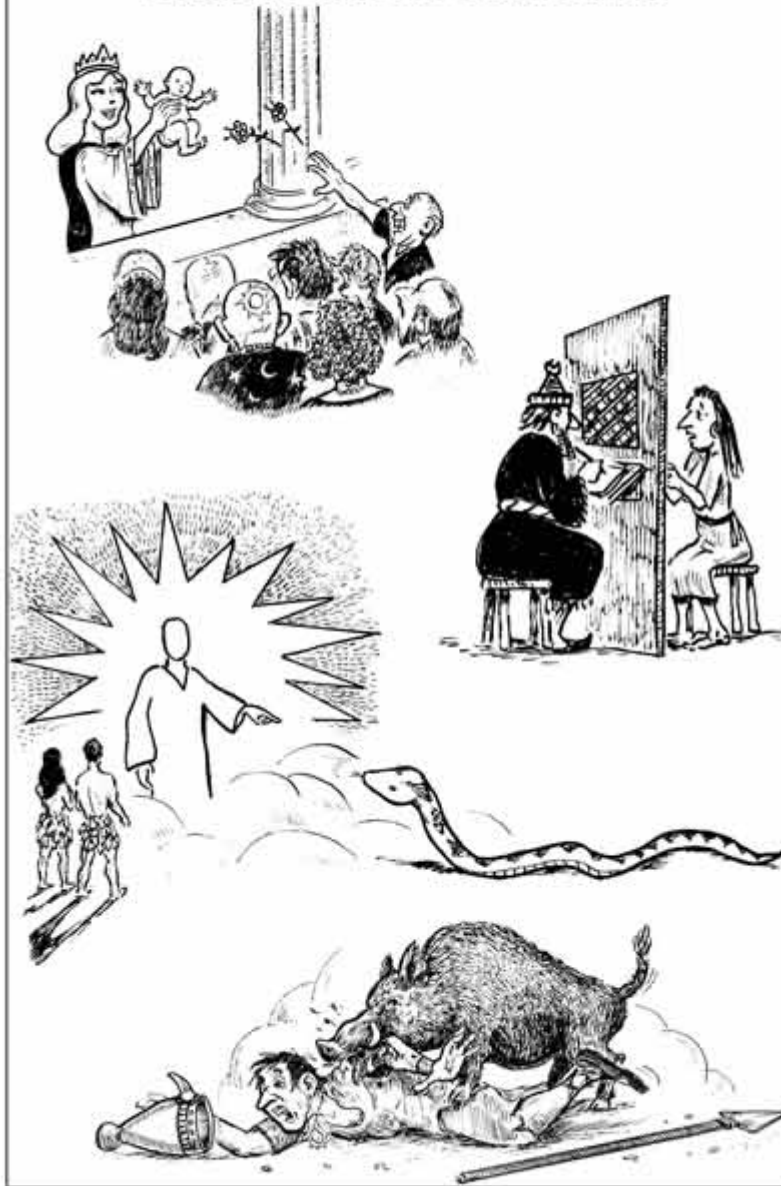


Chapter 2:**Satan's Plan for Semiramis**

Semiramis put on a great act for the people.



But Semiramis had a **big problem**: her society no longer had a **leader**! To regain control of the people she needed to mold their **religion**. She met with her priests:



As was the custom, Semiramis mourned for her husband many days. But soon she started messing around with **other men** ... till the *unexpected* happened!

¹ See Hislop, *The Two Babylons* (1858), p. 62

THE GOSSIP SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE!



People had mixed reactions to rumors of Semiramis' pregnancy. She was viewed *both* as a harlot *and* as a "virgin queen."¹ For a while things seemed desperate.



And she found it—right in the pages of holy scripture, quoted from father to son from Adam on down.

SUDDENLY HER CHILD WOULD SEEM "HOLY" ...

¹ See Appendix A for more information on this.

God's prophecy about Eve was still in everyone's minds—it had not been that long since the Flood!



AND SO SEMIRAMIS SET UP THE CON JOB OF A LIFETIME ... HER OWN SON WOULD BECOME THE FOCUS OF A *NEW KIND OF RELIGION*...

**AND GUESS WHO WAS GUIDING HER
THE WHOLE TIME?**

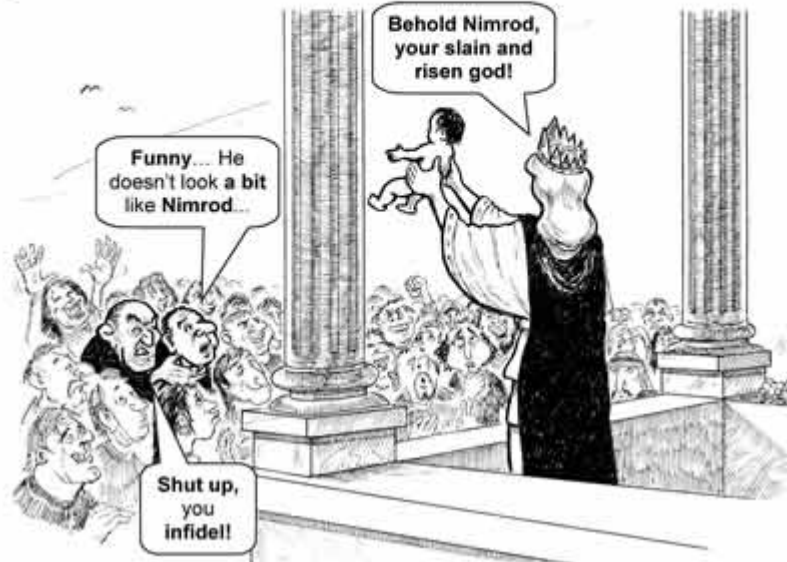


This was literally an offer she couldn't refuse. In the eyes of the people she would be a "new Eve," whose child would bruise the serpent's (i.e., Satan's) head.¹

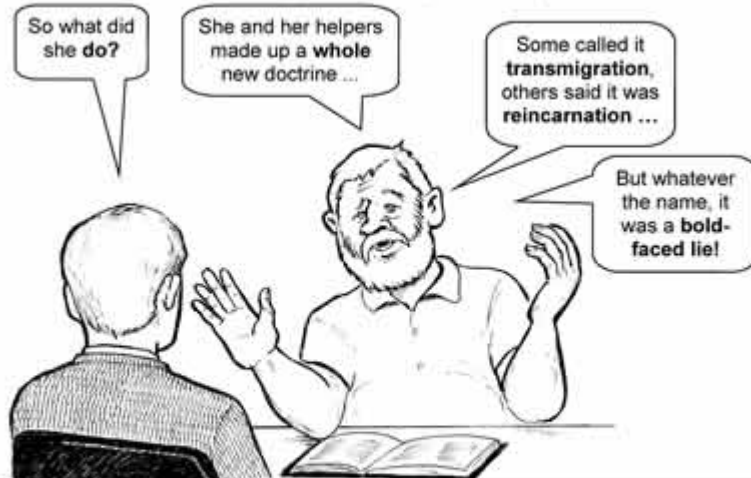
But surprise! She really served Satan! The Devil offered her almost unlimited power—and she took it! Satan's carefully planned lies would make her *seem* to be, not a pregnant harlot, but a holy mother.

YOU WON'T BELIEVE HOW SHE PULLED IT OFF!

¹ See Hislop, *The Two Babylons* (1858), pp. 58-60, 75-77, 244, 277 & 323. Available from Chick Publications.

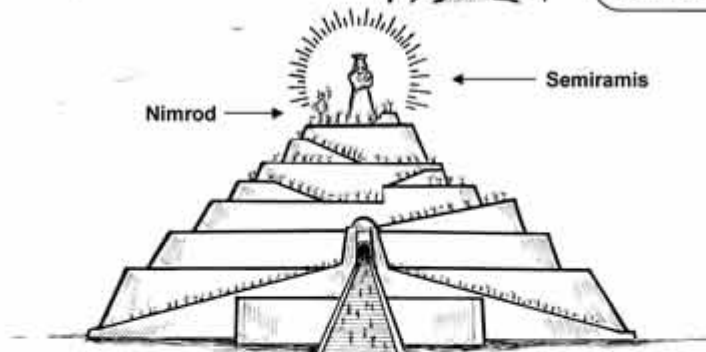


But it wasn't enough to parade the baby around. Semiramis had to come up with a story so amazing that no one would dare say the baby was anyone but Nimrod!



THE DEVIL HIMSELF MUST HAVE BEEN PROUD!

They started telling the lie that Nimrod's soul had "migrated" from his dead body into Semiramis' womb, so the baby was supposedly Nimrod—and a god, too!



So in the next generations¹, Semiramis became the focus of their religion, *not Nimrod—or her son.*

AND IT'S STILL TRUE TO THIS DAY!

¹ The days of her great-grandson Arioch or Arius. See *The Two Babylons*, pp. 69-70.

Semiramis and her baby Nimrod (or “Tammuz” - which means “faithful son” ¹) had **nowhere near** the power that her husband Nimrod had displayed. They couldn’t protect the people from wild beasts—or even rival cities! Semiramis needed *another* way to **control** the Babylonians. The only way to do this was to **seal them in, building towers and walls around Babylon.** ²



Now she and her baby (who was supposedly “Nimrod” reincarnated) could rule over the people more completely. But that wasn’t enough for the Devil and Semiramis. She wanted to control their **very thoughts, as well.**

**SEMIRAMIS NEEDED SOMEONE TO BECOME
HER EYES AND EARS AROUND BABYLON...**

¹ Tammuz is another spelling of *Dumuzi* (or *Dumuzid*), which means “faithful son.” See *Myths from Mesopotamia*, by Stephanie Dalley (2000), p. 320 & *A Dictionary of Non-Christian Religions*, by Geoffrey Parrinder (1971), p. 273.

² See Hislop, *The Two Babylons* (1858), pp. 30-31.

SO QUEEN SEMIRAMIS INVENTED ...
HER OWN PRIESTHOOD!¹

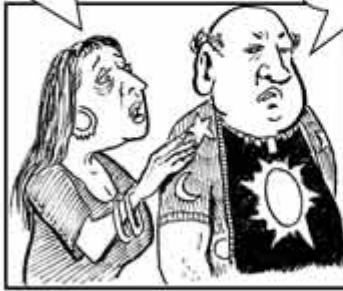


THEN AN ORDINARY EVENT GAVE SEMIRAMIS
A SNEAKY WAY TO CONTROL THE PEOPLE...

¹ See Hislop, *The Two Babylons* (1858), pp. 219-24.

I have a **terrible secret**, Holy One. And you're the **only** one I can **trust** to tell it to.

Not here! Let's find a place where we can talk **privately**.



She believed her priest was a "holy man," so she trusted him to keep her secret. She never even considered that *someone else* could be listening in...

It's my husband ... He's involved in an **evil plot** —

Go ahead ... I'm listening.



Hmm... That gives me an idea!

Of course, my Queen!

I want to know **everything** she told you.



All the priests in Babylon served **only** Semiramis, so she got them to **take note** of every little thing they heard during their "holy duties" ...

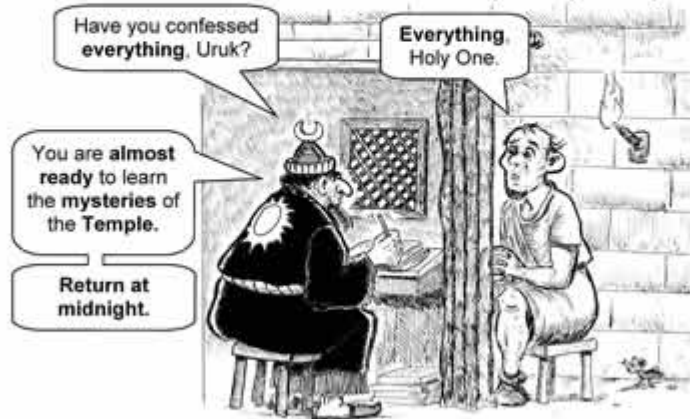
AT LAST A SYSTEM BEGAN TO TAKE SHAPE ...



Confessional booths¹ started popping up around Babylon.



¹ See Hislop, *The Two Babylons* (1858), pp. 9-10 & 12-21.

Watch as Uruk¹ is initiated into "Mystery Babylon" ...

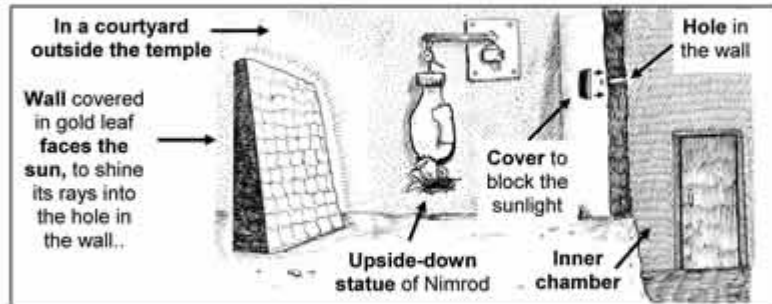
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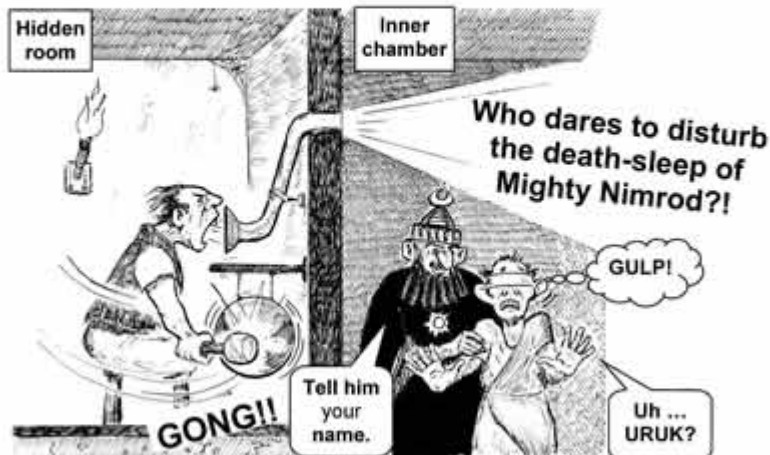
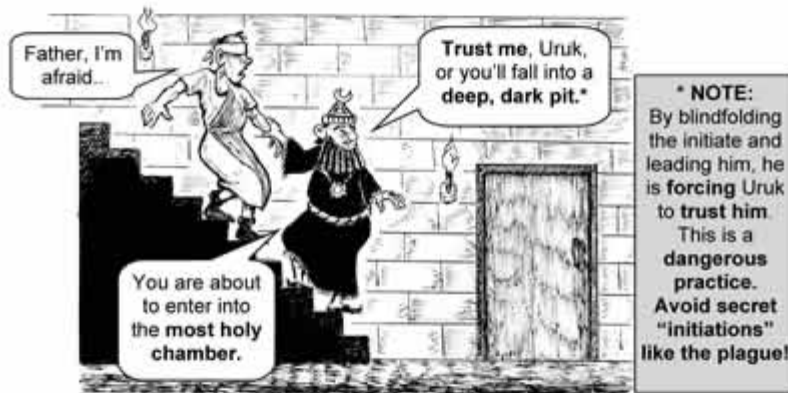
¹ Note: "Uruk" is a fictitious character.

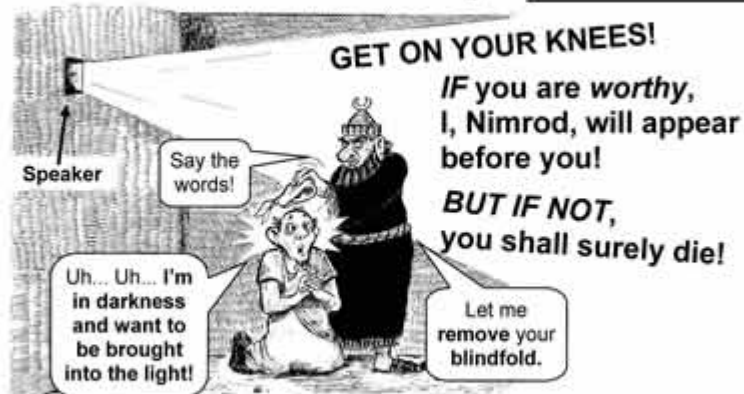
² To dull the mind, making it easier to fool him. See *The Two Babylons*, pp. 4-5.

HERE ARE THE SUPPOSED "MIRACLES" :



NEXT MORNING





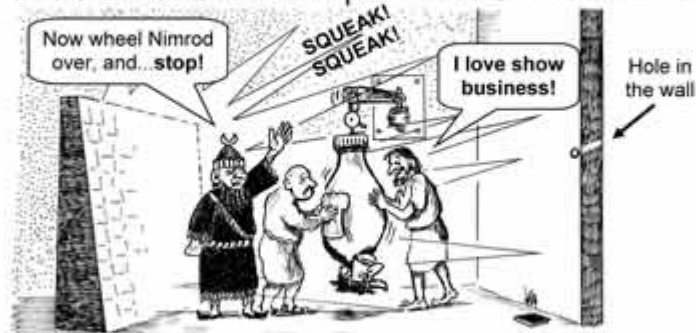
The gold leaf mirror is set to reflect the sun. Then...



Sunlight flashes through the hole, lighting the chamber.

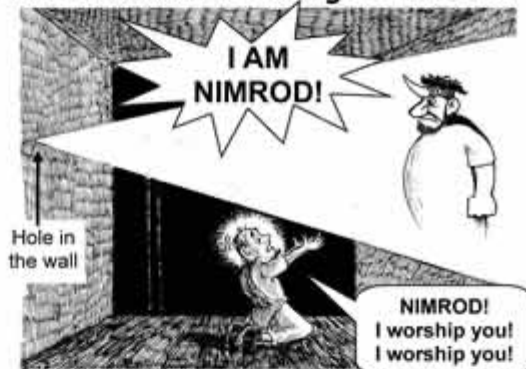


The men move "Nimrod" into position before the hole...



...And suddenly the dark room is like a giant camera!

Like magic,
a right side-up
image of the
idol of Nimrod
projects onto
the wall. It's a
very *old* trick,¹
but it *works*!



Satan replaced faith in God with religion and parlor tricks. Now he had to make a god out of Tammuz.

¹ For an ancient, eyewitness account of this trick, see *The Two Babylons*, pp. 67-68.

Tammuz was born into a very *confusing* world. His mother's husband (killed by Shem) was **not** his father. Nimrod was already known by many different names, like **Marduk** and **Gilgamesh**.¹ And Tammuz (Semiramis' son, said to be Nimrod reincarnated), was supposed to be Semiramis' husband as well as her son! What a mess!



¹ Because God confounded the language, the members of this strange family got even more names. (See Chapter 3.) *Marduk* is just a different spelling of Nimrod. In Hebrew, the root word **MRD** ("to rebel") adds an N at the front. But in Babylonian they added a K at the end. So **N+MRD** became **MRD+K**.

² Inanna was a name for Semiramis used by people in Sumer (south of Babylon).

³ Baal means "lord" or "master" in Hebrew and other *Semitic* (Shem-ite) languages.

⁴ See p. 43.

ON TO ASSYRIA!

As "Asshur,"
Tammuz rode north
and built four cities,
including Nineveh.¹
Semiramis played
along, play-acting as
his "consort"—one of
his "royal wives."

*But in reality, she
ran the whole show!*



**TAMMUZ DIDN'T KNOW IT, BUT ...
"MOM" WAS ABOUT TO RUN THE COUNTRY, TOO!**

Here's what
ancient myths² have in
common: They all say
spirits came to Inanna
(Semiramis) to drag
her down to hell...

Then give us
Dumuzid
(Tammuz) as
a substitute.

She **refused** to tell
them where to find
Tammuz, till one day...



¹ See Genesis 10:11-12. More about the identity of Asshur is in Chapter 3.

² Compare the ancient Cuneiform (wedge-writing) tablets "Dumuzid & Jectin-ana," "Dumuzid & His Sisters" & "Inanna's Descent to the Nether World" (see Appendix A).

Semiramis walked in on her husband/son:



But in the ancient myths, the *very next thing she did* was betray her husband/son Tammuz to the devils! They dragged him down to hell and brutally tortured him. He pleaded with "the gods" and he escaped—for a time. But he was caught again.

NOW LET'S LOOK AT WHAT *REALLY* HAPPENED TO "THE BOY WHO WOULD BE KING" ...

IT WAS TIME TO FINISH OFF TAMMUZI!

In reality, when Semiramis caught her son on the throne, she knew she must **act fast** or **lose the power** she gained from her dead husband Nimrod. And the many stories bear **one striking testimony** about how she did it ...¹



Probably that winter, he was killed by a wild boar.



TAMMUZ THE MAN WAS NOW DEAD ... BUT:

¹ For more information, see Appendix A.

TAMMUZ THE LEGEND WAS ABOUT TO BE BORN!



Tammuz is dead!
Sob! Sob!

And the kingdom is mine!

This time her tears were fake. She felt no feeling for her dead son and husband Tammuz.

NOW NOTHING WOULD STOP QUEEN SEMIRAMIS!

Semiramis got away with the death of Tammuz.
But who was blamed for it? That's right: *the pig!*



Later, on the 1st day of spring, Semiramis declared:



... And people *bought it!* She now saw that her son (and husband) Tammuz (or Baal) could be molded into any shape she wanted!

Tammuz didn't seem to have a lot of personality, so ...

**SEMIRAMIS
GAVE HIM ONE!**

¹ See Hislop, *The Two Babylons* (1858), pp. 99-100.

**IT WAS NOW TIME FOR TAMMUZ
TO HAVE HIS OWN "EXTREME MAKEOVER!!"**

This doesn't really show Baal's *inner beauty*. Remake him as the **most gorgeous** man ever.

What — *HIM*? Of course, Your Majesty, but I will have to take a few ... er ... *liberties*...



By the time they were finished with him, Tammuz ended up looking *nothing like* his real self.

He went from THIS:

to THIS:



Baal (lord or master)



Adonis (from the Hebrew for lord or master)

Now Tammuz was not only a god—he was beautiful. Satan was almost ready to *export* Babylon Religion.

There were a few more changes in store. Queen Semiramis used her power to make final adjustments so that her "priesthood" would live on after her death.



With all the new priests, priestesses, prostitutes and celibates being added, the queen was able to set up even more temples all over the known world.

SEMIRAMIS WAS A SCHEMER TO THE VERY END.

¹ Ishtar is yet another name for Semiramis. See Appendix A for more information.

² Temples of Ishtar (or Inanna) engaged in prostitution as a form of "worship." See Appendix A for further details.

³ A celibate is a person forbidden to marry.

Ancient stories say that Semiramis was the most beautiful woman in the world. An often-quoted passage seems to describe the historical evidence beautifully:

She was beautiful no doubt Her form was matchless in symmetry, so that her every gesture, in the saddle or on the throne, was womanly, dignified, and graceful, while each dress she wore, ... seemed that in which she looked her best. ... she possessed more than a man's power of mind and force of will.

A shrewd observer would have detected in those bright eyes, despite their ... loving glance, the genius that can command an army and found an empire ... in the clean-cut jaw and prominence of the beautifully moulded chin, a cold recklessness that could harden on occasion to pitiless cruelty¹



**Queen Semiramis died, but "Holy Inanna"
(A.K.A. "Ishtar") lived on ... right up to this day!**

¹ See the novel written about Semiramis at the *beginning* of modern archaeology by writer G.J. Whyte-Melville, *Sarchedon: A Legend of the Great Queen* (1871), p. 28.

Chapter 2 Summary

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After the death of Nimrod, Semiramis was in mourning—but also in danger! So she quickly took her Babylon Religion underground.

But she also became pregnant! So Satan helped her devise a way to claim her baby was really Nimrod *reincarnated*. Amazingly, the people bought it.



Everyone believed that her child was the promised “seed” of Eve who would defeat Satan, and thus “bruise the serpent’s head” (Genesis 3:15).

Semiramis *used* Tammuz. **She** was the real power behind the throne. Tammuz was a “puppet” king at best.

Remember, Semiramis was married to her **son**! It sounds like she loved her son a little **too** much. But according to ancient writings, she loved power much more than she loved Tammuz. One day she caught him on “her” throne, and decided she had to *rid* herself of him.



So she let a **wild boar** do her dirty work, then remade her son’s image from skinny, wimpy “Baal” into **Adonis**—Mr. Beautiful!

But after **all three** died, Satan remade “Inanna,” Nimrod & Baal ...

Now find out **WHAT** they were remade INTO!