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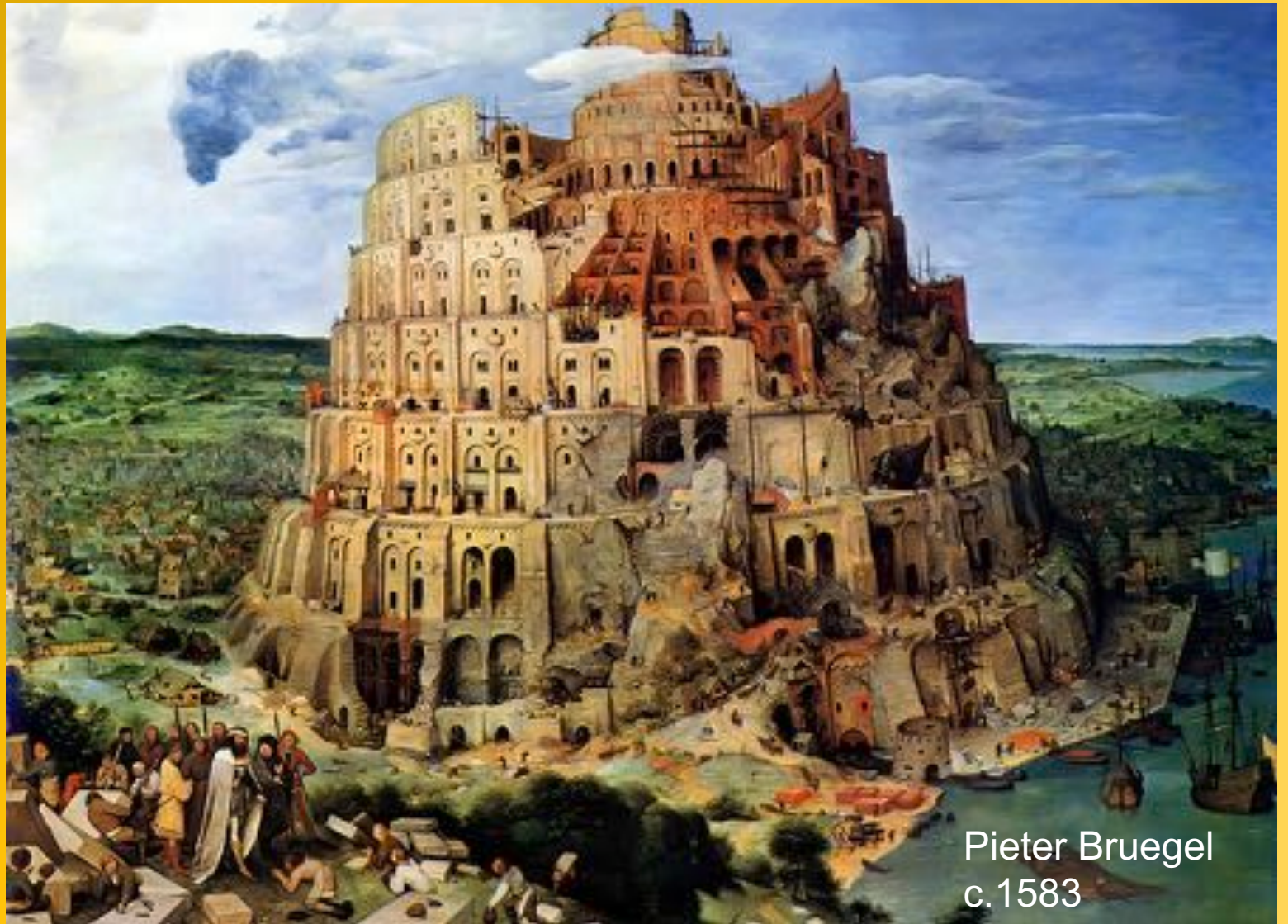
Rebellion!

We don't need
God

We can protect
ourselves

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runs into it, and is safe.





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What they planned:
We don't want to be
scattered

Let's build a city
together

They said to each other

What happened:
Scattered

Unable to be
together

Unable to speak to
each other





A Tale of Two Cities:

Jerusalem (Zion) - the City of God

Psalm 48:2,3

Beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth, like the heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King.

God is in her citadels; he has shown himself to be her fortress.

Babylon – the City in rebellion to God

Genesis 11:4

Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves





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As we shall see in later sessions, God works with a certain family to reveal His way on earth.

Sadly, they fail and seek also to rebel.

So God lets them be exiled to Babylon

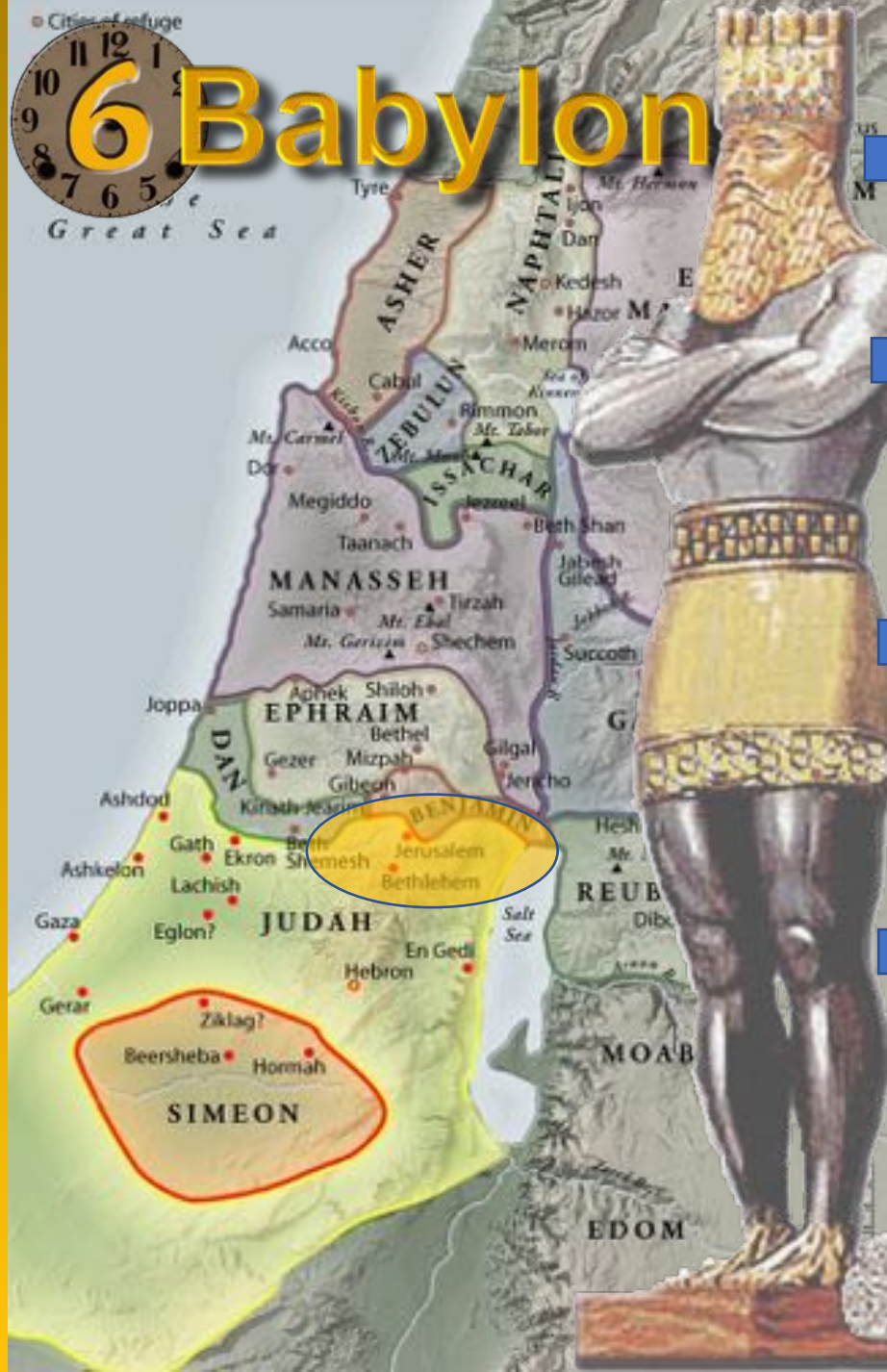
There we meet the prophet Daniel.....



Daniel is given a picture of world history to come from the viewpoint of Jerusalem, and who is in control of it.



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→ Babylonian

→ Medo/Persian

→ Greek

→ Roman

→ Kingdom of God

Babylon







Genesis 3:14

...the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because

Babylon = The Beast

you have done this, you are cursed above all
cattle, and above every beast of the field....





Human Government in defiance of God

Babylon = The Beast



Human Government in defiance of God

Statue - like an idol.

In Daniel it compares with the idol
Nebuchadnezzar has made of himself:
“....you must fall down and worship the
image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar
has set up.”

God says

Do not turn to idols or make metal gods
for yourselves. I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:4

Beast - no longer human

In Daniel it compares with the illness
Nebuchadnezzar had in which he
becomes a beast for a while:
He was driven away from people and ate
grass like the ox.

God says

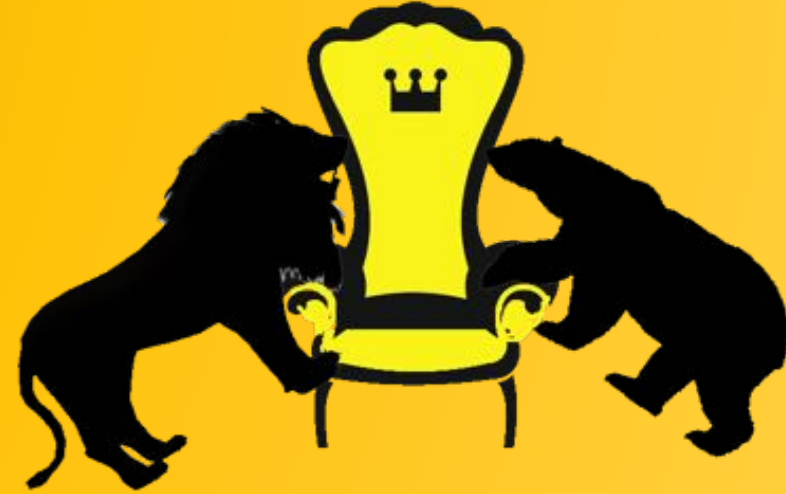
‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our
likeness, so that they may rule over ... all
the wild animals, and over all the
creatures that move along the ground.’

Genesis 1:26



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God's
Plan



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The Beast can do wonders, and many follow it

Matthew 7:22-27 (excerpts)

“Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?” Then I will tell them plainly, “I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!”...But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.’



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Revelation 16:19

God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.



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Revelation 18:2

With a mighty voice he shouted:
“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!”





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Genesis 11



Daniel 2



Matthew 27
etc



Revelation
14-18



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Matthew 13:26-30

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“An enemy did this,” he replied.

‘The servants asked him, “Do you want us to go and pull them up?”

“No,” he answered, “because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.””



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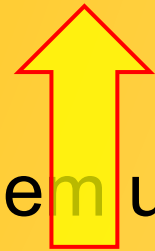
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Fit only to burn



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In Genesis 11 God stops them building the Tower, the Babylon system, until He has set up His own response: a people who will demonstrate His ways to the world.

He lets both grow together in order to demonstrate that the rebellion must fail and Man cannot survive without Him

In Revelation, Babylon is shown to have produced no fruit and is of no value; it totally fails

We shall look at the fall of Babylon more closely in Hour 10: Failure



Babylon



The spirit of 'building a name for ourselves' without God and in defiance of God



Godless government in the world, particularly aimed at the seat of God in Jerusalem



An overturning of God's purpose for humanity to have dominion over beasts



It is an idol, worshipped instead of God







It is fallen, for it will fall



A doomed system

Babylon

-  What's been good to have been reminded of?
-  Was there anything you had not thought of before?
-  Are you unsure about anything or disagree with anything?
-  How does understanding the “Babylon system” help us to understand the world today?