

## MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

I have heard many Bible prophecy experts quote this from Revelation 17:5. But I have yet to hear anyone explain it. Especially what is meant by "Mystery". What is the "Mystery"?

Well, I'm going to tell you in this video.

Greetings, I'm Dr. Paul Felter. Welcome to my video podcast where I expose flawed Christian traditions and Church fallacies with Bible truth. I let the Bible speak for itself.

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### 1. Babylon the Great

Let's begin with some facts about Noah.

Noah was born in 1056 AM. (AM stands for "Anno Mundi," a Latin term meaning "in the year of the world." This notation signifies years from the biblical creation of the world as described in the Book of Genesis.)

Noah was 500 years old when Ham, Shem, and Japheth were born (Genesis 5:32).

The global flood began in 1656 AM when Noah was 600 years old.

After the flood, four sons were born to Ham; Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

Cush had six sons the last being Nimrod.

Nimrod is described as a mighty hunter before the Lord and a prominent figure in the early post-flood world. His story is found in the book of Genesis, specifically in Genesis 10:8-12.

Nimrod was a powerful man, both as a hunter and as a leader who founded several cities. The phrase "a mighty hunter before the Lord" suggests his prowess and possibly his reputation as a leader or ruler. His role in establishing significant cities in Mesopotamia, including Babel (Babylon) and Nineveh, illustrates his influence in the region during the post-flood ancient times.

Nimrod is often depicted as a symbol of rebellion against God or as a tyrant, particularly due to his construction of the Tower of Babel and the subsequent dispersion of humanity according to the biblical narrative in Genesis 11.

The word "Babylon" is used 299 in Scripture. The earliest is found in Joshua 7:21 with reference to the Babylonian garments worn by those in the city of Ai. Israel attacked the city of Ai in the 14<sup>th</sup> century BC. This attack occurred centuries before Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon of the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC., so it must refer to Nimrod's Babylon. From this we can infer that the land of Canaan, the Promised Land was already infected with Babylonian Mythology and false pagan gods.

So, Babylon the Great refers to Nimrod's Babylon.

## 2. The Mother of Harlots

The Babylonian religion evolved over time. Babylonian mythology incorporated elements from both Sumerian and Akkadian traditions. The Babylonians worshipped a diverse array of gods and goddesses. Babylonian religious beliefs were reflected in pagan rituals, prayers, and myths, which often involved a blood sacrifice.

Babylonian religion also encompassed practices related to astrology, divination, and the interpretation of dreams and omens. Babylonian priests and scholars studied the movements of the sun, moon, and stars believing that they could interpret divine messages through the observation of heavenly phenomena.

Some of the major deities worshipped in the Babylonian religion include:

**Marduk:** Marduk was the chief god of the Babylonian pantheon and the patron deity of the city of Babylon. He was associated with thunder, storms, and fertility. Marduk played a central role in Babylonian mythology and was often depicted as a dragon-slaying hero who defeated the chaotic sea goddess Tiamat. The ancient Canaanite-Phoenician god Baal, mentioned 63 times in the Scriptures, likely originated from Babylonian Marduk as they have very similar characteristics.

**Ishtar:** Ishtar was the goddess of love, fertility, and war. She was one of the most prominent deities in the Babylonian pantheon and was worshipped throughout Mesopotamia. She later became known as Astarte and Ashteroth mentioned at least 5 times in Scripture.

**Sin (Nanna):** Sin, also known as Nanna in Sumerian mythology, was the god of the moon. He was worshipped as a powerful deity associated with fertility, divination, and protection. The moon god has been worshipped throughout history starting with the Samaritans, Babylonians, Egyptians, Hindus, Japanese, Norse Mythology, Greeks, Romans, and Muslims.

"Mother of Harlots" in Revelation metaphorically portrays a powerful and corrupt entity that promotes idolatry, immorality, corruption, and sexual perversion.

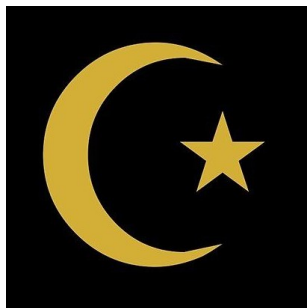
The term "harlot" or "whore" is often used metaphorically in the Bible to symbolize spiritual unfaithfulness or idolatry, particularly when God's people turn away from their covenant relationship with Him to pursue other false gods or worldly pleasures.

In the context of Revelation 17, the "Mother of Harlots" is associated with a great city called "Babylon the Great." It is clear that ancient Babylon is the "Mother" of all false idolatrous religions including Islam.



Ur-Nammu – 21st Century BC

Ur-Nammu, strong man, king of Ur: Hash-hamer, governor of the city of Ishkun-Sin, is your servant.



The crescent and star of Islam originated with the Sumerians representing the moon god Sin and Venus. It was later adopted by the Persians, Greeks, Romans, and the Ottoman Empire.

### 3. Mystery

The word "mystery" is used 22 times in the King James Bible. Once by Jesus in Mark 4:11, 17 times by the apostle Paul in his writings, and 4 times in the book of Revelation.

The word "mystery" implies a hidden or symbolic meaning behind the name "Babylon the Great." Throughout the New Testament, the word "mystery" is used to signify spiritual truths that are revealed through divine revelation from God.

The significance of “Babylon the Great” in Revelation 17:5 goes beyond its literal interpretation as an ancient Near East kingdom but carries symbolic and spiritual implications related to a powerful, end times religious system having its origins in ancient Babylon.

Remember, that John is seeing events and personages prominent in the “Day of the Lord”, the 7-year Tribulation. John states "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day..." - Revelation 1:10 KJV. The “Lord’s day” is the “Day of the Lord”, not Sunday. John was transported into the future to bear witness to the events leading to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Assuming we are living near the end of the dispensation of grace and the Tribulation is near, which I believe it is, the “Mystery”, 21<sup>st</sup> century religious system which has its roots in ancient Babylon is Islam.

Even though the Persian king Cyrus the Great captured ancient Babylon in 539 BC, the pernicious Babylonian mythologies and false religions persisted. The physical kingdom of Babylon is long gone. But the evil spiritual kingdom has flourished over the millennia resulting in modern day Islam.

Satan’s spiritual darkness will rule this world until the return of the King, Jesus Christ, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. The Lord Jesus will destroy Satan’s darkness with the “brightness of His coming” . (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:8)

Summary:

1. Mystery – Islam, a modern-day Babylonian religion.
2. Babylon the Great – Nimrod’s ancient Babylon.
3. Mother of Harlots – Ancient Babylonian Mythology is the Mother of all false religions and cults which the Holy Spirit calls the Abominations of the Earth.

Islam is not mentioned in Bible Prophecy!

Exactly! That is precisely why she is called:

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But many believe we are waiting for a revived Roman Empire

"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."  
- Revelation 17:18 KJV

Does Islam have a great city?

Mecca!

That’s right, Mecca is not mentioned in Bible prophecy. That’s why Islam is called Mystery,

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Does Mecca rule over “the kings of the earth”?



Currently there are 57 countries that are members of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Below is the chart of the lineage from Adam to Noah.

