

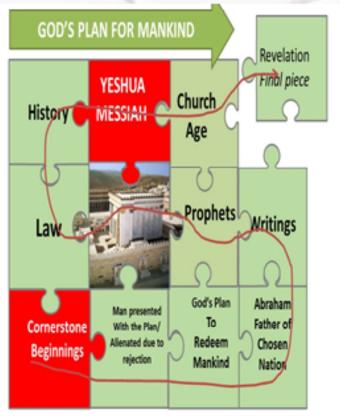
Shared Studies

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Babylon/America

Part 2 The Great Harlot Revelation 17



It is important to recognize that we are in a spiritual battle that began in Genesis.

We need to approach any study of the end times with caution. So much is happening and there are so many elements that are a part of the end times prophecies.

Satan is the great deceiver and



From Amir Tsafarti's book "The Last Hour"

1. Satan is the Master Deceiver with Israel and Christians as his primary subject of deception
2. Christians can see this because our truth comes from God's word and is taught to us by the Holy Spirit.
3. Jews see the falsehoods through a different lens
 - A. Their blindness is from a different source
 - a) John 12:40 – God has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts.

Satan's deception of the nations regarding Israel takes 5 different forms.

Genesis 3:4-5

The serpent said to the woman, You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

John 8:44

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father of lies.

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35 Bible Verses about Satan, As Deceiver

Most Relevant Verses

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Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 20:3

and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

Deceives the Church

❖ Matthew 13

❖ 1 Timothy 4:1

Matthew 13

³ Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying:.....

The Purpose of Parables

¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

¹¹ He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the ¹¹ mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,

And seeing you will see and not perceive;

¹⁵ For the hearts of this people have grown dull.

Their ears are hard of hearing,

And their eyes they have closed,

Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears,

Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn,

So that I ¹⁴ should heal them.’

¹⁶ But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; ¹⁷ for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.

Then Jesus explains the parable of the sower.

He then adds the parables of:

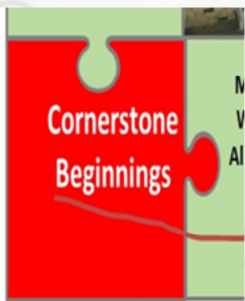
- *The Wheat and the Tares*
- *The Mustard Seed*
- *The Leaven*

A Tale of 3 Families Genesis 10

Noah
Japheth

Noah
Ham
Cush
Nimrod

Noah
Shem
Terah
Abram



All the nations of the world sprung from these 3 families (Genesis 10:32)

Tower of Babel (Chapter 11) took place during the timespan of these generations.

A Tale of 2 Cities

Babel/Babylon

- Genesis 10:10
- Genesis 11:1,9

Salem (4)

- Genesis 14:18
- Psalm 76:2
- Hebrews 7:1-2



Nimrod

Babylon 11:9

- 275 References

Melchizedek

Jerusalem

- 791 References

Nimrod – Rebel, Tyrant

Melchizedek – King of Righteousness

Babel / The Problem

- **Nimrod - foreshadowed the Antichrist**
- **Babylon - Gateway to the Gods**

“Why are you spending time on this Nimrod?” You ask. “Because it is so very important to understand who the first ruler of the original “Harlot” was. The “Mother of Harlots,” a city called Babel in the land that would become Babylon. Because I believe it’s on this foundation the last “Harlot” will be built. We read in Verse 10, just after describing who Nimrod was, it tells us of the beginning of his kingdom. It reads, “And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.”

The modern-day location of Shinar is Iraq, with some of it extending to Kuwait and small parts of Iran. This is where the infamous “Tower of Babel” was built, in the city of Babel in modern-day Iraq. If you know anything about that area, it is desert. It is not surrounded by “many waters,” as previously noted. But, again, we will come back to that.

The Act of Rebellion

Nimrod, who was a rebel, a tyrant, and a wicked man, we learn in Genesis 11, began to openly rebel against God. But, remember, his family was cursed by Noah to be the servant of servants to his brethren. So, I am sure that story had been passed down among the generations. However, Nimrod, as a foreshadowing of the Antichrist, would obviously not be a servant. Instead, he would seek to rule over not only his brethren but all of mankind, which would have been various degrees of cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. Because remember, the earth was to be repopulated with the offspring of Noah’s three sons and their wives. And so we see Genesis 11 starts with describing this place, Babel. We know from Genesis

10 that Nimrod was the King of Babel and all of Shinar.

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Mystery Babylon

- **Babylon of the last days**
- **Revelation 17-18**

Now we fast forward to the future and we Babylon once again playing a role in man's rebellion against God, led by a diabolical leader that is controlling by Satan.

Revelation 18:1-3

18 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. **2** And he cried [\[a\]](#) mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! **3** For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the [\[b\]](#) abundance of her luxury."

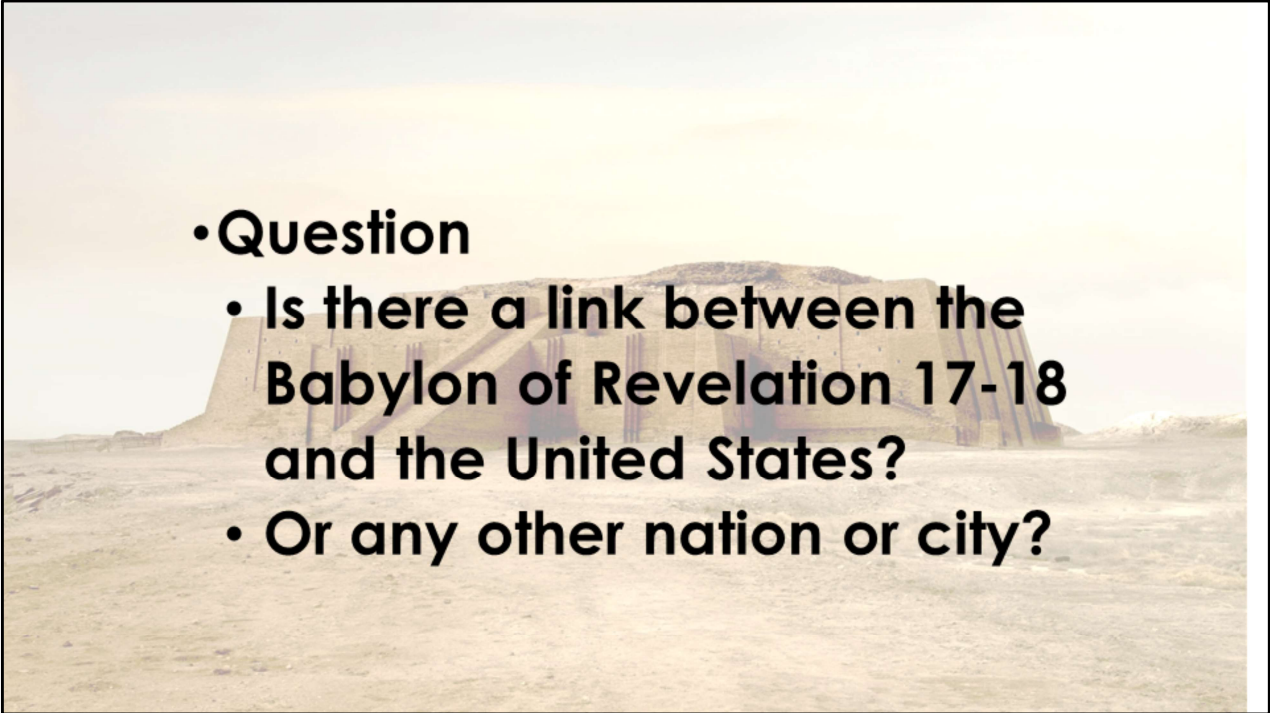


The amount of information we are study is sometimes overwhelming! Sometimes I feel like I'm trying to gate from a dam's floodgates.

Babylonianism

“...we must remember that in Scripture Babylon represents more than a city - it is a metaphor for a greedy, corrupt world system dominated by man apart from God.”

Dr. David Jeremiah, The Book of Signs, pg.45

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- **Question**
 - **Is there a link between the Babylon of Revelation 17-18 and the United States?**
 - **Or any other nation or city?**

3 Things we know about Babylon

- 1. Begins as the place of man's rebellion through tyranny and united world effort.**
- 1. It is the instrument that seeks to take away the land promised by God to His people.**
- 1. It is the kingdom that disrupts God's kingdom here on earth and starts the times of the Gentiles.**

Babylon disappears from scripture after Genesis 13

Reappears during reign of King Hezekiah of Judah

Babylon from the beginning at Babel is a religious, political and economic power.

What was the condition of Babylon during the time of Jesus?

When do we see it reappear?

In Revelation 17 is the great harlot the religious aspect of Babylon?

In Revelation 18 is this the political and economic?

3 Elements of Babylonianism:

- 1. Religious**
- 2. Political**
- 3. Economical.**



The Tribulation

- 1. Religious - One World**
- 2. Political - One World**
- 3. Economical - One World**

Babylon's Religion

Nimrod's Wife - Semiramis

- **Founder and first high priestess of Babylonian Mystery religion**
- **Gave birth to son Tammuz - claimed miraculous conception**
 - **The first false messiah**
 - **Son supposedly killed by a wild beast and brought back to life**

These were called mysteries (secrets) into which new members had to be initiated. When the initiates were initiated they were given a cup containing a mysterious drink made of wine, honey, water and flour. This represented the doctrines of the cult, but these also made the participant intoxicated and prepared for what the participant was about to see, hear and do. These rites involved consecrated male and female prostitution and the most sordid sexual immorality carried out in connection with its idolatrous worship. The fornication is both physical and spiritual ([Rev. 17:2-5](#)). [23. Babylon as Seen in Scripture: An Introduction to Rev 17-18 | Bible.org](#)

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Babylon's Religion

- **This religious system became the mother, the source of all pagan religions in the world.**
 - **The “Mother of Harlots” (Rev. 17:5)**

This system spread to Greece, Egypt, Italy, Phoenicia, Israel, India, Asia Minor and Europe. Canaan was full of this iniquity and is one of the reasons God commanded Israel to destroy its inhabitants. Their failure to do so led to Israel's own downfall and involvement with the Babylonian system.



**Is there a system today that links
the past with the present?**

- **Babylonianism**
- **The central mystery of Babylon -
worship of the mother and child**

THE DOCTRINE OF PURGATORY

The doctrine of purgatorial purification after death was seen first in pagan Babylonianism. It involved the same extortion and theft of the poor to get the dead cleansed and into a higher state. Prayers and supplications were offered by the priest but only after great fees were collected.²⁰⁴ Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, Loizeaux Brothers, Second Edition 1959, p. 167f.

THE DOCTRINE OF EXTREME UNCTION

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MARCH 25

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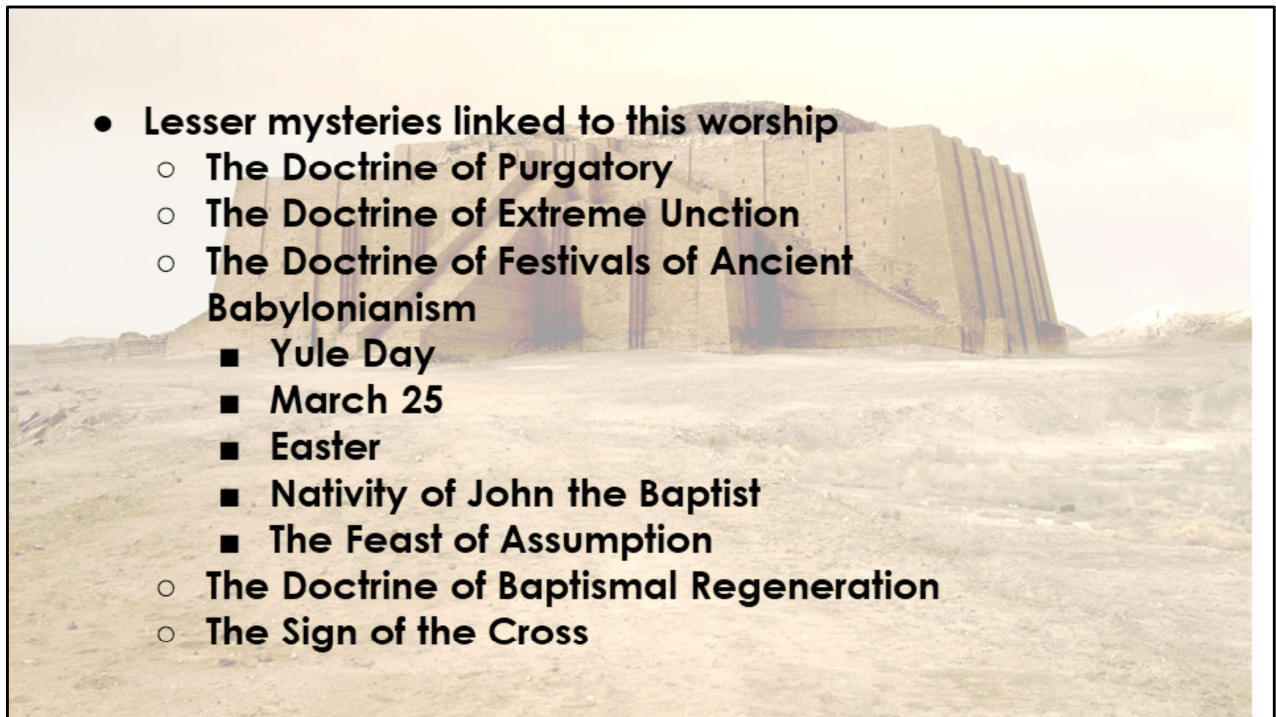
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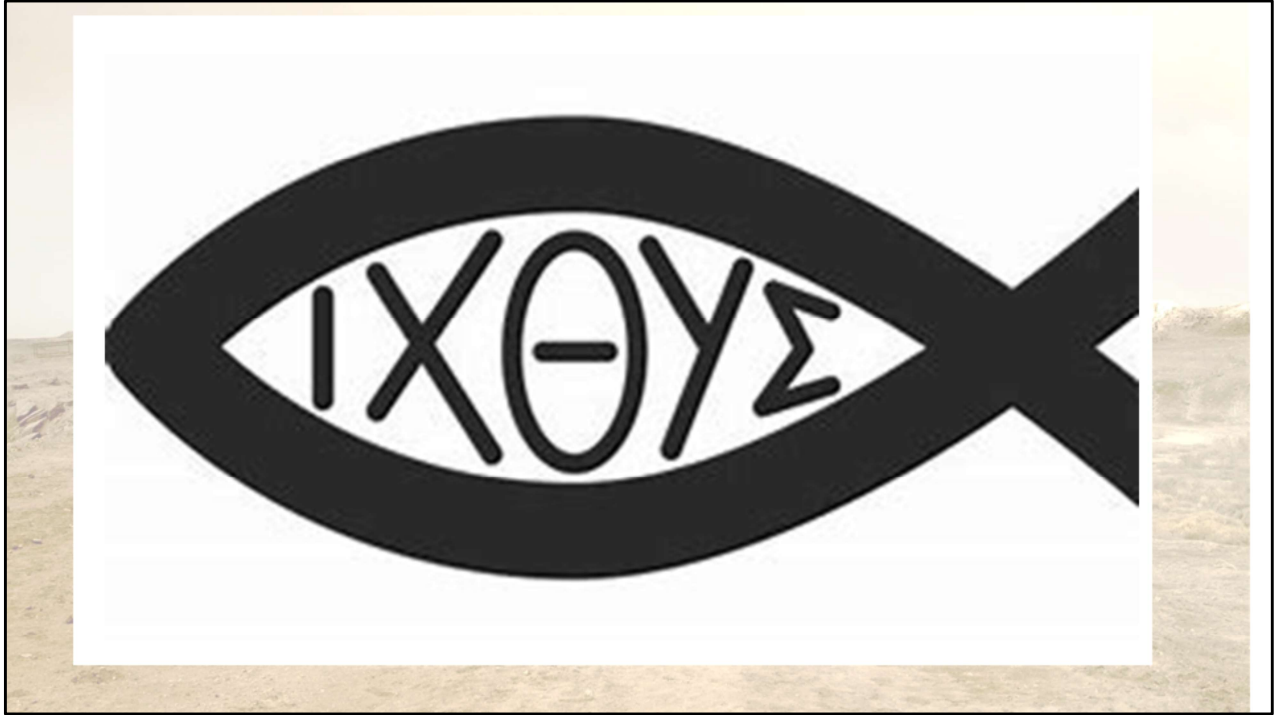
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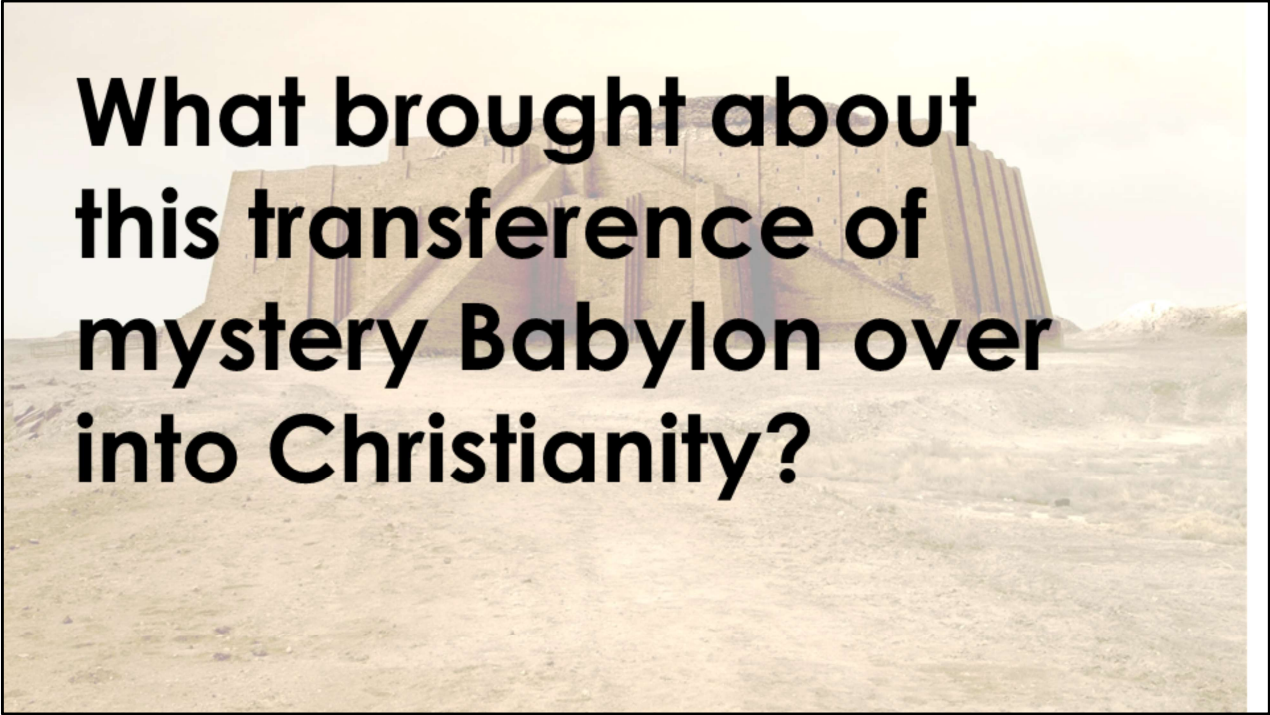
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Coptic =Catholics of North Africa

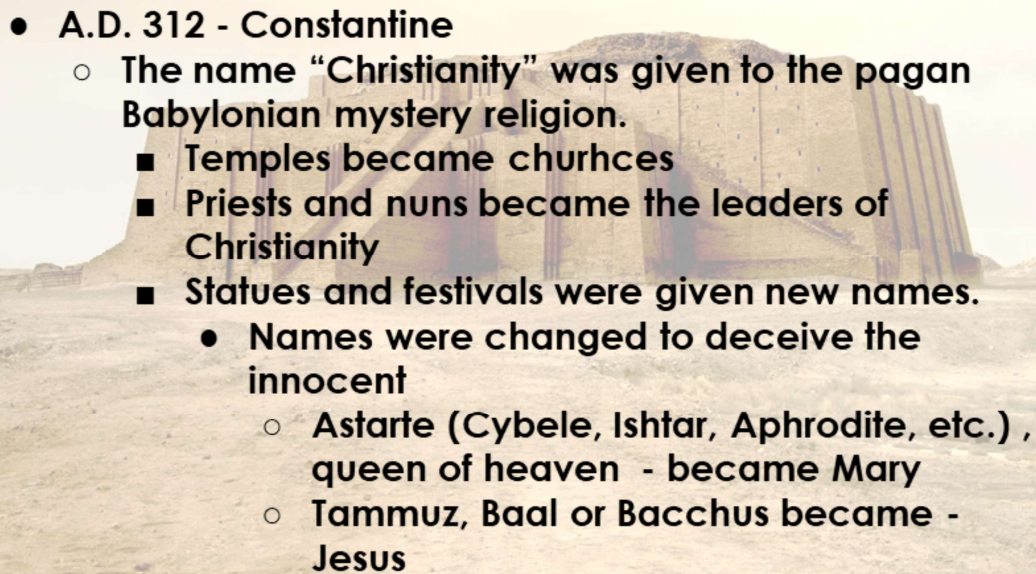


What brought about this transference of mystery Babylon over into Christianity?

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The Destruction of Religious Babylon - Rev 17

Jesus, Paul and Peter warn us that the church age will be characterized by growing apostasy.

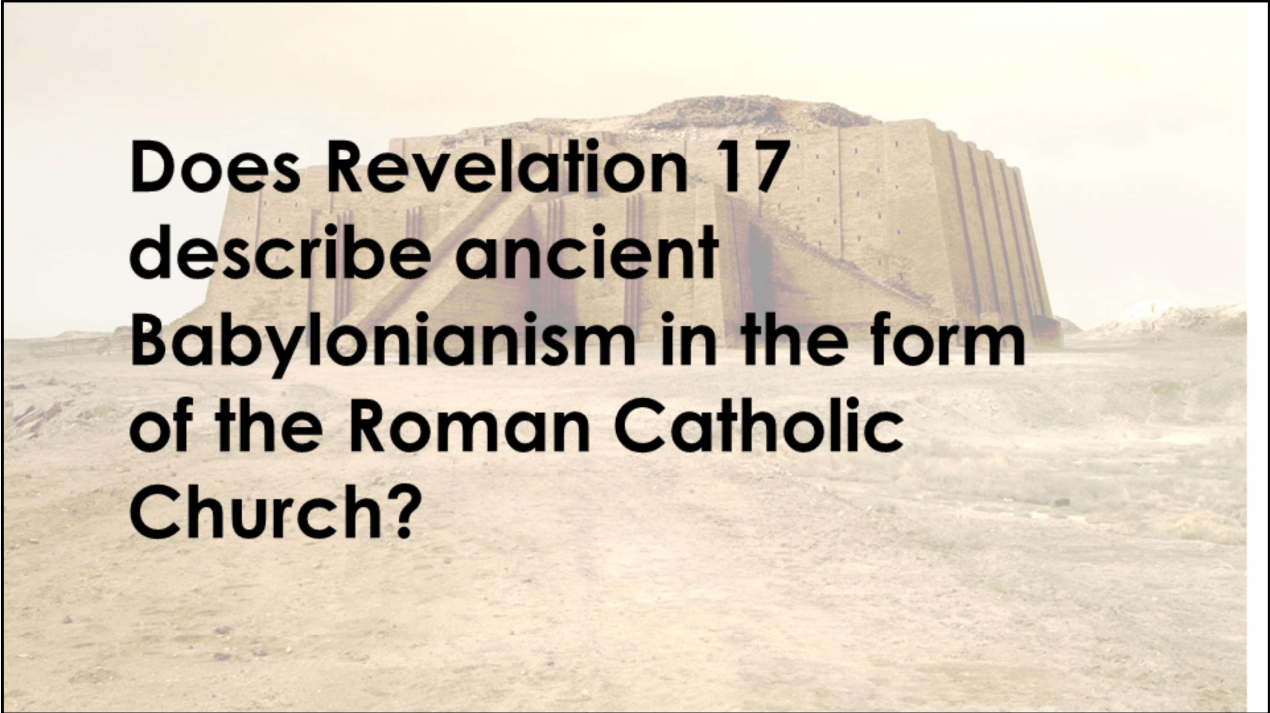
- **Matthew 13**
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- **Ecumenicism**
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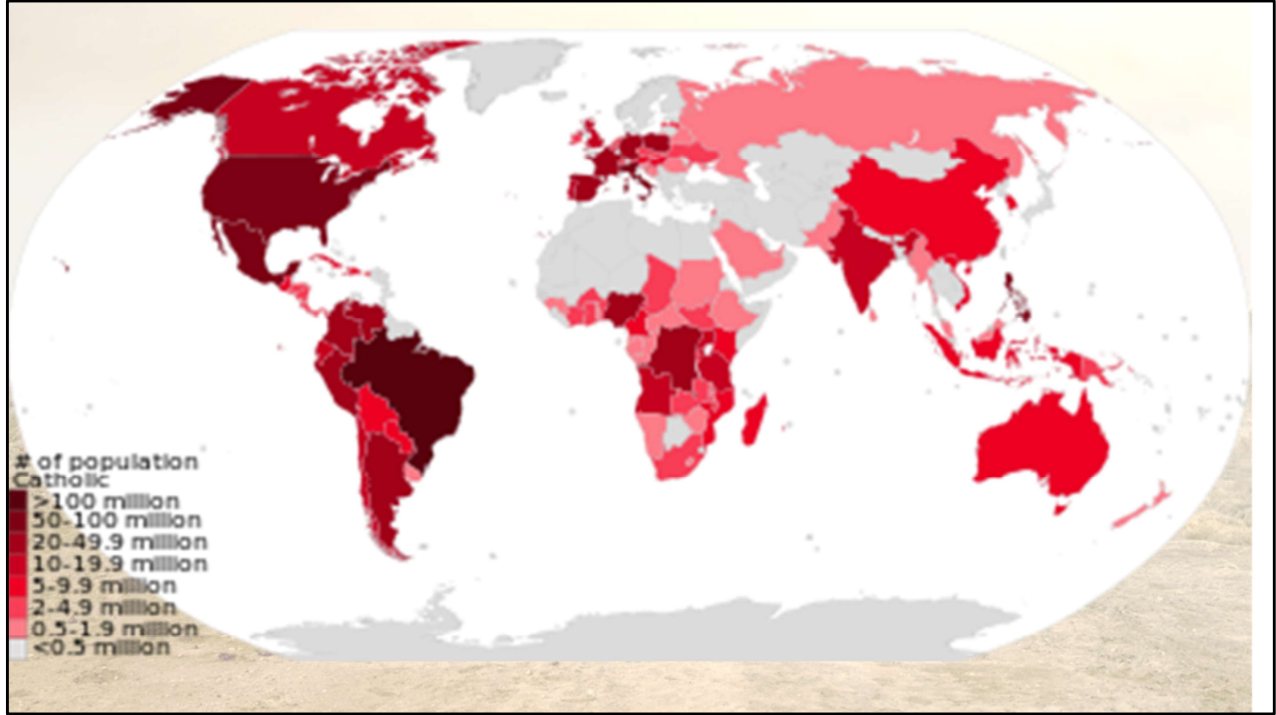
(1) Eclecticism: This is that philosophy of religion which refuses to accept any one system of doctrine, but seeks to take the so-called best from all systems of belief. Eclectics, at least outwardly, seek to be fair to all and therefore yield to all.

(2) Latitudinarianism: This is that system of religion which cares little about creeds or doctrine. In this system sincerity is more important than what is believed. But as above, it opens the door for anything.

(3) Syncretism: This system seeks to unite all opposing theological and philosophical positions by arriving at a common denominator or by coming to a new synthesis.



**Does Revelation 17
describe ancient
Babylonianism in the form
of the Roman Catholic
Church?**



1.3 Billion Catholics in the world - this is show a decline of a little over 17%

In contrast there are 13,223,122 Southern Baptists worldwide - down from 13,680,493 in 2021

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Babel / The Problem

- **The gods of the Babylonians**



What Do we Do?

- **Don't Give up**
- **Salt and Light**



What Do we Do?

- **Seek Truth**
- **Word of God**



What Do we Do?

- **Stand your ground**



What Do we Do?

- **Jesus is the answer!**

