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THE NEW WORLD

The Genesis Record

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The Second Age

"New" World

- Same Stewardship
 - New Responsibilities
- Shorter Life
- "New" Languages
- "New" Ethnic Groups
- "New" Nations

Nimrod and Babel – Genesis 10:8-9

- Characteristics
 - One Language
 - Carried over since Creation
 - Hebrew?
 - Settled in Shinar
 - Population > 10,000

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The “Host of Heaven”

- The creator knows each of the stars
 - “calleth them all by their names” (Isaiah 40:26)
- The purpose was for . . .
 - “to give light upon the earth”
 - “for signs”
 - “and for seasons”
 - “and for days and years”
 - Genesis 1:14-15

What were the stars to signify?

- How are they to serve as “signs” if that is what God intended?
 - They must be specifically placed by God.
 - They must be placed in locations and combinations to serve the purpose designated by God.
 - That purpose and meaning would need to be revealed to Man.

The “Signs of the Zodiac” – Mazzoroth

- The stars bear no resemblance to the named figures.
 - Must have had pictures “assigned” to them
 - Star groupings as aids to remember the meaning assigned
 - Meanings to “signify” the message of the Creator
 - Served ancient generations as “Bible”
 - Could not have been obliterated by the Flood
 - Josephus: Seth first recorded the “gospel” of the stars

Information in Job

- “[God] alone spreadeth out the heavens...what maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleides, and the chambers of the south....” (Job 9:8-9)
- “...by his Spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.” (Job 26:13)
- “Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? Or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? (Job 28:32)

Nimrod – “Let us rebel!”

- Satan is the “father of lies.” (John 8:44)
 - Could not obliterate the “signs” but could corrupt them.
 - Nimrod becomes the key human “tool” to lead the rebellion against God.
- Satan and Nimrod “invent” the pagan worship of the angelic “host.”
 - The message is now the “Astrology” forecast system.
 - The idols worshiped are “demons” (1 Corinthians 10:20)

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God Intervenes

- A powerful Satanic conspiracy is developing.
 - “This they begin to do, and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.” (Genesis 11:6)
- God forces the people to separate by confounding their spoken languages.
 - “The LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.” (Genesis 11:9)

Confusion of Tongues

- God’s Purpose
 - Eliminate unity
 - Impede understanding of language
 - Force obedience to His command to spread over the earth
- Results
 - Man spread abroad
 - Population groups isolated and inbred
 - “Racial” character quickly dominant

God’s Intervention

- Explains “Races”
 - “Race not Bible term
 - Darwin: “favored races”
- Results:
 - Population scatters – Family groups
 - Genetic isolation – Rapid dominant gene
 - Solidify physical characteristics
 - Language kept the lines isolated.
- Explains “Cavemen”
 - Centralized “cities”
 - All lived together in Babel until dispersion
 - Forced disbursement
 - Probably weakest forced farthest away
 - Needed shelter – Needed food
 - Needed tools – Needed protection
 - UNTIL replaced; had knowledge of civilization
 - Primitive conditions lasted only short time

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Original “Nations”

- 70 “families” or “nations” are listed in Genesis 10
 - “The Table of Nations”
 - 14 for Japheth
 - 30 for Ham
 - 26 for Shem
- Several may have been only “city states”
- Several became great nations known today
 - Over the millennia the 70 nations have changed
 - There are some 200 nations today
 - There are some 6,600 languages and dialects spoken today

God’s Sovereign Hand

“He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the ages...He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them. He enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again. He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.” (Job 12:20-24)

Post-Babel Cave Men

“For want and famine they were solitary, fleeing into the wilderness in the former time desolate and waste, who cut up mallows by the bushes and juniper roots for their meat. They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief) to dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, and in caves of the earth, and in the rocks. Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were filer than the earth” (Job 30:3-8)

The Earth’s Nations

- “...and of them [the sons of Noah] was the whole earth overspread.” (Genesis 9:19)
- “...divided in their lands, every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.” (Genesis 10:5)
- “...after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.” (Genesis 10:20)
- “...Peleg: for in his days was the earth divided...” (Genesis 10:25)
- “...after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.” (Genesis 10:31)
- “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.” (Genesis 10:23)

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God's Sovereign Hand

- "...the most High divided to the nations their inheritance; he set the bounds of the people." (Deuteronomy 32:26)
- "All nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitations." (Acts 17:26)

Events at Babel Focus Our Age

- God enforced the division of mankind.
- Babylon (Nimrod) becomes...
 - "The Mother of harlots and the abominations of the Earth." (Revelation 17:5)
 - Job's friends (contemporary to Nimrod) expound a "works" relationship to God.
- Man-centered rebellion is at the center of all evil. (Romans 1:20-25)

Job's Lament

Job's day

- Contemporary of Nimrod
 - Uz and Nimrod – 3rd generation.
 - Peleg – 5th generation
- Babel ~ 100 yrs after flood
- Job's testing ~ 300-400 after flood.

Typical lifestyle

- The Son's party – "His Day" = Astrology
- Job's friends
 - Pain is due to sin
 - Do good, get healed

God's Answer

- Look at the creation – Can you do this?
- The description of Behemoth & Leviathan as examples

Romans 1:23, 25

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and...changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever."

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The Sons of Noah

Ham	Shem	Japheth
“Warm” or “Hot”	“Name” or “Renown”	“Enlarged” or “Beautiful”
Egyptians and Canaanites	Semitic Nations	Indo-European Nations
Persians and Orientals	Jews, Arabs	Caucasians

The Religions of Babylon

Astrology > Polytheism > Pantheism

Babylonian – Enuma Elish

- All things evolved out of water
- There was a battle of two co-equal gods (one good, one evil)
 - MARDUK (good) gains control
 - Other “gods” grow from the pieces of the “bad” god
 - MARDUK battles them and defeats the “bad” gods
 - He forms the earth, stars, and man from the pieces of the gods.
- The story REVERSES “good” and “evil”
 - Nimrod and Semiramis are deified as Marduk and Astarte
 - Most of the “Mother & Child” worship cults originate here
 - Redemption comes to man through “virgin” Semiramis (Nimrod's wife)

The Basic Beliefs of India

- Absolute One – World Soul (Brahman)
- Individual Soul (Atman) – Serial Lives
- Ultimate Reunion with Brahman
- The Law of the Deed (Karma)

The Religions of Greece

- Astrology > Polytheism > Pantheism
- Philosophy – Epicureanism

Atomist School – 500 B.C.

- A world without beginning or end
- A deity with no knowledge of this world

Greek and Roman Religions

- Stoics were Pantheists (Aristotle)
- Epicureans were Atheistic Materialists
- Gnostics were Mystic Occultism