

## Upside Down Kingdom A New World

Revelation can be scary, but it contains a promise to those who read it.

*“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”*

What happened to get us here in the first place?

There were **Three Falls** that happened in the first eleven chapters of Genesis.

### **The First Fall—Adam and Eve**

God created humanity in His image because He wanted a family.

Based on Gen 1:28 *“Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply.”*

God saw that what He made was good-Gen 1:31

Until...Eve was deceived by satan and sin entered the world.

No longer will they live forever (eternal life) because the consequence of sin is death.

### **The Second Fall—The Flood**

A world gone wrong—Gen 6:1-8

He destroyed every living creature on the earth, except Noah and his family and two animals of every kind, male and female by giving them a way of escape, the ark. Gen 6:9 and Gen 6:19

A Fresh start—And a command to multiply the earth Gen 9:1—the same command He told Adam and Eve in Gen 1:28

The first and second falls had to do with supernatural rebellions...  
-the third fall was because of human rebellion.

### **The Third Fall—The Tower of Babel**

We are still dealing with the consequences of this fall to this day.

Genesis 11:1—The whole world spoke one language and had common speech.

The rebellion of the Tower of Babel changed all of that. Gen 11:4-9

Deuteronomy 32:8-9 describes how God divided mankind into nations with borders

- God kept Israel for Himself
- This verse is key to understanding why Israel matters to God!

According to Deut 32:8-9, God divided up the people into nations and allowed little “g” gods (sons of God) to govern over them. This is why there are spiritual strongholds in different parts of the world.

- Buddhism, Hinduism, Voodoo, ect...

\*For more study on the sons of God, you can read Psalm 82:1 ESV

*“God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:”*

### **Genesis chapter 1-11 summed up so far:**

God created humanity because He wanted a family.

He created them in His image, and they would live forever with Him.

- They were to rule over and multiply the earth.

They disobeyed and sin entered the world

- The consequence of that sin was death

God forgave them, but the consequences remained...death was their future instead of eternal life.

As mankind multiplied over the earth, the sons of God saw the daughters of man and found them beautiful and had intercourse with them.

- This resulted in what is called the Nephilim...Nephilim being part man and part spirit.
- Because of this wickedness and depravity, God destroyed the world except those who were righteous—Noah and his family.

After the flood, God told Noah and his family to multiply the earth.

The descendants of Noah moved eastward and settled in a place called, “Shinar”.

- They wanted to become like God and so they built a tower to reach the heavens.

God confused their language and divided them up into nations with borders

- little “g” gods (sons of God) governed them
- Except a little tiny part of the world that was the Lord’s portion...Israel.

We meet Abraham in chapter 12 of Genesis

- God makes a covenant with Abraham, known as the Abrahamic Covenant. Gen 12:1-3

Abraham obeys God and leaves everything and everyone he knows

- God leads Abraham and his descendants to the promised land (Israel)
- the nation of Israel prospered under Gods’ protection

They became disobedient and stubborn toward God.

- God removed his blessing and protection
- Israel lost their position as a sovereign nation as was prophesied in Deuteronomy 28:64

BUT...God still had a plan

He would make Israel a great nation a second time!

- prophesied multiple times in the OT...Jeremiah 16:15, Jeremiah 30:3, Ezekiel 37:21-22
- This prophecy was fulfilled in 1948 when Israel became a nation again.

Israel is ground zero of the end times. You must understand the importance of Israel to understand eschatology

Two reasons why Israel is a super sign:

- No other sign of the times could occur until Israel became a nation again, it started the end times clock.
- The sheer magnitude of Israel becoming a nation coming to pass. It is statistically impossible to predict this sign with all the details and preconditions. It was fulfilled down to the detail in our modern era.

**Why this matters now.**

Jesus is and was always the plan!

God scattered the plan of Jesus' birth, death on the cross, and being raised from the dead to trick satan so that he had no idea what was happening. 1 Cor 2:7-10

Why wouldn't He do the same with the plan for Jesus coming back again?

- First in the rapture and then the final 2<sup>nd</sup> coming?

When we know the end of the story, we can have peace that in the end, we win...because Jesus wins.

**It matters because** I want to be among those who know the Word of God

- Who studies to find the clues
- Is led by the Spirit so that I can be ready and be prepared for "that day"
- Have peace in this present world
- Tell others about The Blessed Hope that is coming so they can have peace in this crazy world

**It matters because** of the words in Revelation 1:3

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