




Welcome  
to  
Rehoboth New  
Life Center

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# The Weapons Of Our Warfare

## Part 2 : Fighting Babylon



2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)



# Origin Of The “gods”

## DEAD SEA SCROLLS

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- Genesis 10:25
- And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.
- **Brenton Septuagint Translation (Deuteronomy 32:8)**
- When the Most High divided the nations, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the angels of God.
- **Contemporary English Version (Deuteronomy 32:8)**
- that God Most High gave land to every nation. He assigned a guardian angel to each of them
- **Good News Translation (Deuteronomy 32:8)**
- The Most High assigned nations their lands; he determined where peoples should live. He assigned to each nation a heavenly being,

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- Psalms 97:9 For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted **far above all gods**.
- Exodus 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, **among the gods**? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?
- Psalms 86:8 ¶ **Among the gods** there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.
- Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers of the darkness of this world**, against spiritual wickedness in high places.



# The Rebellion



1 God presides in the great assembly; he renders judgment among the “gods”:

2 “How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked?

3 Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

5 “The ‘gods’ know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 “I said, ‘You are “gods”; you are all sons of the Most High.’

7 But you will die like mere mortals; you will fall like every other ruler.”

8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.

# Daniels Battle Site: Babylon



Babylonia was a state in ancient Mesopotamia. The city of Babylon, whose ruins are located in present-day Iraq, was founded more than 4,000 years ago as a small port town on the Euphrates River. It grew into one of the largest cities of the ancient world Under King Called Hammurabi. Several centuries later, a new line of kings established a Neo-Babylonian Empire that spanned from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea. During this period, Babylon became a city of beautiful and lavish buildings. Biblical and archaeological evidence point toward the forced exile of thousands of Jews to Babylon around



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- The Greek historian Herodotus wrote that the walls of Babylon were so thick that chariot races were held on top of them. The city inside the walls occupied an area of 200 square miles, roughly the size of Chicago today.

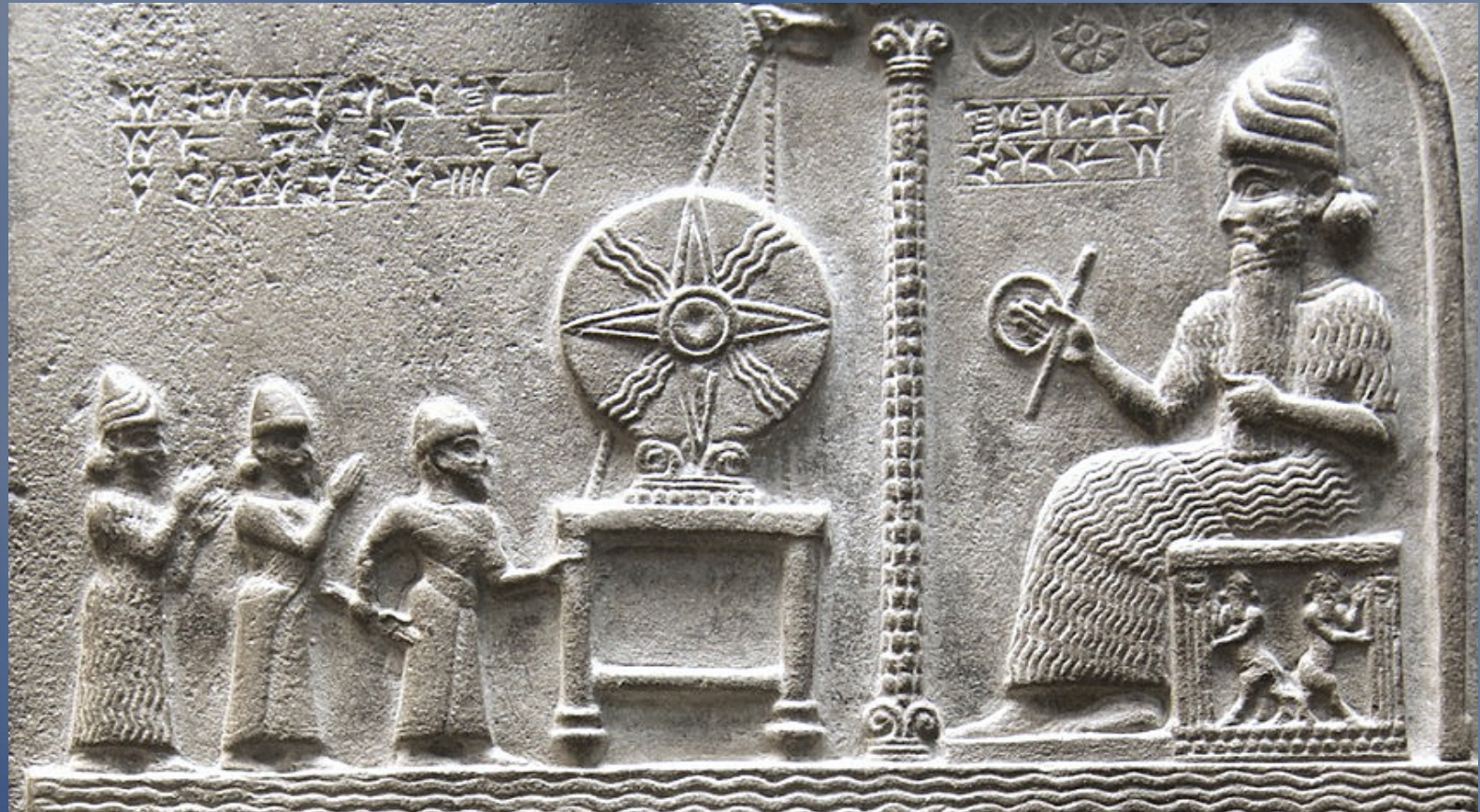




# The Enemy: Marduk , Nergal, Tiamat, Shamash



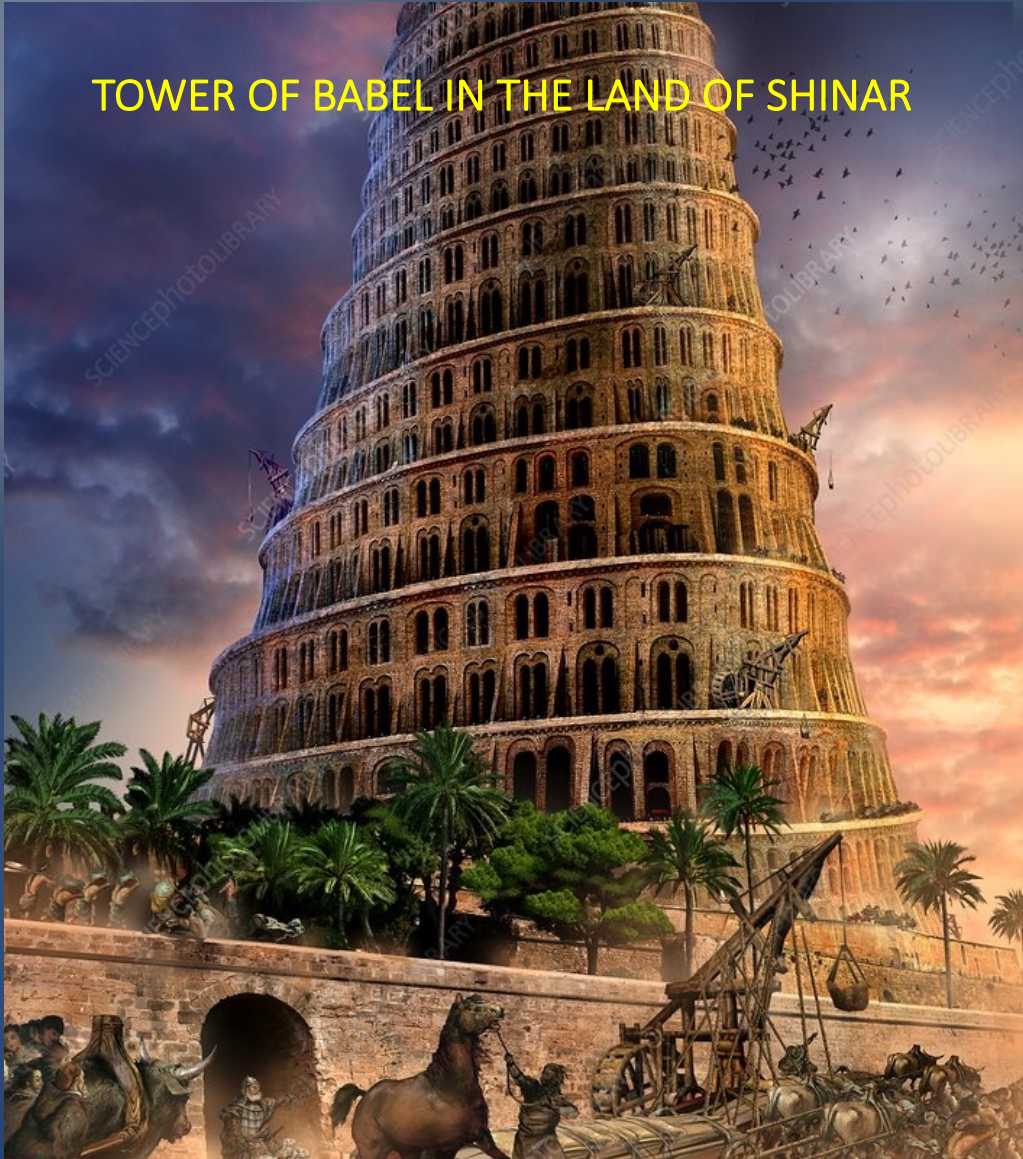
- Marduk, in Mesopotamian religion, the chief god of the city of Babylon and the national god of Babylonia; as such, he was eventually called simply Bel, or Lord.





# The First Fight

TOWER OF BABEL IN THE LAND OF SHINAR



- Daniel 1:1 ¶In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.
- 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried **into the land of Shinar** to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god
- Genesis 11:1 ¶And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
- 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
- 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.



# The First Fight; Conforming



Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- Daniel 1:5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.
- 6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:
- 7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.
- 8 ¶ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.



# The Second Fight; Worshiping



- Daniel 3:1 ¶Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.
- Daniel 3:4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,
- 5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:
- 6 And whoso falleth not down and worshippingeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.



# The Third Fight



- Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.



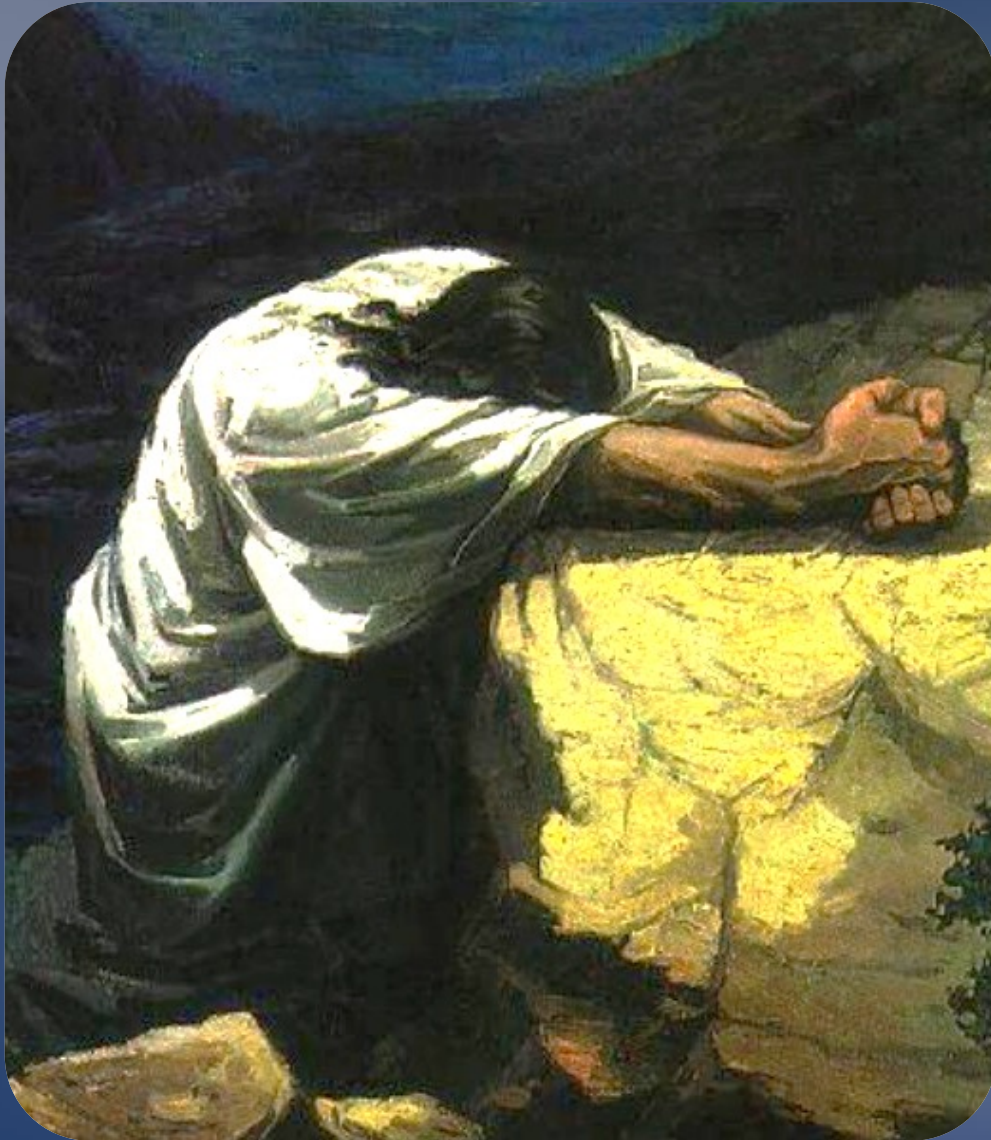
# The Weapon... Prayer



- Matthew 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
- 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
- 9 ¶After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
- 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
- 11 Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
- 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



# Jesus ... Prayed ... A lot



- Matthew 14:23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
- John 6:15 ¶ When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.
- Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.



# A Reason To Pray!



- Luke 22:39 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.
- Luke 22:40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, **Pray that ye enter not into temptation..**
- **Romans 8:26** ¶Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.