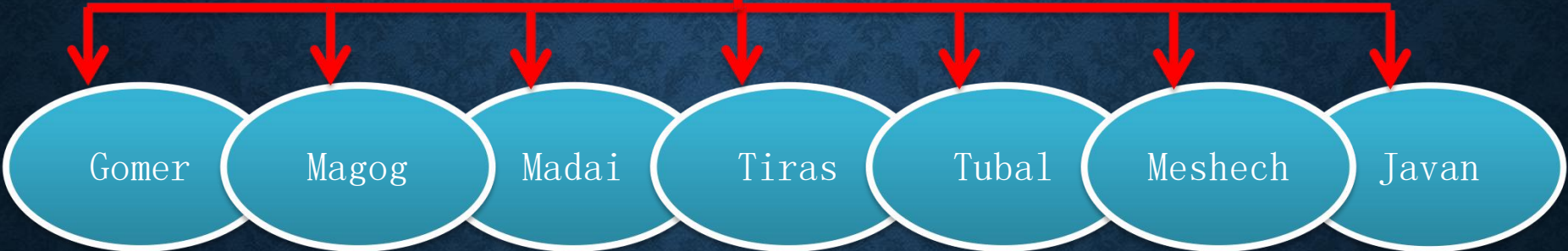


# RISE OF NATIONS



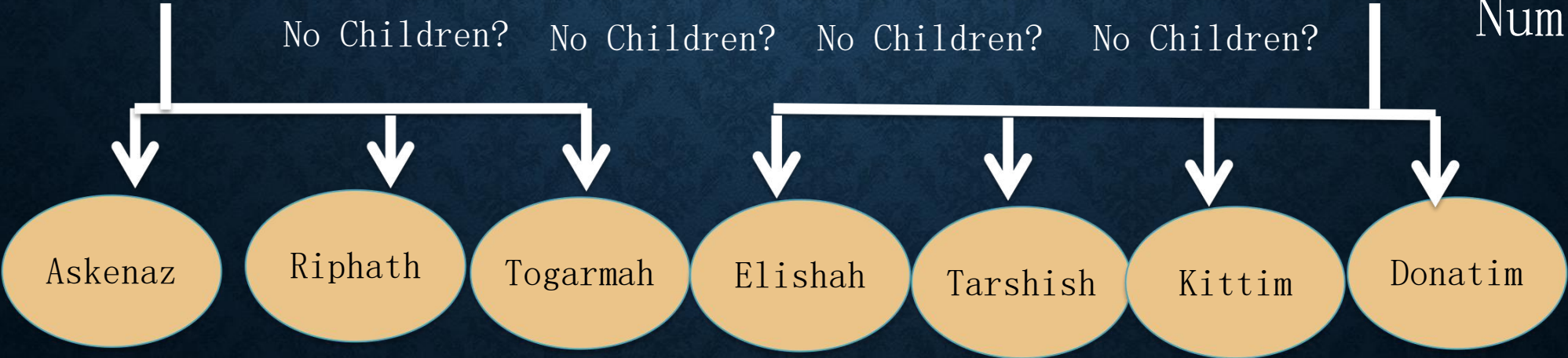
Indo-European stock  
Intention is complete list

Number 7



No Children? No Children? No Children? No Children?

Number 7



Number 7

Ham

Cush

Mizraim

Phut

Canaan

Seba

Havilah

Sabtah

Raamah

Sabtechah

Nimrod

Sidon

The Caananites

Sheba

Dedann

Babel  
Erech  
Accad  
Calneh

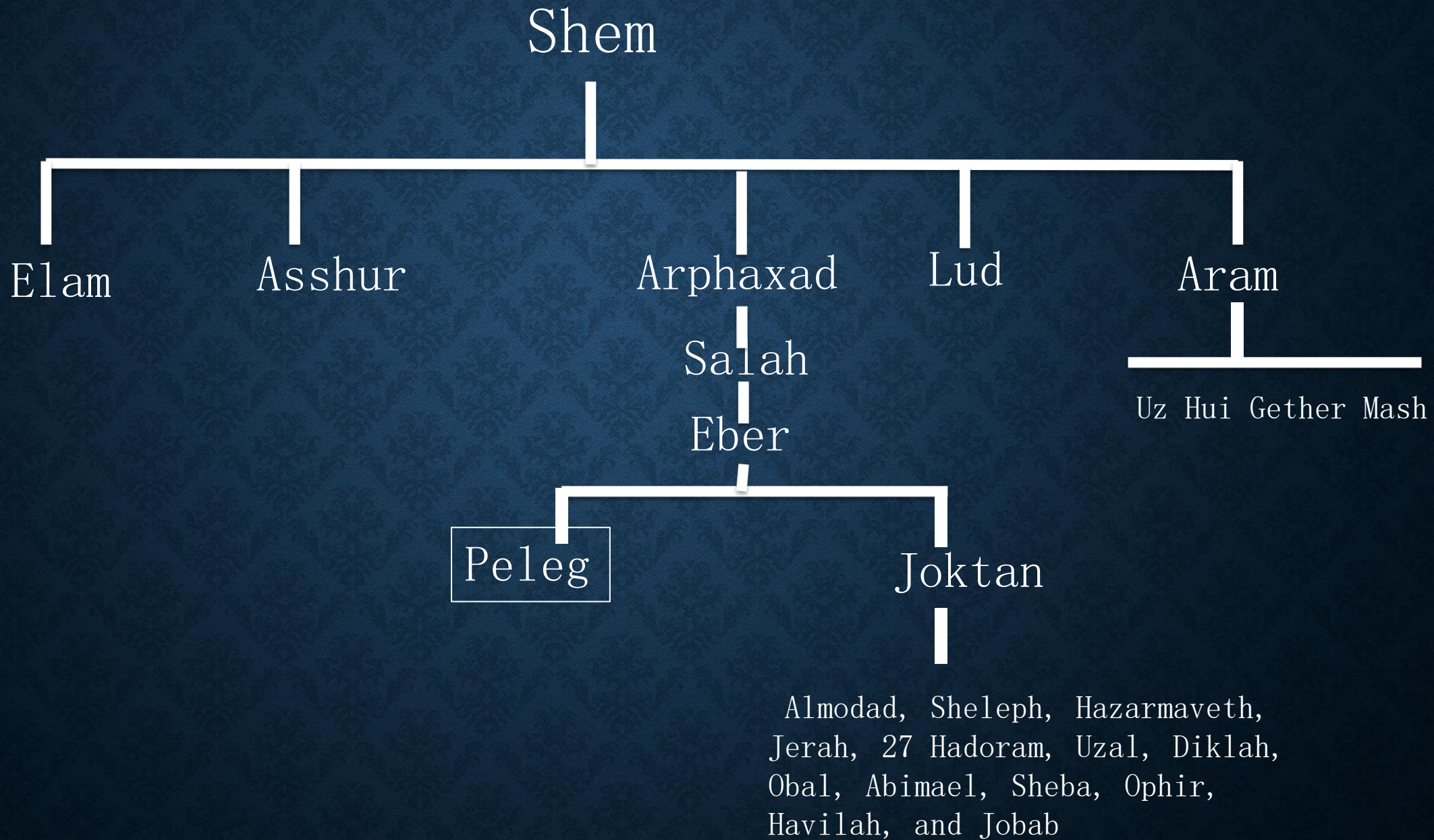
Nineveh  
Rehoboth  
Calah  
Resen

Heth  
Jebusite  
Amorite  
Girgashite  
Hivite  
Arkite  
Sinite  
Arvadite  
Zemarite  
Hamatite

Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, Pathrusim, Casluhim, Caphtorim

Philistines





## RISE OF NATIONS

Genesis 10:5 5 From these the coastland peoples spread in their lands, each with his own language, by their clans, in their nations.

Genesis 10:20 20 These are the sons of Ham, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

Genesis 10:31 31 These are the sons of Shem, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and

70 NAME  
ALL NATIONS OF THE  
WORLD

NOAH

The God of Shem

Ham

Japhet

Shem



7 generations

Caanan

Terah

IndoEuropeans

Abraham

Nahor

Haran



Jacob

12 tribes of Israel

Caananites



ALL NATIONS UNDER ONE GOD  
NO PLACE FOR RACISM

# ANTEDILUVIAN HUMANITY

No mention of God in their lives

- Cain built City
- Enoch
- Irad
- Mehujael
- Methushael
- Lamech Polygamy---Revenge 70 times
- Jabal... Jubal Animal Husbandry... Lyre and Pipe music
- Tubal Cain Bronze and Iron instruments

Daughters of man

People began to call upon the name of the Lord.

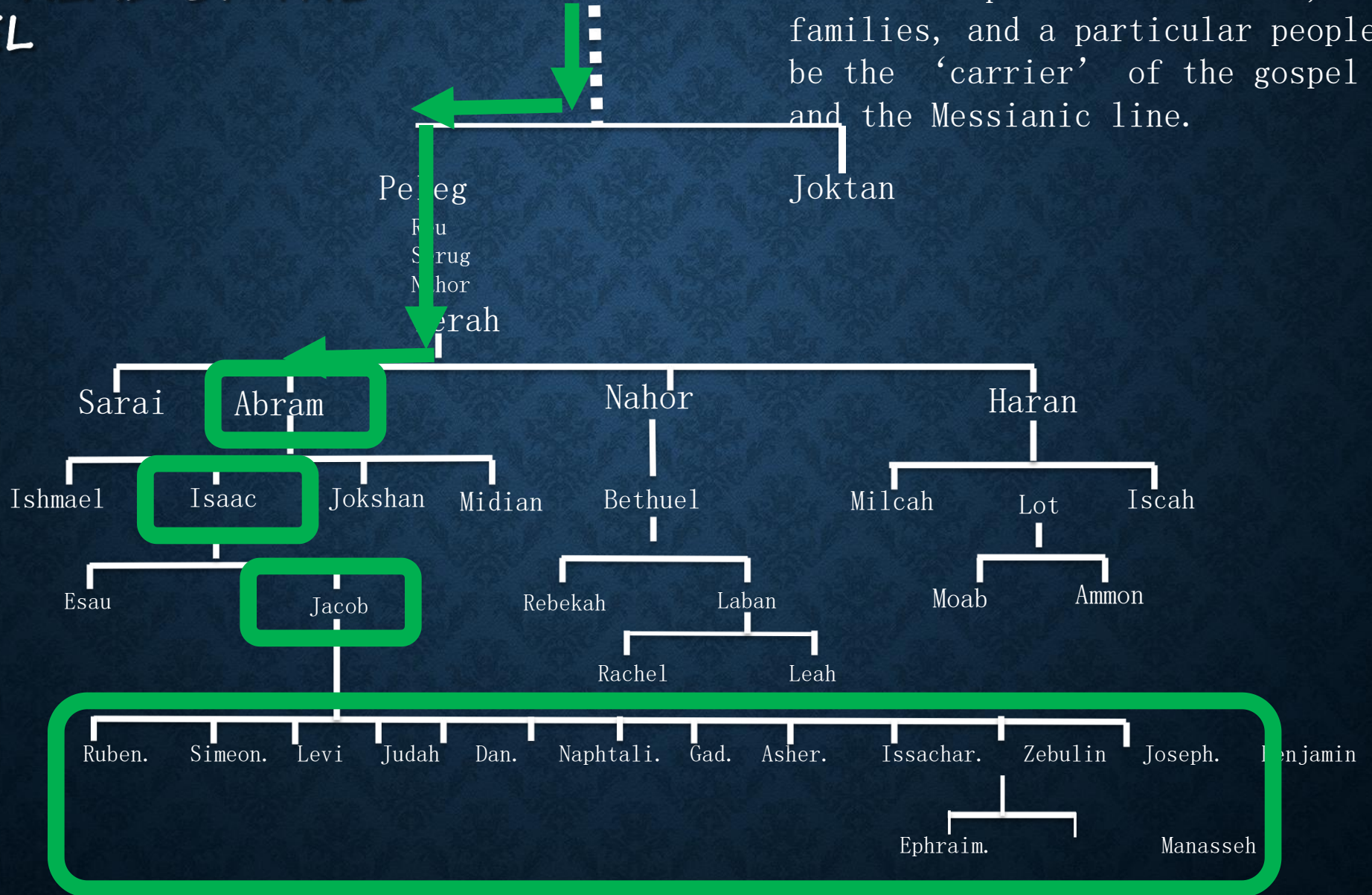
- Seth 912 yrs
- Enosh 905 yrs
- Kenan 910 yrs
- Mehalel 895 yrs
- Jared 962 yrs
- Enoch Never died
- Methusaleh 969 yr
- Lamech 754 yr
- Noah 950 yr
- Shem, Ham, Japheth

Sons of God

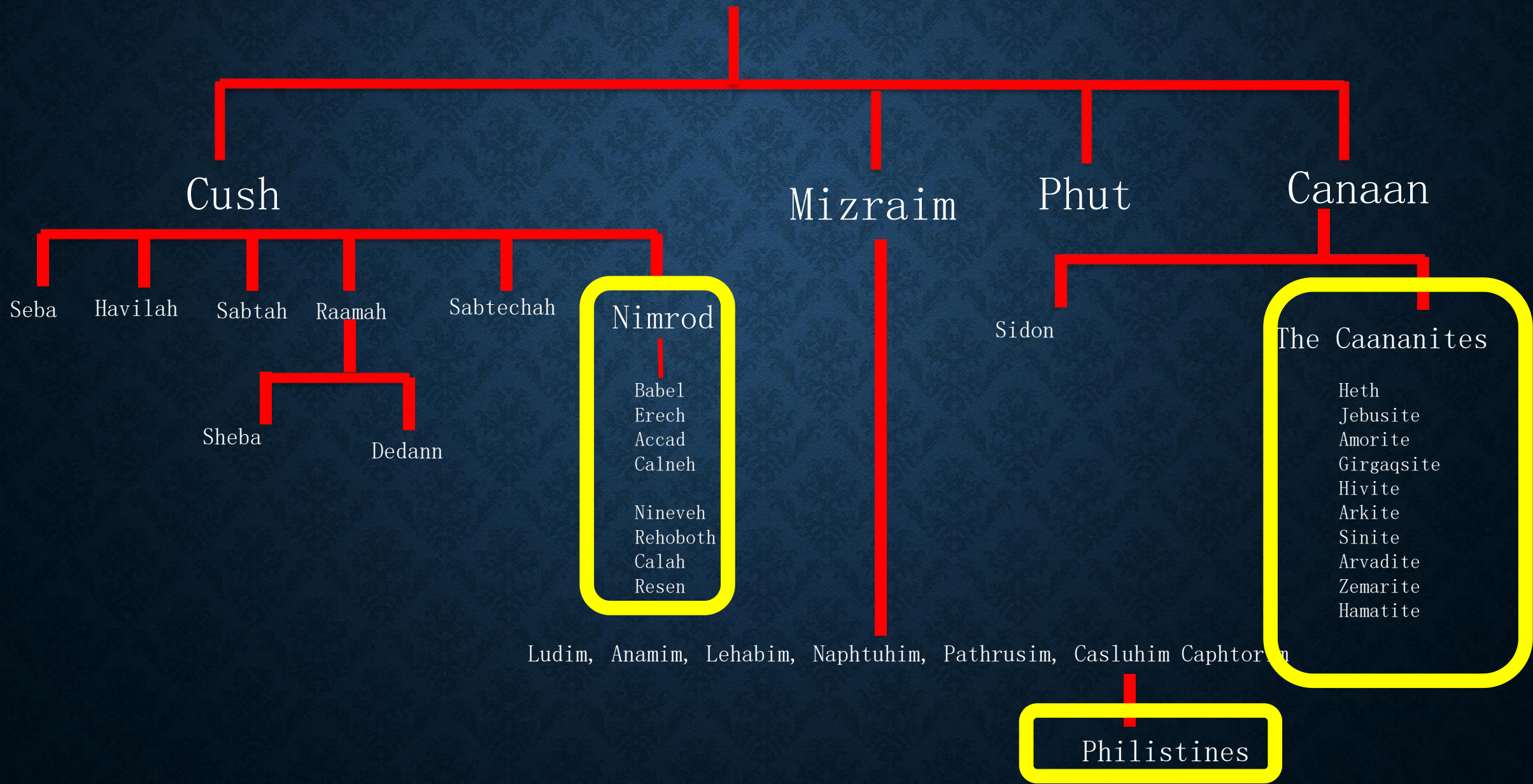
# THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

Shem

God elects particular leaders, families, and a particular people to be the 'carrier' of the gospel faith and the Messianic line.



# THE SPREAD OF EVIL Ham





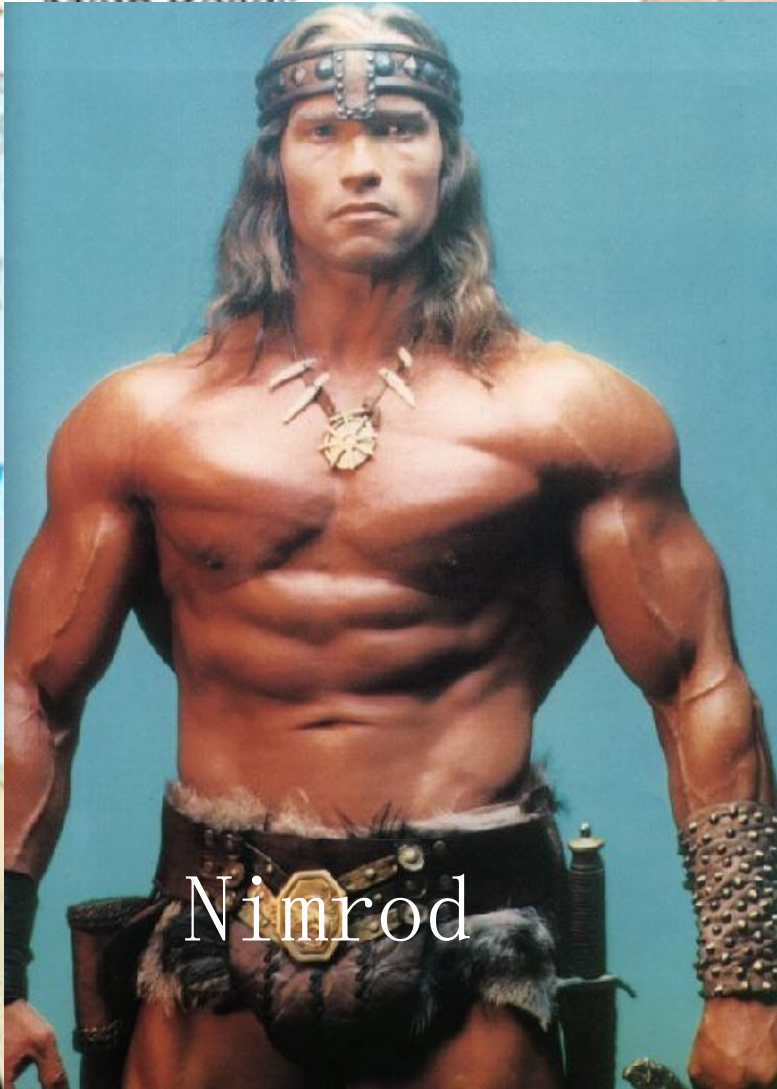


# NIMROD="WE WILL REVOLT"

Genesis 10:11-12 From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, and 12 Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.

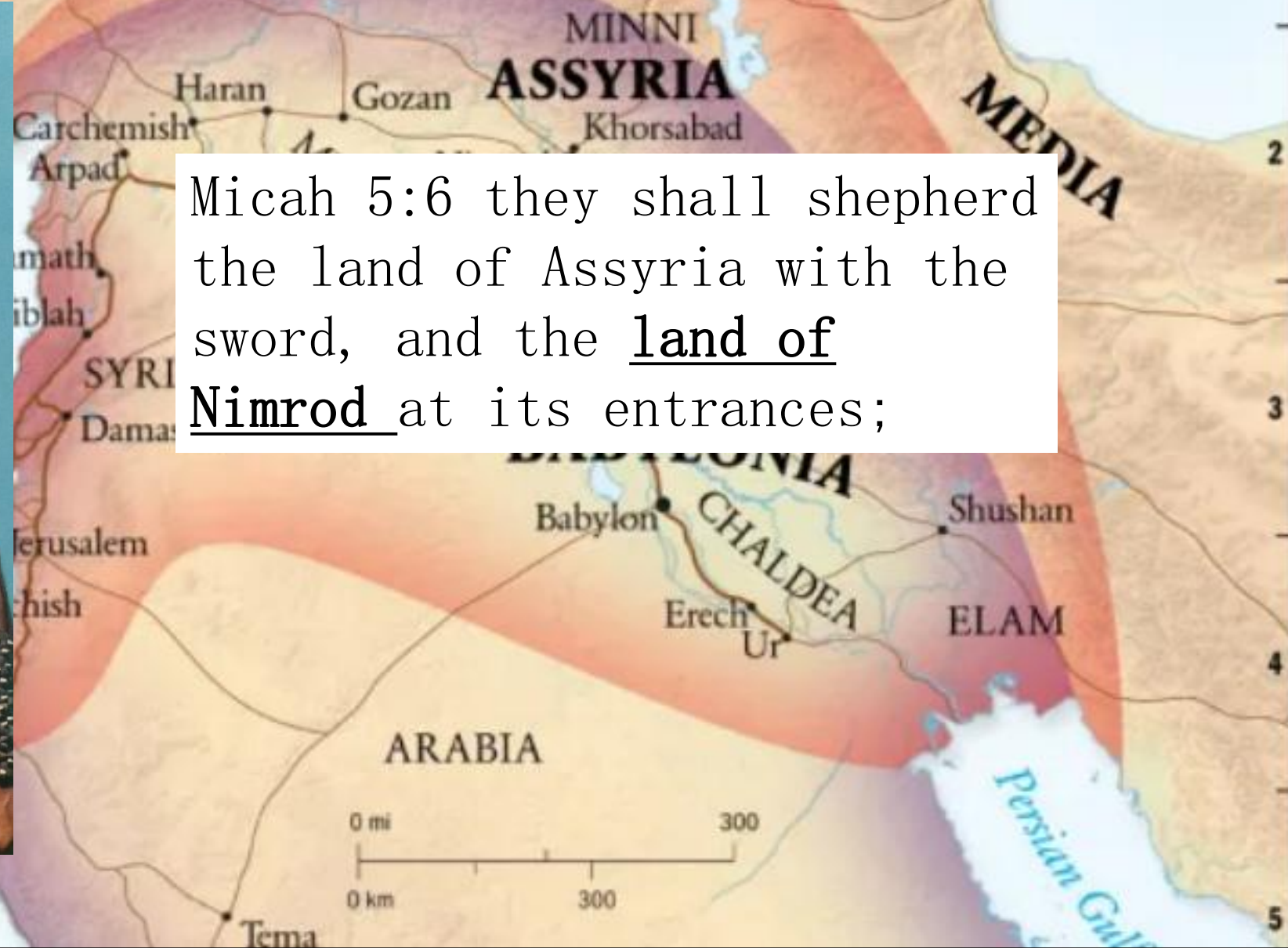


- Assyrian Empire
- Babylonian Empire
- Main Roads

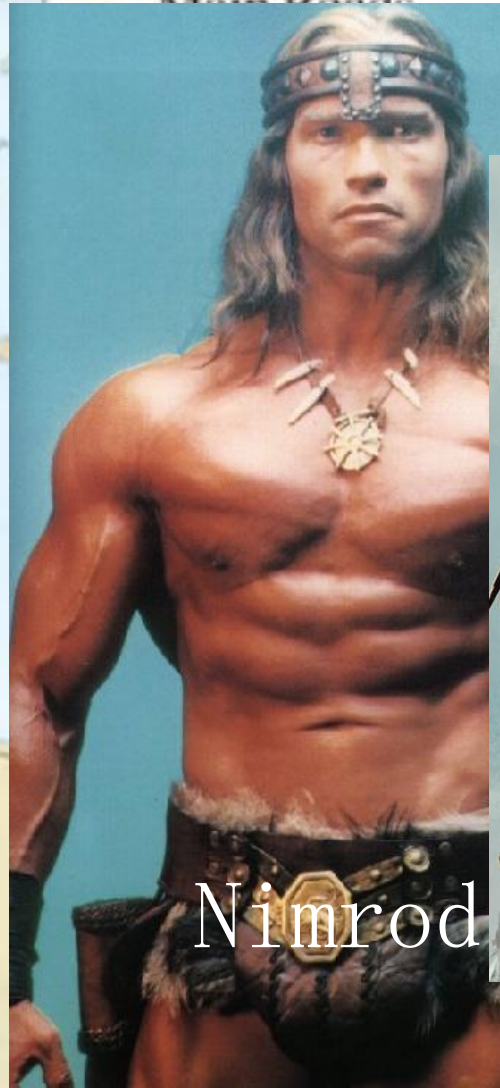


Nimrod

Micah 5:6 they shall shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances;



- Assyrian Empire
- Babylonian Empire



Nimrod



Genghis Khan



Alexander



0 mi 300  
0 km 300

Caspian Sea

MINNI  
ASSYRIA

Haran Gozan

Persian Gulf

Tema

HOW DID THE NATIONS  
SPREAD AND FORM?



# THE FORMATION OF NATIONS

Genesis 11:1 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.

Unity

Homogeneity

Potential

## INSTEAD OF SPREADING

Genesis 11:2-3 <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

## TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE

Genesis 11:3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.



Palestine - stones for building

No stones just soft clay

Fertile area of early agriculture



# SUNDRIED BRICK



Normal houses





Materials revolution



Major Technological advance



Ziggurats had inner core of sundried bricks and outer layers of kiln dried bricks

Mainly used for palaces or temples



Akkadian building inscriptions  
Hails the achievement of kings  
Repeated emphasize the making of  
bricks

Palestine never use bitumen only Meopotamia



Ancient Babylonian buildings have incipations  
“with bitumen and burnt brick as constant formula”



## A TOWER

The action—city n tower

Genesis 11:4 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

The motive

Genesis 9:1 (ESV) And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."



## A CITY

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# ANCIENT CITIES

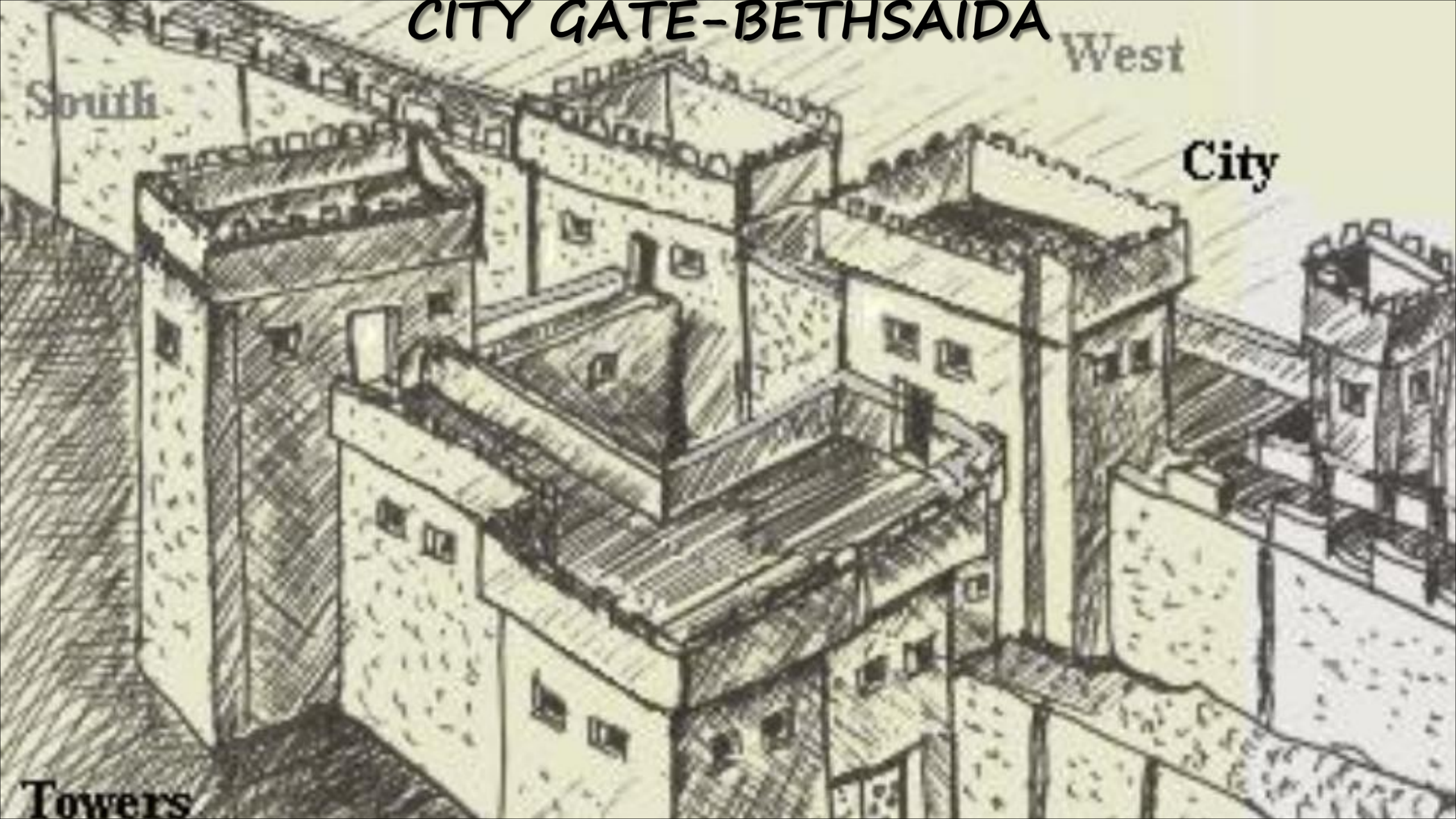


Wall and Strong  
Gate—security

On their own



# CITY GATE-BETHSAIDA



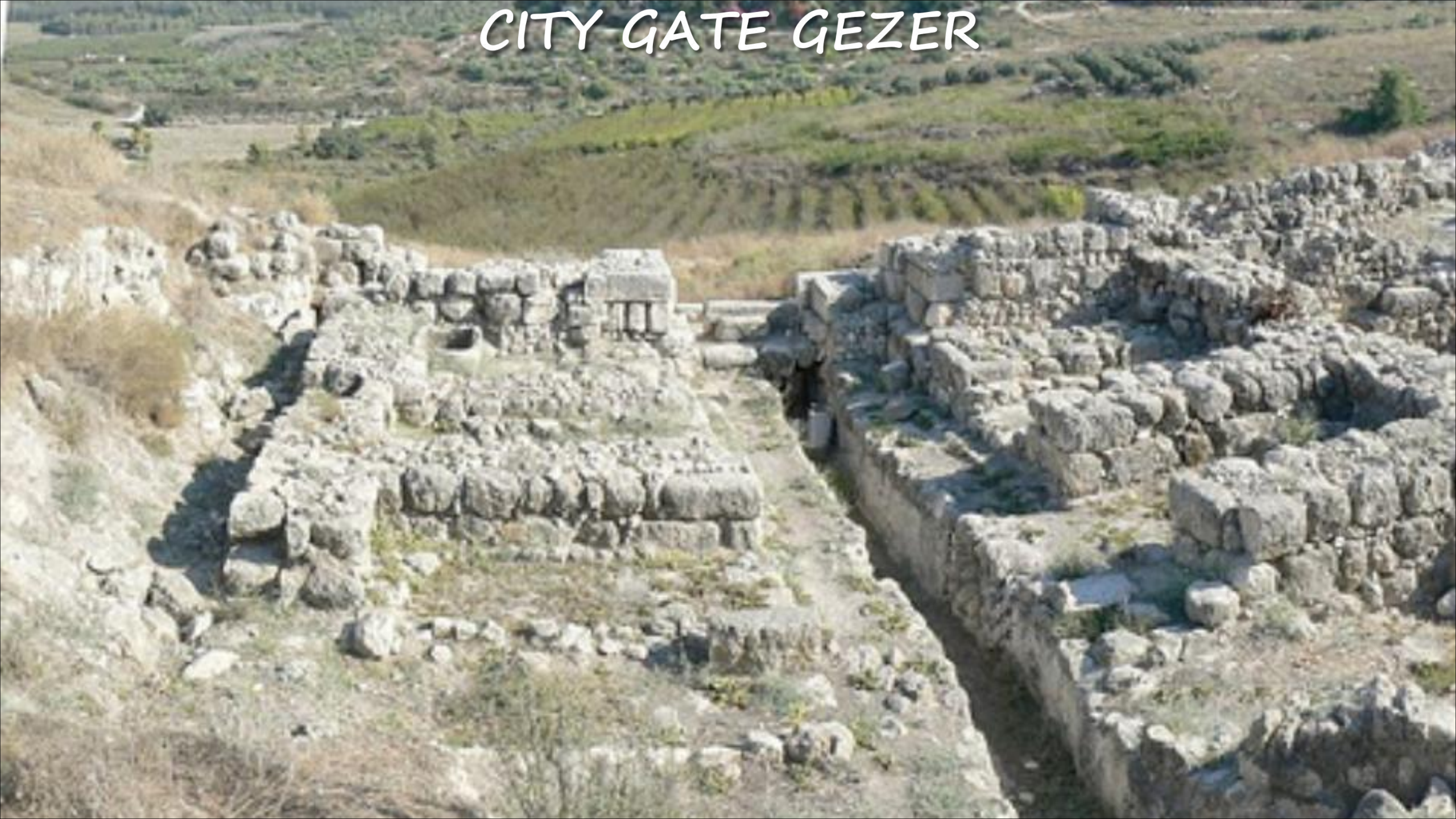
South

West

City

Towers

# CITY GATE GEZER



Cities provide all the needs of man show he not need God  
Too busy for him



TOWER





Dur-Sharrukin

Tell Rimah

Ninive

Kalkhu

Assur

Kar-Tukulti-Ninurta

Dur-Kurigalzu

Sippar

Babylone

Kish

Suse

Borsippa

Nippur

Dur-

Untash

Napirisha

Uruk

Larsa

Ur

Eridu



# ZIGGURAT

*It rose from the earth to the heavens”*

Temple of Enunnu

*Whose peak reaches the sky*

Nippur

*He built the temple tower .. whose top is sky high*

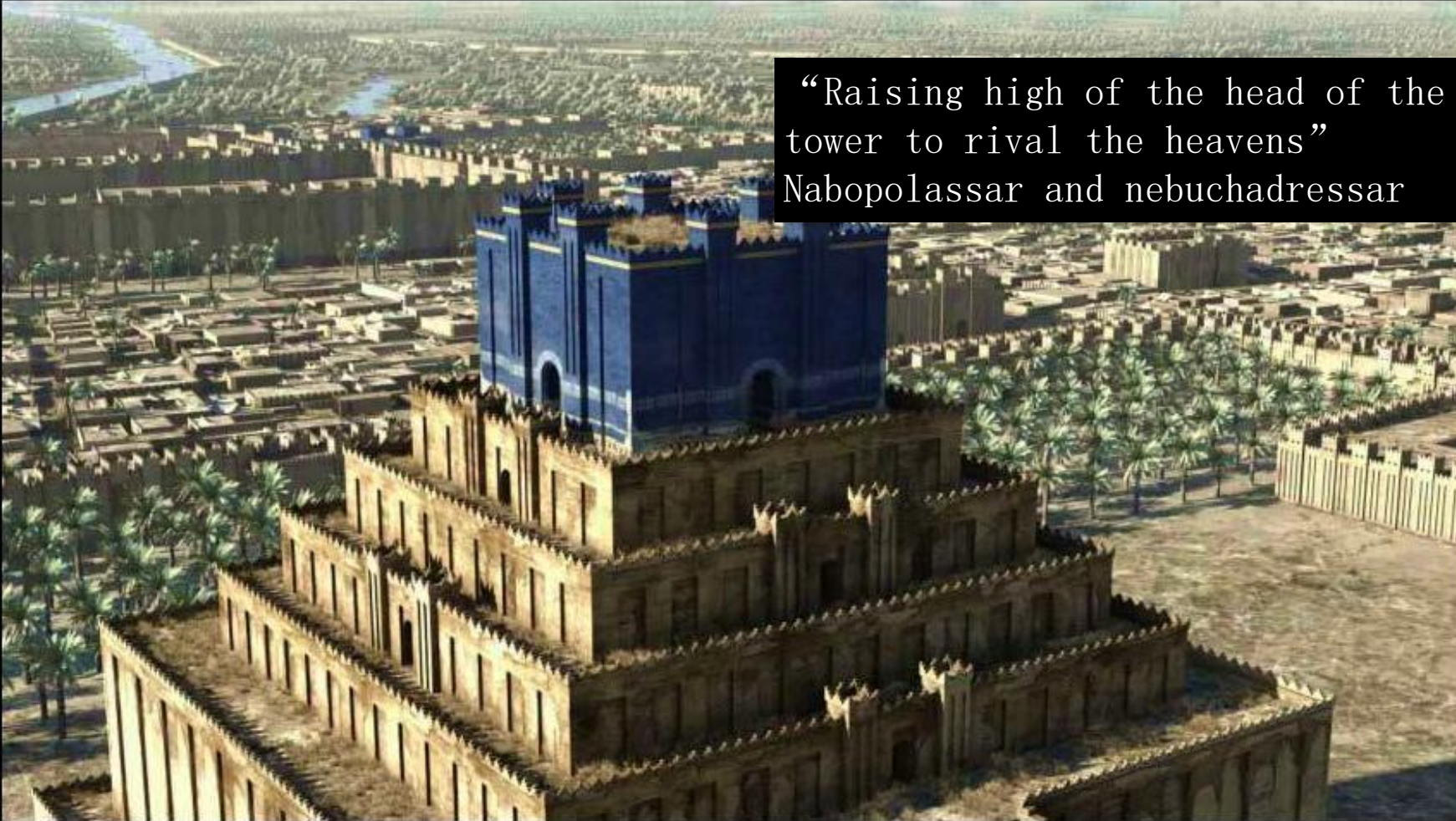
Hammurabi 1800BC

*“He raised to heaven the head of the temple of Ashur, he made high its top up to the heaven”*

Ershaddon 700BC



# ESAGILA..TEMPLE OF MARDUK IN BABYLON



“Raising high of the head of the tower to rival the heavens”  
Nabopolassar and Nebuchadnezzar



# TOWER

as "in," "on," "with," or "by" the heavens

Genesis 11:4 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

This could mean that the top was dedicated to the heavens as a place of worship or even that it had a representation of the heavens (a zodiac) upon it.



ASTROLOGY BASED ON ZODIAC WHICH TRACES ORIGIN TO BABYLONIAN ZODIAC  
The tower, on the other hand, is designed to satisfy the spirit of man.

# BABYLONIAN PANTHEON



Ishtar



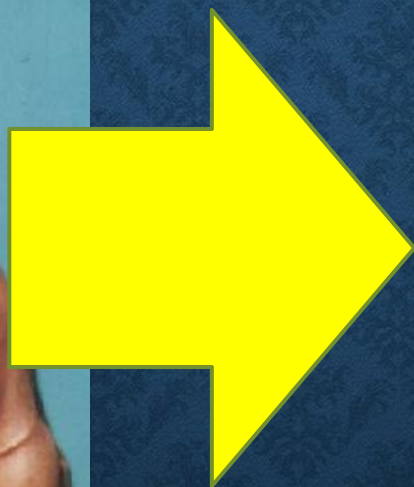
Anu



Tiamat

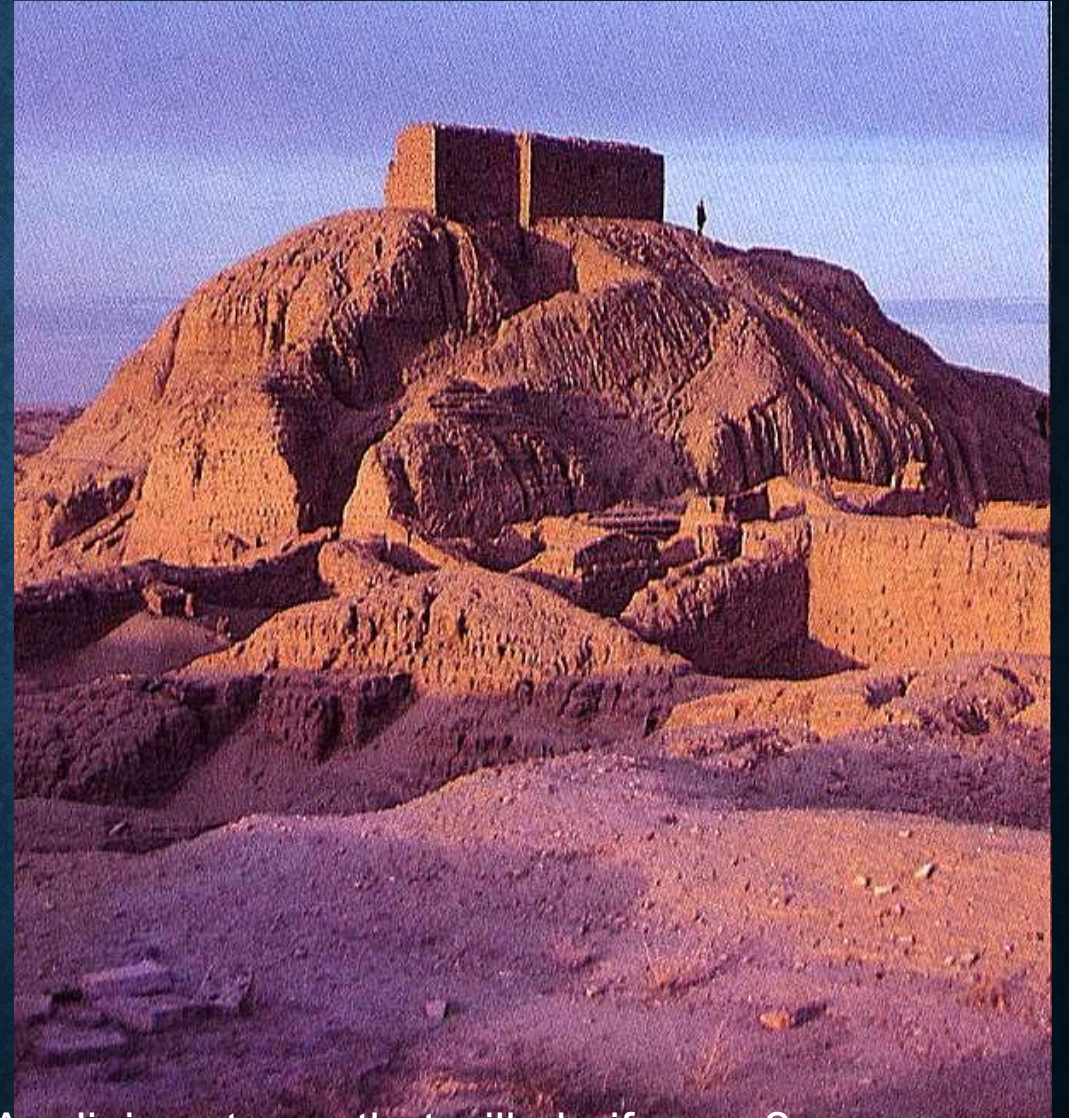
Rome, Greece, India, Egypt

# NIMROD BECOMES MARDUK





# ZIGGURATS



a religious tower -- and yet built to make a name for man? A religious tower that will glorify man?

# MAN MADE RELIGION

- Search for god in their own way
- Localised god
- A god under their control
- A god who would not intrude into their li

## COLLECTIVE REBELLION

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# ROCKEFELLER CENTER



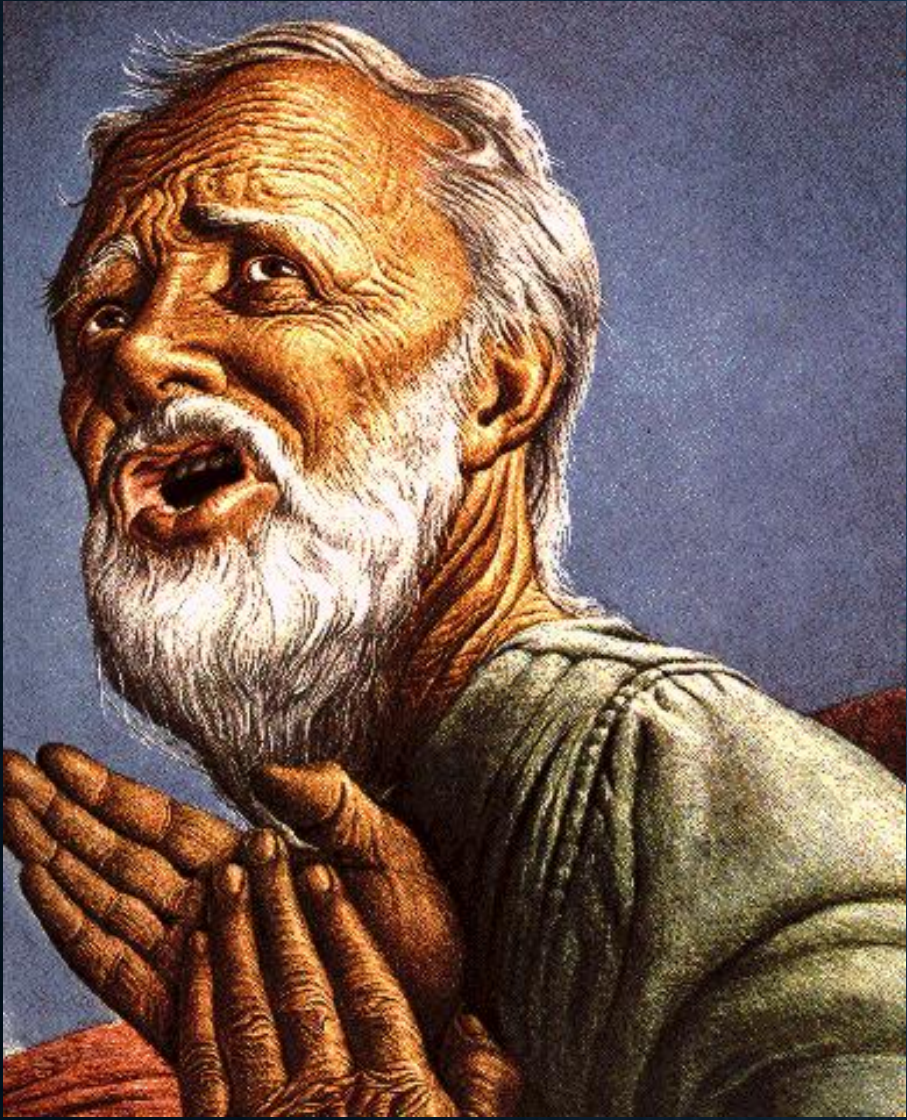


# SELAMAT DATANG LAPANGAN TERBANG SULTAN AZLAN SHAH



# ADAM NAMED BY GOD





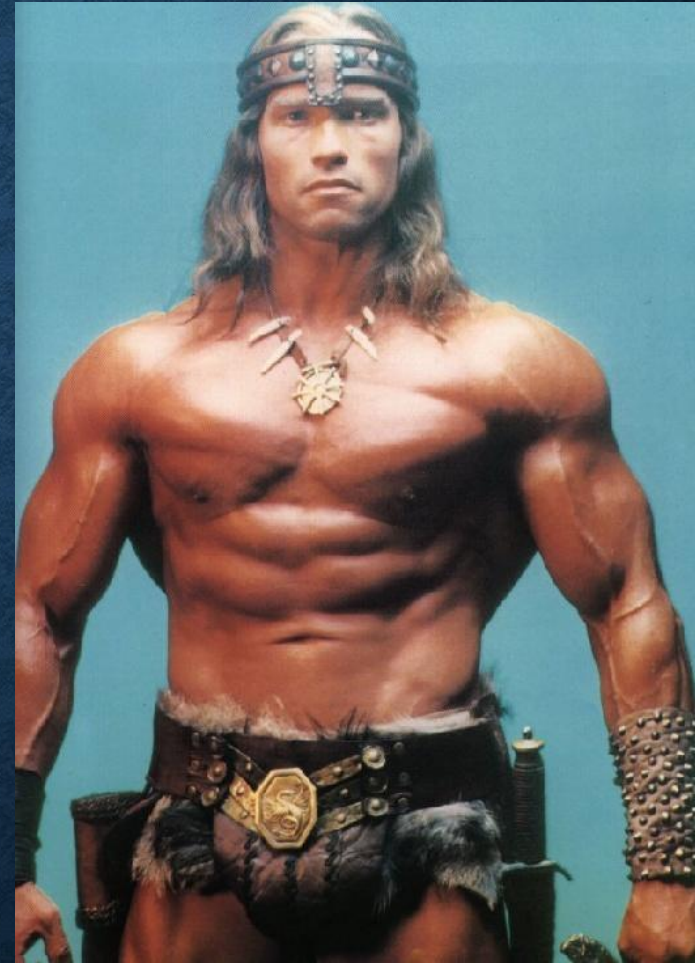
## GOD RENAMES ABRAHAM

(Gen. 17:5) <sup>5</sup>No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations., Israel

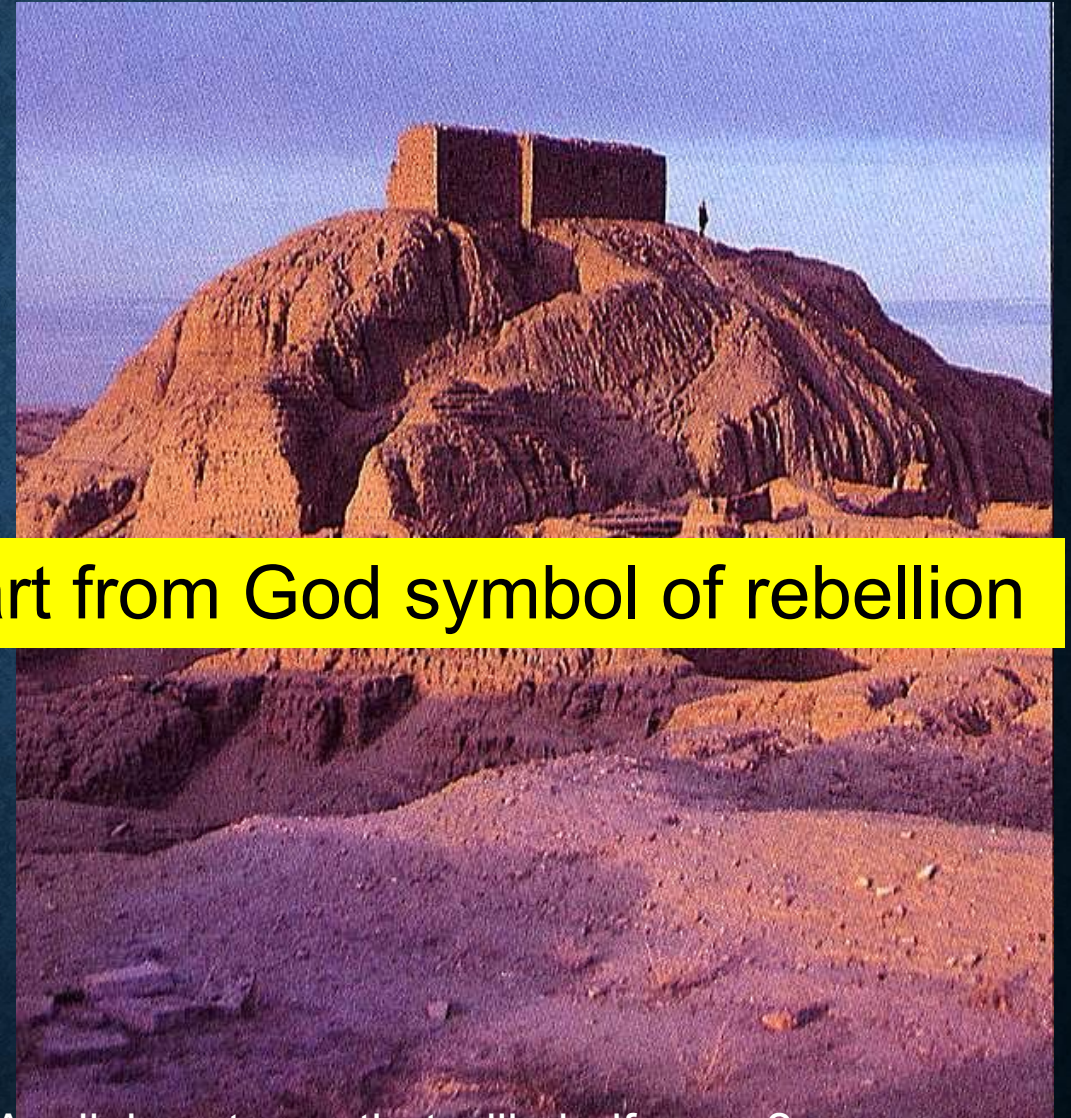


# NIMROD="WE WILL REVOLT"

Gen 10: 8B "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." <sup>10</sup>The beginning of his kingdom was <sup>£</sup>Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar .



# ZIGGURATS



Reputation apart from God symbol of rebellion

a religious tower -- and yet built to make a name for man? A religious tower that will glorify man?

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Identity

Purpose

Self Worth

Genesis 11:5 5 And the LORD  
came down to see the city and the  
tower, which the children of man  
had built.

Irony

Involvement

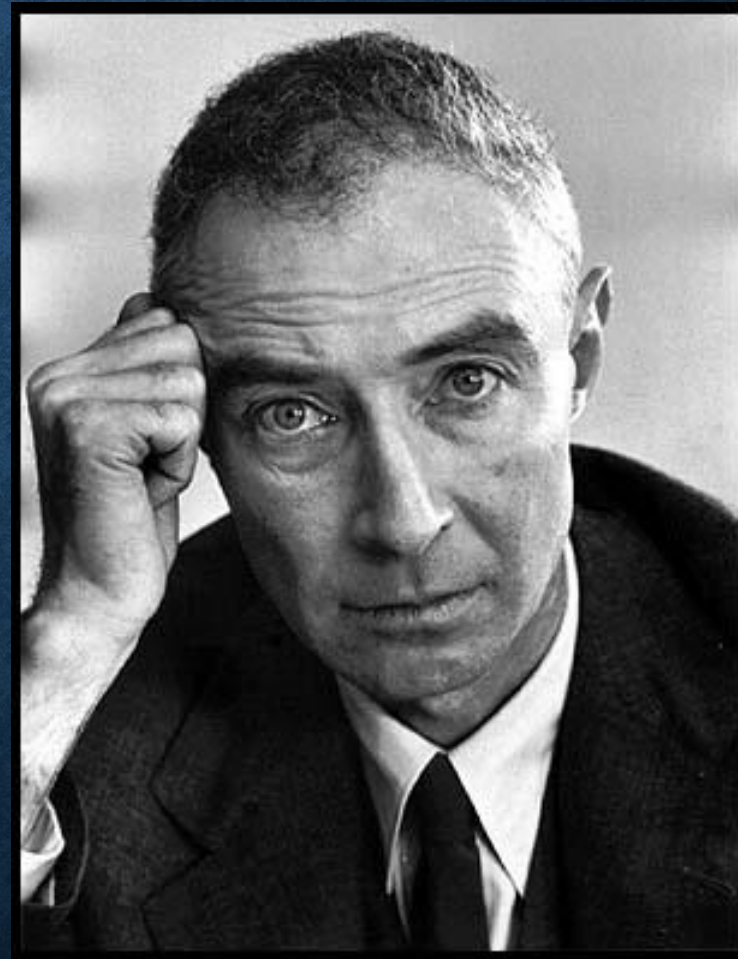
Anthropomorphism

Genesis 11:6 6 And the LORD said,  
"Behold, they are one people, and they  
have all one language, and this is only the  
beginning of what they will do. And  
nothing that they propose to do will now  
be impossible for them.



# ROBERT OPPENHEIMER: ATOM BOMB

"Now I am become  
Death, the destroyer of  
worlds."



Solve one problem creates a whole mess of others- suitcase atom bomb



IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE  
WORST OF TIMES...

JACK KILBY AND ROBERT NOICE  
1959





CONNECT THE WORLD  
DESTROY THE WORLD

## *GOD SAVES MAN FROM HIMSELF*

Genesis 11:7–9 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.” 8 So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

## RISE OF NATIONS

Genesis 10:32 32 These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.

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# LESSONS FROM BABEL

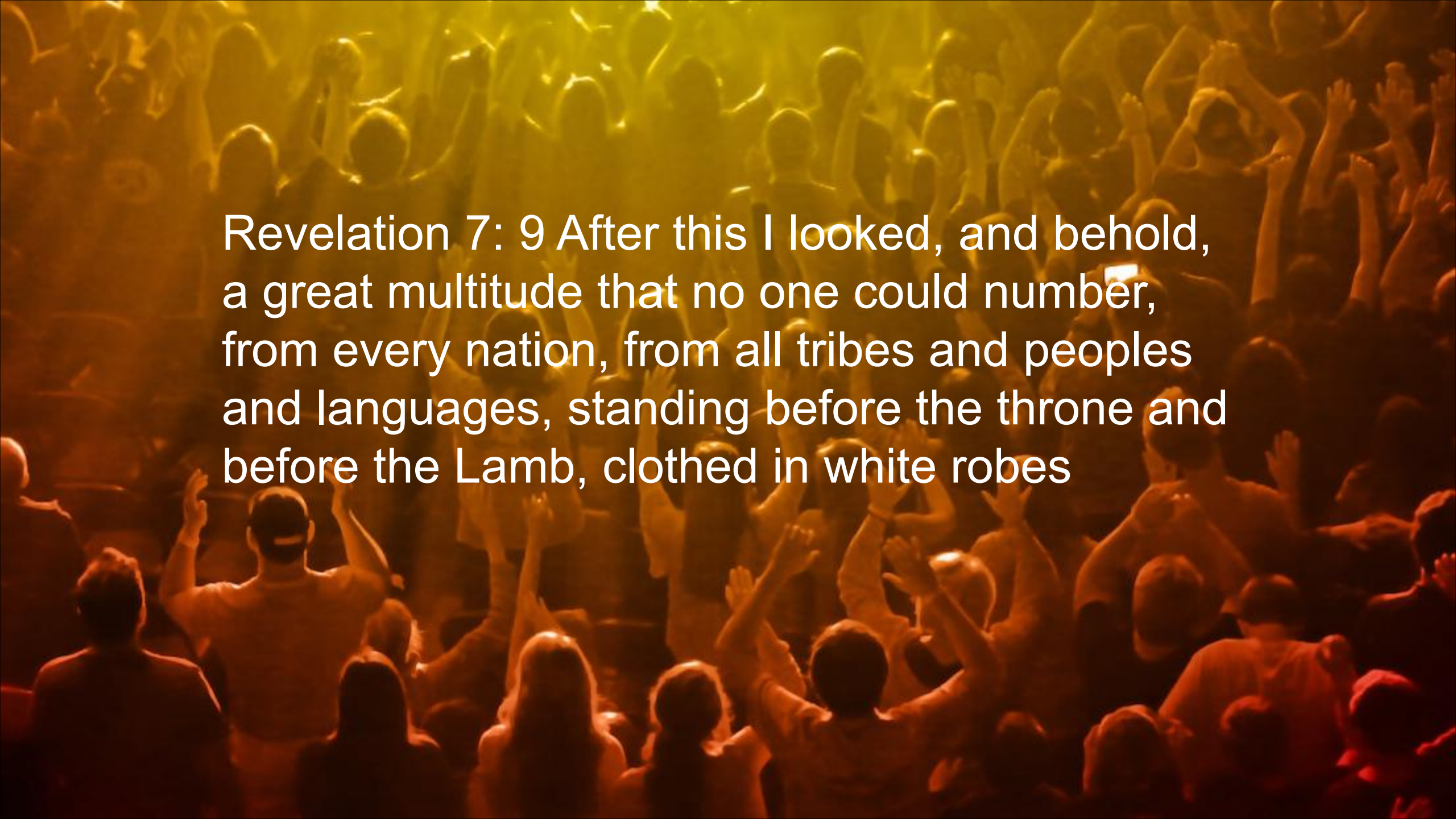
1. THE SPIRIT RESTORES UNITY

# PENTECOST

Acts 2:4-6 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language

## THE NATION OF GOD

1 Peter 2:9 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

A large crowd of people is shown from behind, with their hands raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, creating a sense of a large gathering in a church or sanctuary. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Revelation 7: 9 After this I looked, and behold,  
a great multitude that no one could number,  
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples  
and languages, standing before the throne and  
before the Lamb, clothed in white robes





UNITY

Unite with Taiwan by force

Unite Ukraine by force

Unite by Democracy

Say No To Racism  
We Are All  
MALAYSIAN

2.WE NEED TO MAINTAIN  
THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT



**KONG HEE**  
**FATT CHOY**

Ephesians 4:1-6 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is

3. WE MUST WORK WITHIN  
BABYLON

Revelation 18:2-3 2 And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. 3 For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living."





BANTAM CLASSIC

# A Tale of Two Cities

Charles Dickens



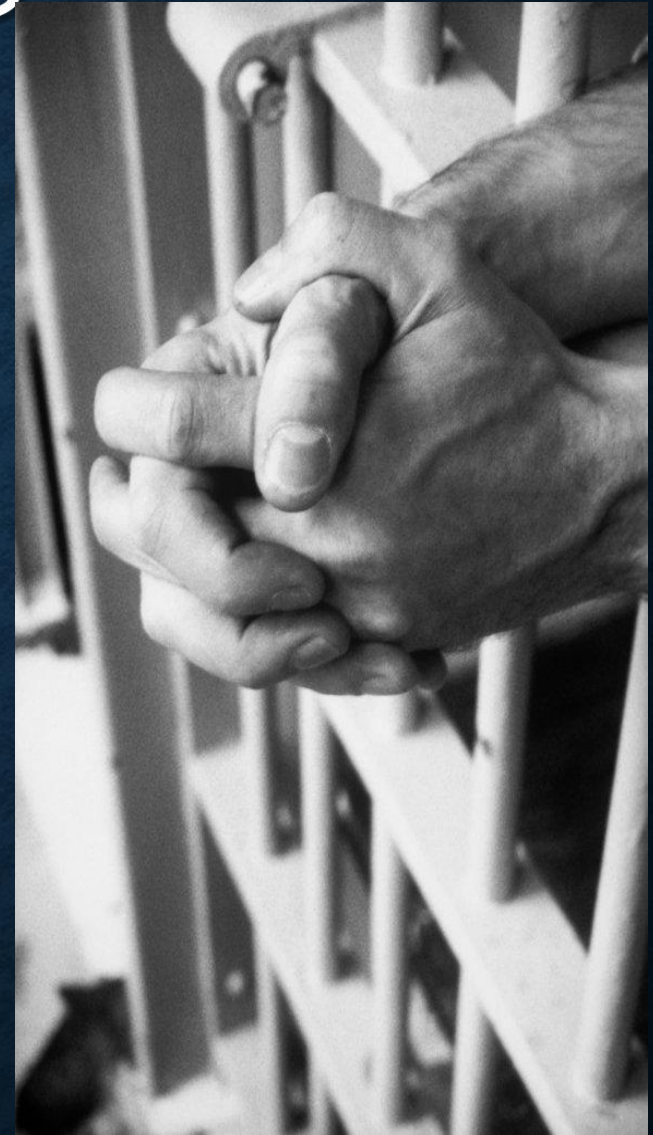
With an Afterword by Stephen Koch



Imprisoned by own desires and 4  
narrow walls of personal experience

# WE LIVE IN OUR OLD CAGES

- ↓ Immorality
- ↓ Tolerance of evil..what harm white lies
- ↓ Pluralism
- ↓ Pursuit of same goals...materialism,
- ↓ Profit above ethics
- ↓ What is legal or what is expedient instead of what is right



# FLORIDA FARMERS DESTROY STRAWBERRY HARVEST



# PEOPLE WHO FELL BETWEEN THE CRACKS



# REASONS FOR COMPROMISE

Emphasis is being happier more fulfilled here



Worship-excite, Sermon entertain us, counselling –feel good, music propel, Sunday school

4. WE MUST HAVE A VISION  
OF GOD'S CITY

- Heb 11: <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; <sup>10</sup>for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

## NEW JERUSALEM

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.





## VISION OF NEW JERUSALEM

10 for he was looking for  
the city which has  
foundations, whose  
architect and builder is  
God.

Believed the impossible  
Stepped out in faith Left  
comfort of his own

5. WE MUST BELIEVE GOD'S  
WILL FOR THE WORLD CAN  
NEVER BE THWARTED





## **CHOSE ABRAM**

*Genesis 11:30 Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.*

# GOD'S WILL NEVER THWARTED

Tamar and Judah, Ruth and Boaz, David almost lost it

