

Appendix: Babylonian System

Rightly Dividing the Word

To correctly understand any of the Bible, and especially the Book of Revelation, one must rightly divide the Scriptures. All error is the result of wrong division of the Word.

2Tim. 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly** dividing the word of truth.

Prophecy cannot be given an isolated interpretation (2 Peter 1:19-21).

Scriptures must also be interpreted by these important guides:

Who is doing the talking? And to whom, or about whom is the Scripture speaking?

Scriptures can be concerning a single person. Or they can be to or about a group of people.

The three groups of peoples a Scripture can be to or about are:

1Cor. 10:32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: (KJV)

Many translations read, the Jews, *the Greeks*, and the Church.

The King James translators got the meaning across when they used "Gentiles" to translate Greeks. For all the nations of the Gentile world are meant here, and not just the Greeks.

The Gentile world had been Hellenized (Greekalized) after Alexander the Great.

The Hebrew word translated Gentiles, is *goyim*.

Goyim is variously translated in the O.T. as: nations, heathen, etc.

Goyim means nations.

And so, the three people groups to or about whom a Scripture speaks are:

The Jews

The Nations

The Church

Following is the order in which the Bible introduces the first two groups.

The Nations

The Nations are the first of the three people groups introduced to us.

They were formed as nations after the flood.

In Genesis 10, we meet them as the 70 foundational nations in the offspring of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

(To arrive at 70, do not count Noah's three sons, nor the Philistines of verse 14.)

Gen. 10:32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, **in their nations**: and by these were **the nations** divided in the earth after the flood.

The Lord had commanded what they were to do after the waters receded.
Can you imagine being the only people on earth and hearing God's instruction:

Gen. 9:1 ¶ And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. (KJV)

Gen 9:1 ¶ And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. (NAS95S)

In the year 1996 from Creation, 340 years after the flood, the survivors had made no move to obey God and fill the earth. They were all concentrated together in present-day Iraq. And they decided to build a city and a tower, "lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth" (Genesis 11:1-4).

Gen. 11:1 ¶ Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words.

Gen. 11:2 It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

Gen. 11:3 They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn *them* thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar.

Gen. 11:4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *will reach* into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

Gen. 11:5 The LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

Gen. 11:6 The LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.

Gen. 11:7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."

Gen. 11:8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.

Gen. 11:9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth. (NAS95S)

Babel means confusion.

Satan means adversary. He is the ancient adversary of God, and the author of confusion.

Satan, was certainly behind the rebellion of the nations.

The human instrument he used was Nimrod.

Gen. 10:8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

Gen. 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

Gen. 10:10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Gen. 10:11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

Gen. 10:12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same *is* a great city. (KJV)

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Before Nimrod there were neither wars nor reigning monarchs. He subjugated the Babylonians until they crowned him (v. 10), after which he went to Assyria and built great cities (*Radak; Ramban*). The Torah calls him a mighty hunter, which Rashi and most commentators interpret figuratively: Nimrod ensnared men with his words and incited them to rebel against God. (*R' Hirsch*.) His first conquest, which laid the basis for his subsequent empire building, was Babel, which became the center of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian Empire. It was one of the greatest cities of the ancient world.

With this rebellion began the Babylonian System. And all things Babylon.

Kenneth Copeland, in teaching about the Babylonian System called it, "Man's attempt to meet his own needs without God."

The Separated Nation

Not willing that the nations perish, He separated a nation to Himself.
A Holy nation. With a Holy Call.

Gen. 12:1 ¶ Now Jehovah said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee:

Gen. 12:2 and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing:

Gen. 12:3 and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. (ASV)

God called a man who would live by faith to be the Patriarch of a "great nation" separated, holy unto God. He rewarded Abraham and his natural seed by promising them a Land. He also proclaimed a blessing upon them. He promised to personally bless those who bless them, and to personally curse those who cursed them. And, in many ways, the families of the earth are blessed in Abraham and his seed. Foremost in the Seed of the Messiah. But also, in the Millennium and the ages to follow, earth and the sheep nations blessings are tied up in the blessings of Israel.

The call that Israel as a nation has upon it, is to reveal God to the nations.
In Romans 9, 10, and 11, a revelation of "the mystery of Israel," to the church, the Lord declares He has not withdrawn that call.

Rom. 11:25 ¶ For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in;

Rom. 11:26 and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written,
There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer;
He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Rom. 11:27 And this is my covenant unto them,
When I shall take away their sins.

Rom. 11:28 ¶ As touching the gospel, they are enemies for your sake: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake.

Rom. 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are not repented of.

Plan “A” was for Israel to reveal God to the nations by living in the Promised Land and demonstrating God and His blessings. (Deuteronomy 28:1-14, Especially note verse 10.)

Plan “B” if they did hearken to the Word of God in obedience, he would scatter them from one end of earth to the other. And then in the end of days He would bring them back to their Promised Land. By the evident keeping of God’s Word to bring them home, the nations were to have a revelation of God.

We are living in that great miracle revelation of God taking place before the eyes of the nations of the world.

Babylon and the Times of the Gentiles

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, was the first to carry off the Hebrews out of their Promised Land. Before the destruction of the Temple, he carried off to Babylon bright young men of the royal family. Daniel was among them. To Daniel God revealed the end.

With the carrying off of Israel into the Babylonian captivity began, “the Times of the Gentiles.” That title was coined by the Master when he prophesied that the times of the Gentiles trodding down Jerusalem would come to an end (Luke 21:24).

The Father gave King Nebuchadnezzar a dream which prophesied that end.
A “Stone Kingdom,” would destroy the Four Gentile Empires seen in that dream.

The Stone would strike the metal image of the kingdoms that evolved since Nimrod and Babel. And at the time of the striking of the toes there would still be something left of Babylon in it.

Babylon is Fallen

When I read *Babylon is fallen*, I think back to Nebuchadnezzar’s image. I think back before that to Babel. Every vestige of all that began with at Babel will fall and disappear like the chaff from the summer thrashing floor (Daniel 2:34, 35; 44, 45).

Guesses, and speculation have named cities:

Rome, New York City, the City of Babylon itself restored,

[There was a restoration of the nation of Babylon, of sorts, when the Middle East was brought back (as the Prophets declared it would be) with WWI and the discovery of oil. I’d seen that from Zechariah’s vision that the price of a barrel of crude oil in Iraq replaced the price of an ephah as the basis of world commerce (Zechariah 5:5-11).

We could also say there have been judgments in that physical land.

No one really knows what will happen there. But certainly not the establishment of democracy.]

I see the whole thing as one, the Babylonian system, the Beast... All inspired by the ancient adversary. *All of it is falling*. The future is as bright as God can make it.

No wonder the enemy did not want us to read The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.