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Part 2:
The origin of
iniquity and
fertility cults

Origin of iniquity ...

REMEMBER, the essence of *iniquity* is defined as the “twisted” nature of man who:

- Rejects every evidence of God,
- Wants to do everything in his own power to prove that God does not exist,
- And who⁶ wants to declare that God will not keep His Word.

At the moment of man’s fall, iniquity became part of man’s being and nature. From that time, mankind has had a bent towards evil and rebellion against God. The understanding of iniquity – being rebellion and war against God – reached a watershed-point in the account of the Tower of Babel under the leadership of Nimrod. This act of iniquity has become the very FOUNDATION of all the cults, sects, and false religions of the world – those in the past, as well as those of today.

Let’s have a look at history and the world since after the Flood⁷ ...

*Genesis 9:18-23 “18 The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were **Shem, Ham, and Japheth**. Ham was the father of Canaan [born later]. 19 These are the three sons of Noah, and **from them the whole earth was overspread and stocked with inhabitants**. 20 And Noah began to cultivate the ground, and he planted a vineyard. 21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and he was uncovered and lay naked in his tent. 22 And **Ham, the father of Canaan, glanced at and saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside**. 23 So Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it upon the shoulders of both, and went **backward** and **covered** the **nakedness** of their father; and their faces were backward, and they **did not see their father’s nakedness**. 24 When Noah awoke from his wine, and knew the thing which his youngest son had done to him, 25 He exclaimed, **Cursed be Canaan! He shall be the servant of servants to his brethren! [Deut. 27:16.]** 26 He also said, **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem! And blessed by the Lord my God be Shem! And let Canaan be his servant.**”*

- God saved Noah's household because of Noah’s righteousness.
- In God's Plan, Noah was the head of his household. God placed Noah’s family and the renewed earth under Noah’s authority.
- One day Noah drinks wine, becomes drunk, and is naked in his tent.
- When Ham [Noah’s son] saw his father's nakedness, he went out and told his brothers.

⁶ Keep in mind there is a differentiation between someone who believes – for example in New Age – and someone who specifically defies God at every opportunity.

⁷ We encourage you to do some research on the flood – there really WAS a worldwide flood! Deepen and strengthen your trust in the TRUTH of the Scriptures by checking out the following website: <http://www.drdino.com/>, <http://www.creationevidence.org/>, and <http://www.answersingenesis.org/>. For information regarding the possible discovery of Noah’s Ark, check out <http://www.wyattmuseum.com/>.

- Ham did not see the value, purpose, and seriousness of authority. Flesh loves to see authority exposed to shame so that it can be free from restrictions.
- Ham saw the impropriety of his father, however there was no sense of shame or sorrow – he did not think of covering the matter. Instead he reacts with a ***spirit of rebellion***.
- Shem and Japheth [Noah's two other sons] go into the tent backward, they turn their faces away from their father's shame, and cover him with a garment.
- Noah's failure exposed Ham's rebellion, the test showed who was submissive and who was rebellious.
- When Noah woke up from his drunkenness, he prophesied that the descendants of Ham would be cursed, that he would be a servant of servants to his brothers – the first slave in the Bible was Ham. The phrase "Canaan shall be his servant" is used twice. Those who do not submit to authority will have to be slaves, being subject to authority.
- Ham's descendants – those who rebel against authority – are made to be slaves for generation after generation. Ham's generation brings forth the son Nimrod, such a rebel that he leads others to the sin of the Tower of Babel. We will see that it was Nimrod who setup the worship of fertility cults and of the sun, moon, and stars – all pagan religions have this system has their foundation.
- We cannot serve God in a spirit of lawlessness.
- Everyone who learns to serve the LORD must come face-to-face with authority.



Nimrod



Nimrod is one of the descendants of Ham – the son who dishonored his father. In a sense we can already see the beginning of the line of generational curses. Nimrod, however, sets off on a number of pursuits with the sole purpose of opposing God directly.

In the PHYSICAL, Nimrod sets out to build the Tower of Babel. Here we have man's effort to say: "We build it our way – with materials that we choose!"

Genesis 11:3 "3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly. So they had brick for stone, and slime (bitumen) for mortar."

We build something so big and tall that God cannot destroy us with another flood! We will be survivors!

Genesis 11:4 "4 And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower whose top reaches into the sky, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over the whole earth."

In the generation line, Nimrod establishes TWO kingdoms that will war against Israel all the days of their lives. The two major periods of captivity will both be under these nations and/or kingdoms:

1. **Babylon.**

Genesis 10:10 "10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar [in Babylonia]."

2. **Assyria - Nineveh.**

Genesis 10:11-12 "11 Out of the land he [Nimrod] went forth into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, 12 And Resen, which is between Nineveh and Calah; all these [suburbs combined to form] the great city."

Nimrod begins a **new religion of pagan and occultic worship**, which goes on to form the basis of much of what we see today.

Fertility cults⁸ – formation and history.

Fertility cult roots go back to the early civilizations of man with fertility cults and the worship of the "Great Mother". Archaeological evidence points to the discovery of a number of **"mother" figurines** that have been excavated in cave dwellings throughout Europe and Asia. These small female statues, typically carved in rock or bone, have exaggerated sexual features, no recognizable face, and some appear to be pregnant.

Nearly every ancient culture had some worship of the mystery of fertility and the rhythms of procreation, birth, and death. Most of these were handed down from generation to generation, in myth and story form as well as in song and ritual. Not all of these fertility cults developed into full-fledged witchcraft, but many of them furnish the key elements of the current generational fertility cults.

God specifically forbids witchcraft as a detestable practice of the Canaanites. The Hebrew people were commanded to reject it at all cost.

*Deuteronomy 18:9-14 "9 When you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you, **you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of these nations.** 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire, or who uses divination, or is a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, 11 Or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 **For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and it is because of these abominable practices that the Lord your God is driving them out before you.** 13 You shall be blameless [and absolutely true] to the Lord your God. 14 For these nations whom you shall dispossess listen to soothsayers and diviners. But as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do so."*

Israel did not SH'MA the LORD's Instruction to reject the pagan practices, and the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel prophesied the coming destruction of their nation. They declared God's Judgment on the Hebrew people and their leaders for their own practice of witchcraft.

Fertility cult traditions are found in nearly every human culture from the ancient **Egyptian, Indian, Sumerian, and Babylonian** down to the present. Each tradition has its own **pantheon of gods and goddesses** with myths and stories about the conflicts between the deities for supremacy. Ancient documents exist for some of these myths – written in Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and Ugarit, most of which are available in English translation. Most of these traditions are preserved orally and taught in that form to each new generation. The myths remain fluid and so can be adapted as necessary. A generational fertility cult **circle** will claim one or more of these traditions as being their own and assert that "their" line came pure and unadulterated from ancient times. The reality appears to be that most of these groups have blended several of the ancient traditions, picking and choosing the deities to be worshipped from the various cultures.

⁸ For the full study on fertility cults, please see our book *"How Fertility Cults Devour Our Blessings"*, available from the website or for order from the office.

Basic beliefs.

The basis of fertility cults is the story of the eternal conflict between male and female for dominance, a story that has both a **conflict between the gods and goddess and a conflict between human men and women. Hatred of the opposing gender** is assumed to be normal in relationship. Hatred of the opposite gender is indeed engendered. The dictum, "dominate or be dominated", assumes that **every relationship between male and female is a battle for dominance.**

The battle fought in the human arena is understood to influence the battle in the heavenly arena since the gods and goddess are perceived to be equal in power. Human efforts can swing the balance of power decisively in favor of one gender or the other.

At the heart of witchcraft is the worship of the mystery of fertility, specifically of the ability of the female to "give" life. Included in that is all that is perceived to influence the female and her fertility, namely, the phases of **the moon, the stars, "mother earth", the gods**, and primarily the **"goddesses"** who are perceived to be in control of everything, including the very creation of life itself. **The worship of "mother earth" is central to witchcraft** since it is believed that everything came from her, is sustained by her, and will ultimately return to her. By "mother earth", generational fertility cults do not mean only the planet Earth, but also the vast "warehouse" of the souls of women and children who have endured unjust treatment by both men and the male deities. These souls are perceived to be in the air surrounding the planet and the blood from their bodies is perceived to be covering the soil of the Earth crying aloud for justice to the female deities who will one day avenge their suffering and death.



"Mother Earth" is to be appeased with human blood:

- Sacrificial – "water mother earth with the blood she desires, the blood of male infants".
- Menstrual – menstrual blood is perceived by female witchcraft to be the "water that gives life."

Since only the females can fulfill the second requirement themselves, the perception is that **the female carries the "power" of witchcraft.** Male witches focus on that which "mother earth" needs to continue to be fertile, namely, water from "father sky", **human blood and semen.** Semen is perceived by male witchcraft to be "life giving water". Sex and magic⁹ are also the foundation for all goddess religions, including those of India, Egypt, Greece, and pagan Rome.

⁹ For additional study, please see our book "Soul Care School Advanced Training – Course 4" as well as "The Believer's Warfare In The Heavens", available from the website or for order from the office.

The origin of all pagan gods.

The Book of Romans teaches us that from the time of our first parents, satan has invented ways to turn man from the true worship of God, to the worship of created things, instead of the Creator. The spirit of satan, unlike the Spirit of God, is always at war with the Gospel of Y'shua [Jesus Christ], so are Messiah's followers at war – “not against flesh and blood, but with principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” [Ephesians 6:12].

Just as there is a Spirit of Messiah in the world [Philippians 1:19], so is there a spirit of anti-Messiah [1 John 4:1-4]. There is a Mystery of Godliness [1 Timothy 3:16] and a mystery of iniquity [2 Thessalonians 2:7]. The Mystery of Godliness is from the time of Messiah's war with satan in Heaven, to His second coming. The symbol used as His Bride is a pure woman – pure and spotless. The harlot of the Book of Revelation represents satan's huge system of false worship, and his movement in the world. This harlot is the “mother” of all pagan religions of the world.

*Revelation 17:5 “And on her forehead there was inscribed a name of mystery [with a secret symbolic meaning]: **Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes (idolatresses) and of the filth and atrocities and abominations of the earth.**”*

History records the greatest influence to man outside the Bible, was the Tower of Babel religion namely, the worship of the sun, moon stars, planets and constellations.

Data from well-known scholars and recognized authorities piece together that it was from Babylon that all idolatry had it's origin and how all the other gods of the Assyrians, Egyptians, Hindus, Greeks, Romans, and Mexicans, like the Babylonians, were derived from astrology.

Scripture confirms in Genesis 10:10-12 that the Tower of Babel was built under Nimrod's supervision, in defiance to God. Nimrod's wife was **Semiramis**¹⁰ – another key figure in pagan worship. After Nimrod's death, Semiramis is said to have been impregnated by “the rays of the sun”, which was now “Nimrod” – the sun god. Her god-child was Tammuz¹¹. Like his father, Tammuz was said to be an excellent hunter. However, he was killed by a wild boar¹². The pagans claimed his spirit became immortal and took possession of the eastern star [Venus], that appears together with the sun and moon in the spring [New Year Festival].

¹⁰ For additional study on fertility cults, including how paganism – through Constantine – has been integrated in traditional Christian holidays such as Easter and Christmas, we encourage you to check out the “*Truth Or Tradition*” DVD by Jim Staley, <http://www.passionfortruth.org/>. Note, the video teaching can also be downloaded for free as a podcast.

¹¹ For additional study, we encourage you to check out the film “*Zeitgeist Refuted – Final Cut*” by Elliot Nesch of <http://holybibleprophecy.org/>.

¹² This “story” is the basis of the forty days of Lent – which ancient paganism kept as the forty days of mourning for Tammuz, ending with the roasting and eating of a pig.

Nimrod, according to pagan philosophy, who was worshipped as the son [being reincarnated as Tammuz] of Semiramis, as well as her husband, did cause the whole world to worship the sun, moon, and the eastern star [Venus]. They – Nimrod, Semiramis, and Tammuz – were the original pagan trio [“trinity”] of the great idolatrous Babylonian system of Baal worship.



The counterfeit pagan trio.

Since Pagan religions were – and are – based on sex, the father-mother-child triad was common to them all. The four seasons were interpreted as manifesting a great cosmic cycle from impregnation (spring) to birth (winter, at the solstice). The power or control over the masses was in the hands of the very few who were “initiated” in the mysteries, and could tell when to plant, when to reap, and when to sacrifice their children to the deities. “Deity” comes from the word “diva”, and produces the words “divine, dies, and day” – it means to shine.

Nimrod

The sun god.
Baal.
1 Kings 16:30-33

Tammuz

The son of the sun.
The pagan messiah.
Ezekiel 8:14

Semiramís

The queen of heaven.
Ashtoreth.
Judges 2:13

The ancient Babylonians taught that the fate of everything was dependent on the sky. Babylonians, as most ancient people, believed that each mortal was like the gods and had his own star in the sky. This will help us to understand the cosmic religion of astrology, and how astrology ties in with sun worship.

In the Babylonian astrological system, all the gods of heaven (the stars) were considered offspring or emanations of the sun god. Now astrology claims to interpret the will of the star gods that control the fate of mankind by the position of the chief star gods in the zodiac. The chief gods of the zodiac were seven planets who serpentine their way through the narrow band of the zodiac. You see, according to astrology, the zodiacal band was divided into twelve houses, one for each month of the year and each house was divided into three rooms, making thirty-six rooms in all, one for each ten degrees of the zodiacal circle. The entire remainder of the sky outside of the zodiacal band was also divided into thirty-six constellations, fifteen on the south side, and twenty-one on the north side, and a god of each constellation was appointed to rule over each of the thirty-six rooms of the zodiac.

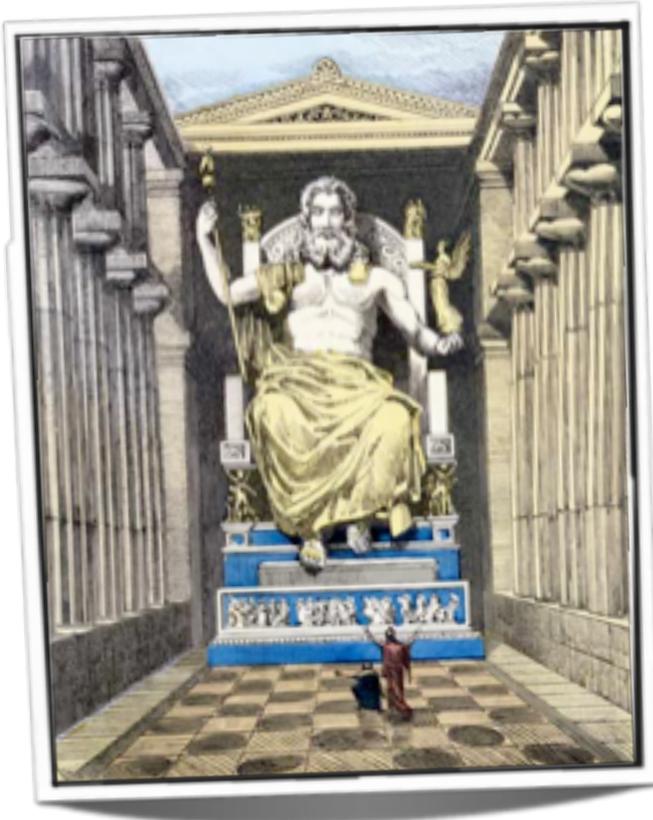
Thus we see that every star in the sky, each considered as a god and the abode of departed spirits, was included in a constellation over who was appointed a god who ruled over a zodiacal room. Each zodiacal house-god thus had three room-gods under him. The twelve house-gods (signs of the zodiac), each ruled over a month of the year, and the seven planetary gods who serpentine their way through the zodiacal band who were the sun, moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn – these regulated, according to astrology, the affairs of mankind by their relative positions in the various rooms of the zodiac.

Over them all ruled the sun god, who was considered the central fire from which each had sprung, because all the gods of the sky were but emanations of the one god, sun. No ancient or modern day witch can cast a spell, no sorcerer can perform an enchantment, no fortune-teller can predict the future without the aid of astrology. Astrology is the basic foundation of all sciences of the occult, and the origin of all pagan religious systems.

The principle deity was the SUN, worshipped for its life-giving warmth – “good sun” equaled good crops; “bad sun” equaled crop failure, with equaled no food. The Babylonians then produced their own system of religion based upon SEX.

The changes in the seasons were “interpreted” by the ancient pagan mind in a sexual way. They pictured the EARTH MOTHER ISHTAR/EASTER being “impregnated” in the spring near the vernal [Venus] equinox. Then, nine moons later, the sun was said to be “reborn” at the winter solstice.

Semiramís was probably the first “witch” – a person who possessed secret knowledge and powers to manipulate the natural world.



To the Greeks, Zeus [pictured on the left] was the sun, and his mother/wife was Hera. The Egyptians depict Isis holding Horus, who is somehow also Osiris, that looks exactly like the Madonna and Child art seen in Christendom.

The Phoenicians called Semiramis ISHTAR. The Hebrews recorded her name as ASHERAH. She has been known through out the world by many other names: Oster, Easter, Astoreth, Artemis, Aphrodite, Tanit, Diana, Nana, Maia, Gaia, Devaki, Ceres, Isis, Cybele, Venus, Frigga, Frey, Biblia, Aurora, Austra, Stella, Aster, Nut, and so forth.

Carved images of her associated with “sacred pillars” rallied multitudes of pagans to the seasonal observances, because these were the times their pagan religion ordered grand sexual “services” to be conducted. Many of these people were “shrine prostitutes”,

both male and female [Genesis 38:21]. The whole pagan system is based on SEX. “She” is fertilized in the spring, and gives birth at the winter solstice, and the years are based on when the SUN is re-born.

God’s Warning!

God warned Israel about the worship of the stars, the host of heaven. We should worship the Lord who created those stars, not the stars! This is another way satan has directed the thoughts of people from God to created things.

*Jeremiah 10:2 “2 Thus says the Lord: **Learn not the way of the [heathen] nations and be not dismayed at the signs of the heavens, though they are dismayed at them,**”*

*Isaiah 47:13-14 “13 You are wearied with your many counsels and plans. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and make known to you and save you from the things that shall come upon you [Babylon]. **14 Behold, they are like stubble; the fire consumes them. They cannot even deliver themselves from the power of the flame [much less deliver the nation]. There is no coal for warming or fire before which to sit!**”*

The astrologers took these twelve house-gods and divided them into four categories called the “four elements”¹³ namely: air, water, fire, and earth.

¹³ For the full study on the four elements, please see our book “*The Four Elements*” as well as “*Man’s Relationship To God And Earth*”, available from the website, or for order from the office.

The four levels of the spirit world.

Exodus 20:3-5 “3 You shall have no other gods before or besides Me. 4 You shall not make yourself any graven image [to worship it] or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,”

As you can see, the Bible speaks of gods that can be worshipped in:

- The **HEAVENS** above,
- The **EARTH** beneath,
- In the **WATER**,
- **UNDER** the earth.

When satan and a third of the fallen angels were cast out of Heaven and fell according to Luke 10:18, they landed on these four places and took dominion.

- The **HEAVENS**, being the second heaven, and where we get the spirits of the AIR (Ephesians 2:2).
- The **EARTH**, where we get animal spirits, spirits of the mountains, valleys, trees, forests, and so forth.
- The **WATER**, where we get water spirits, namely mermaids, Neptune, queen of the coast, and so forth.
- **UNDER THE EARTH**, where we get the realms of the dead, ancestral spirits, satanism, spiritism, vampires, and so forth.

The “pagan trio” of Nimrod, Semiramis and Tammuz, were given MANY different names by different cultures. According to all the myths and fables throughout the ages, these gods were positioned in these places and also according to the four elements. Below is a quick list of some of the names of the pagan “trinity” – please note, this is a **quick** list, there are MANY different names for this “pagan trio”, as well as many different forms of spelling.

NATION	NIMROD	TAMMUZ	SEMIRAMIS
Israel	Baal	Tammuz	Ashtoreth
Chaldea	Baal	Mithras	Ashtoreth
Persia	Ahura Mazda	Mithra Shamash	Anahita – goddess of waters and motherhood (identified with Ishtar)
Armenia	Aramazd / Ahura Mazda	Vahagn-Vram (Veretregna/Mars)	Anahit / Anahita
Macedonia / Asia	Zeus / Jupiter / Ahura-Mazda	Hercules / Mars / Veretregna	Anahita / Aphrodite / Venus

NATION	NIMROD	TAMMUZ	SEMIRAMIS
Rome [Mithras]	Father God	Mithras, the Invincible Sun and Redeemer	Mother Earth (Rock, birth of rock)
Phoenicia / Canaan	El / Dagon	Baal [Baal was married to Anat]	Ashera
Babylon / Ugarit / Phoenicia	Dagon [not necessarily represented by the symbol of a fish]	Baal	Ishchara / Ninhursaga [mother goddess]
Scandinavia / Germania	Odin / Woden	Balder	Frigg(a)
Assyria	Ninus	Hercules	Ishtar
Greece	Zeus / Apollo	Dionysus	Aphrodite / Athena
Crete	Zeus	Rhadamanthys	Europa
Rome	Saturn	Ianus	Entoria / Ops [Rhea]
Egypt	Osiris	Horus	Isis / Hathor
India	Brahma	Manu [like an "Adam", father of all mankind]	Saraswati
China	Pan-Ku / Pangu ["creator" of the world]	Xinheng	The rice daughter of the dragon king.
Mexico	Ometecuhtli	Quetzalcoatl	Omecihuatl
Scandinavia	Odin	Balder	Frigg / Freyia

In **Japan**, the Shinto religion has the phrase: "San Pao Fuh", meaning "one deity, three forms". The **Irish** used one of their ancient Druid symbols, the trifolium cloverleaf, as a symbol of their Celtic pride, but also a secret symbol of their pagan trinity.

The male and female symbols used in biology are the secret Babylonian signs of Nimrod [Orion/Sagittarius – the mighty archer/hunter], and his wife Semiramis [Great Mother, Magna Mater]. All of these things and many more were the "interpreted" mysteries of the pagan religions, overseen by wizards, sorcerers, warlocks, shamans, and priest-magicians who exploited the masses.

