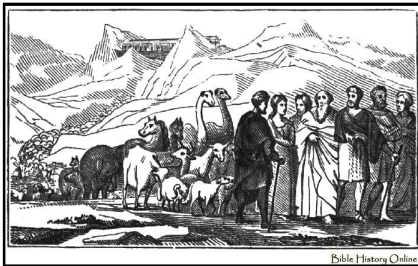


The FIRST House of Worship...and the LAST!

After the flood, God spoke to Noah: "Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth **EVERY LIVING THING** that is with thee...that they may **BREED ABUNDANTLY** in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth" (GENESES 8:16-17).



And so Noah **DID** as God commanded!

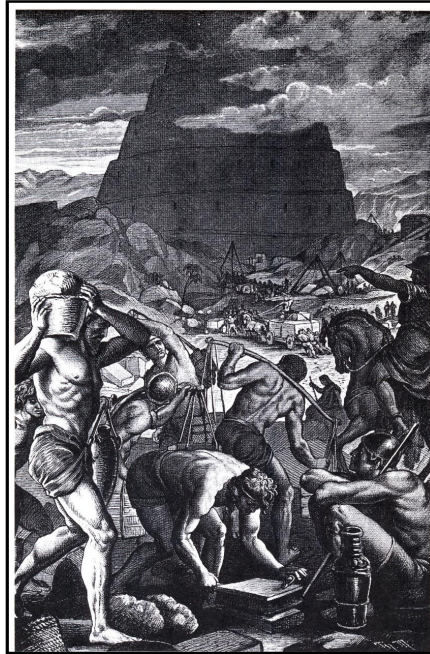
Then, "...Noah **BUILT AN ALTAR...and OFFERED** burnt-offerings on the altar.



"And the Lord **SMELLED** a sweet savour; and the Lord said **IN HIS HEART** I will not again curse the ground **ANY MORE** for man's sake; for the **IMAGINATION** of man's **HEART** is **EVIL FROM HIS YOUTH**; neither will I again smite **ANY MORE** every thing living, as I have done" (GENESIS 8:21).

But God did command Noah and his sons, "**Be FRUITFUL, and MULTIPLY, and REPLENISH the earth**" (GENESIS 9:1). As the years went by, the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, grew into a community of men led by one man, **NIMROD**.

Noah's son Ham begat Cush, "**and Cush begat NIMROD: he began to be a MIGHTY ONE in the earth. He was a MIGHTY HUNTER [OF THE SOULS OF MEN] before the Lord...And the BEGINNING OF HIS KINGDOM was BABEL...**" (GENESIS 10:8-10).



Babylon is the origin of **ALL FORMS OF WORSHIP**, and was carried to the whole world. *Josephus* [37-100 AD], a Jewish historian, wrote that Nimrod persuaded the people to **reject** God, blaming Him for **destroying their forefathers** in the flood.

Instead, he created a **NEW FORM OF WORSHIP**, known today as the "**...DEEDS OF THE NICOLAITANES**" (REV. 2:6), a Greek word meaning "**VICTORY**" ["niko"] and "**OVER THE PEOPLE**" ["laos"]. Certainly everyone has heard of *Catholicism's* old Saint **NICHOLAS!**



The *world of men* were of "**ONE SPEECH**" (GENESIS 11:1), when Nimrod led them to "**...build...a city and a TOWER [CALLED A ZIGGURAT] whose TOP may reach unto HEAVEN**" (GENESIS 11:4) for the purpose of **DEFENDING THEMSELVES AGAINST ANOTHER FLOOD**, should God **change his mind** about destroying them again.

This tower, built **BEFORE** the city (GEN. 11:8),

was man's **FIRST HOUSE OF WORSHIP**, where they **sacrificed human flesh** to the *host of heaven* above; and within the tower, on its' walls, were the **signs of the Zodiac**.

This was the beginning of "**the MYSTERY OF INIQUITY**" (2 THESS. 2:7), and the **origin** of **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**" (REV.17:5).

After the Lord "**...scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth**" (GEN. 11:8), man carried with him this **RELIGIOUS SYSTEM** all over the world, making the **inhabitants of the earth** "**...DRUNK with the wine of HER [BABYLON] fornication**" (REV. 17:2).

But, when Israel sought to raise up a *Temple of Worship* to the Lord, God said, "**...Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: WHAT house will ye build me...or WHAT is the place of my rest**" (ACTS 7:49; ISAIAH 66:1)?

The LAST Temple

The **ANSWER WAS MADE VERY CLEAR** when Jesus spoke of **THE TRUE WORSHIPPERS** to the *Samaritan woman* at the well:

"**Woman, BELIEVE ME [AND SHE DID!!!], the hour cometh, when YE shall NEITHER IN THIS MOUNTAIN [WHERE THE SAMARITANS WORSHIPPED], NOR YET AT JERUSALEM, worship the Father**" (JOHN 4:21). This *form of worship* was **ENDING!**

When Jesus said, "**...IT IS FINISHED**" (JOHN 19:30), a **NEW FORM OF WORSHIP** began, with the **COMING of the Holy Ghost**, who "**...shall be IN YOU**" (JOHN 14:17): "**KNOW YE NOT that YE are the TEMPLE OF GOD, and that the Spirit of God DWELLETH IN YOU**" (1 COR. 3:16)? **MOST DON'T BELIEVE THIS!**

The *Babylonian form of worship* is still continuing while the *born-again* are "**...LED by the Spirit of God**" (ROMANS 8:14), for "**...the HOUR COMETH and NOW IS, when the TRUE WORSHIPPERS shall worship the Father IN SPIRIT and IN TRUTH: for the Father SEEKETH SUCH to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and THEY that worship Him MUST worship Him in spirit and in truth**" (JOHN 4:23-24).