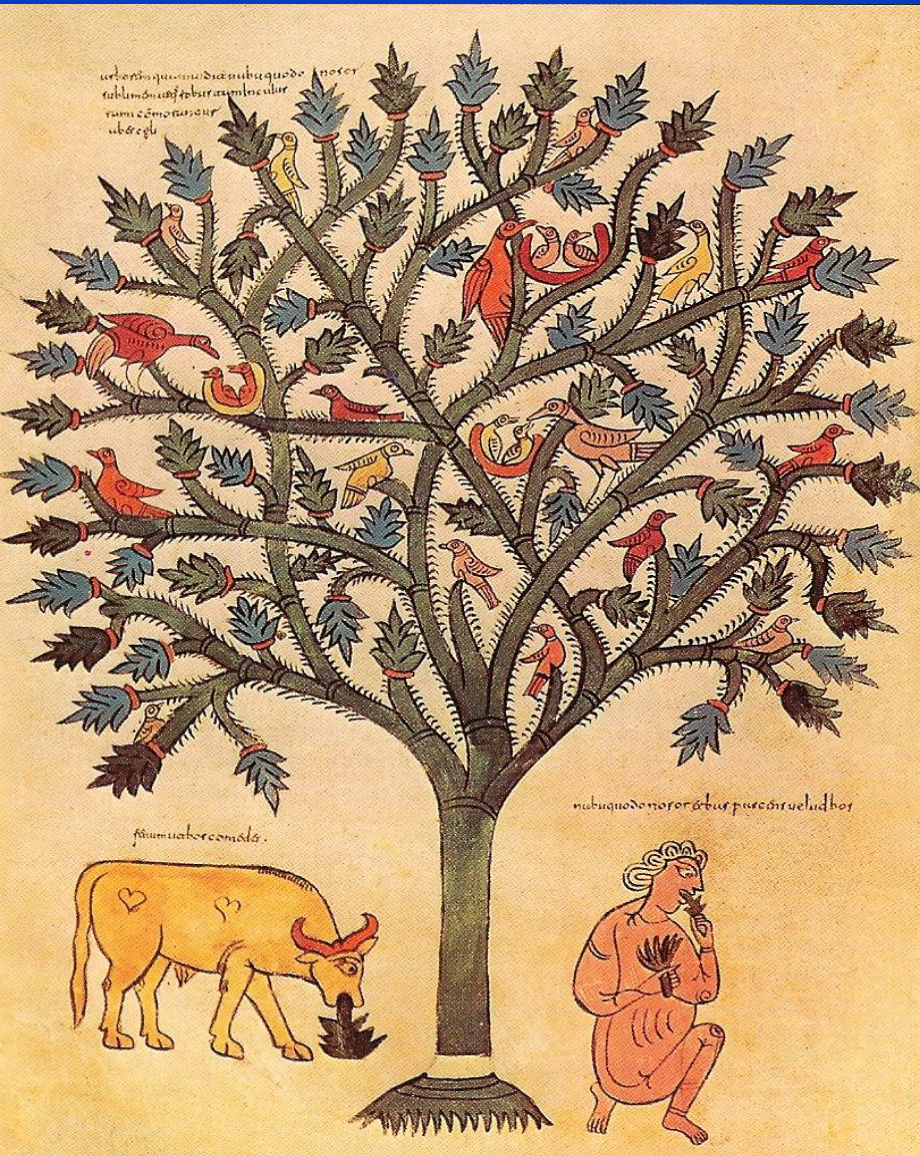


NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM-TREE



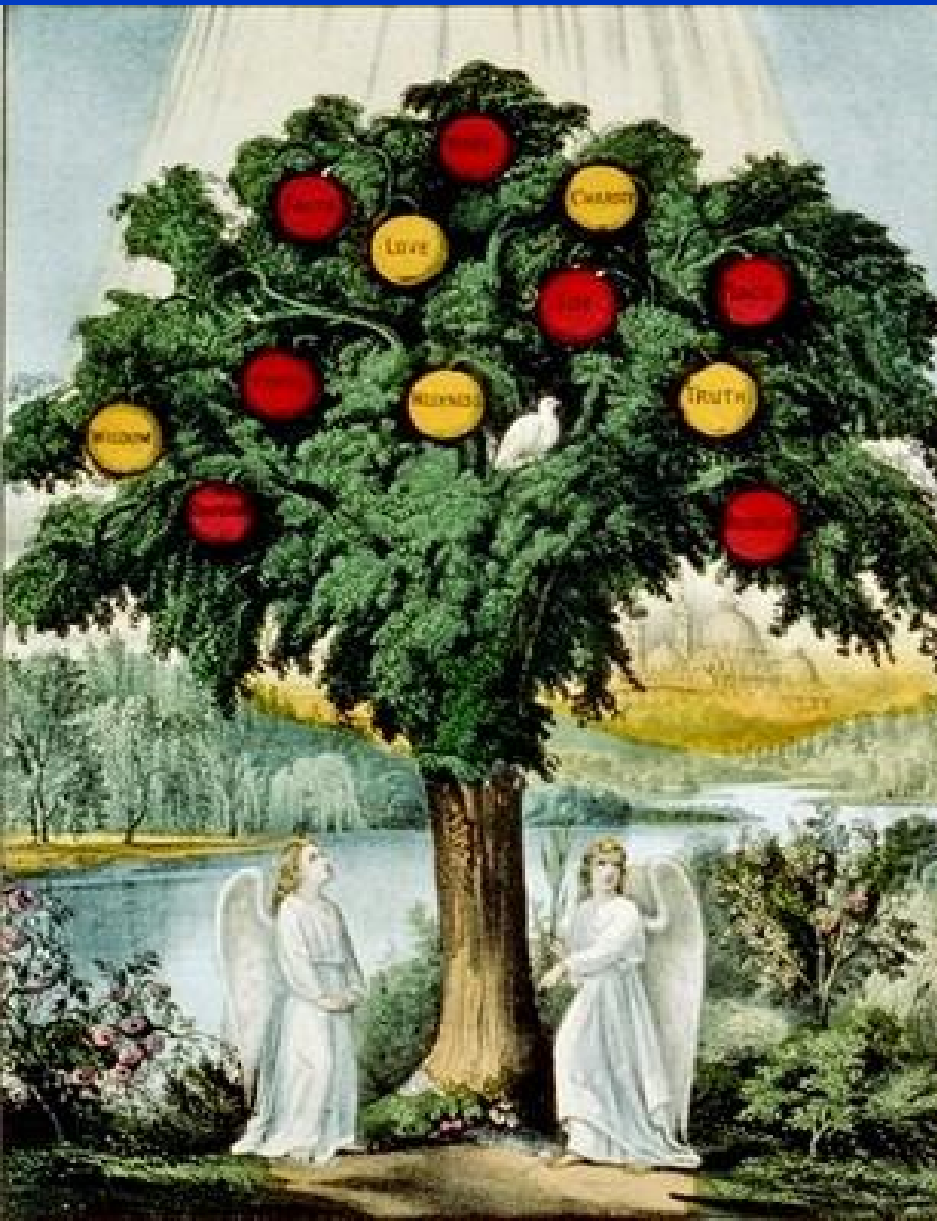
- Chapter 4 is entirely of Nebuchadnezzar's narration
- Holy Watcher probably a heavenly angel
- King is agitated, because he senses that the dream is bad news
- Chaldean seers can't interpret the dream
- Daniel brought in, and he is able to decipher it

TREE IS AT THE CENTER OF THE EARTH

- Dan. 4:7 – 9
- For Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon was the center of the world
- Book of Revelation speaks of a one-world government, with Anti-Christ running it, capital is Babylon
- Tree-dream happened, foreshadows a future event, and is an anti-type



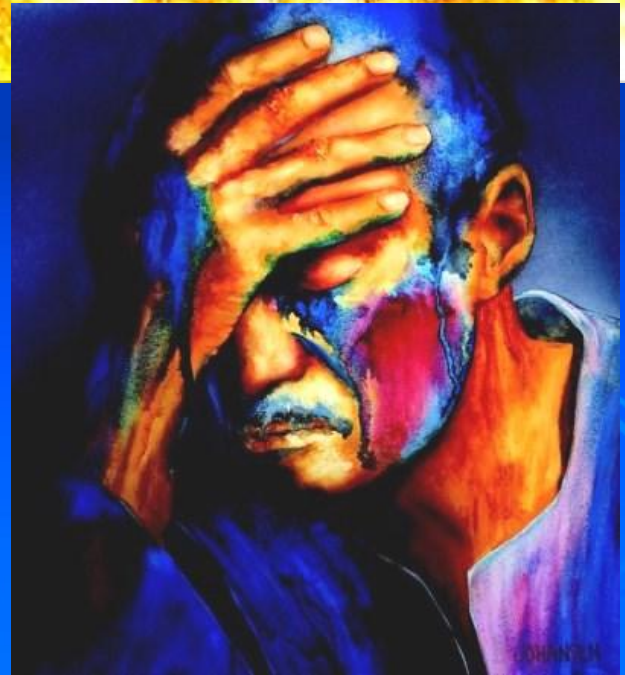
THE TREE OF LIFE



- Gen. 2:9 – 17
- Tree of Life at the center of the Garden, which was the center of the earth
- Provided for the world's first inhabitants
- Tree of life associated with Euphrates and Tigris Rivers
- Rev. 22:1, 2
- Tree of Life at location of God's throne in God's Kingdom

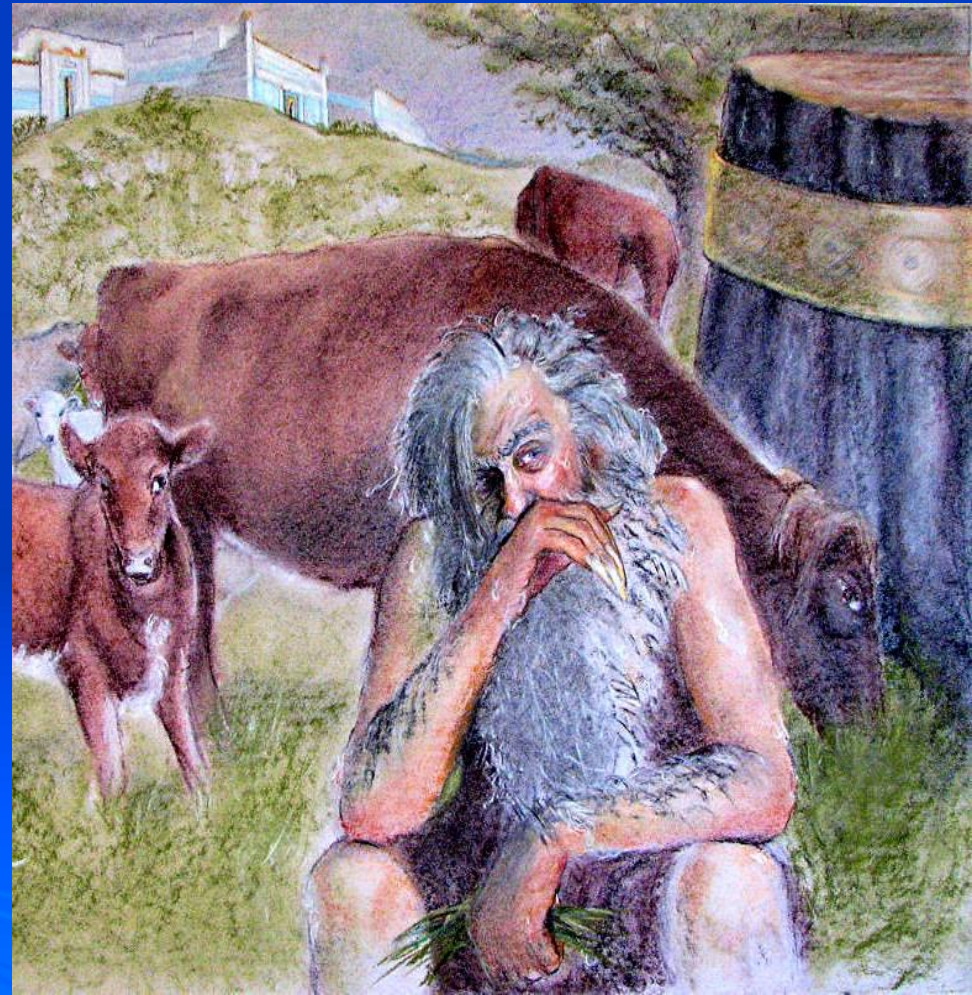
BABYLON HAS FALLEN !!

- Babylon will again be “cut down” in the future
- Rev. 18:1 – 3
- Rev. 18: 9 – 12
- Just as things were going well for Nebuchadnezzar when disaster struck, so it will be for future Babylon
- Babylon is an anti-type of Jerusalem



GOD GIVES THE KING THE NATURE OF AN ANIMAL

- The means of the king's fall is that he will take on the nature of an animal
- 7 "units" of time
- The king will remain this way until he learns that the Most High rules over the entire human domain
- The "name" of the Most High is still not given



A WORKS-RIGHTEOUS DOCTRINE?

Good **WORKS** do not
make a **MAN**
RIGHTEOUS
but a **righteous**
man **DOES**
good WORKS

- Vs. 24 has been mistranslated in the Septuagint (LXX)
- “...*ATONE* for thy sins with alms.....”
- Aramaic *peraq* = break away from (not redeem or atone)
- Latin Vulgate, early church fathers, Theodotion, & several Rabbis adopted this viewpoint

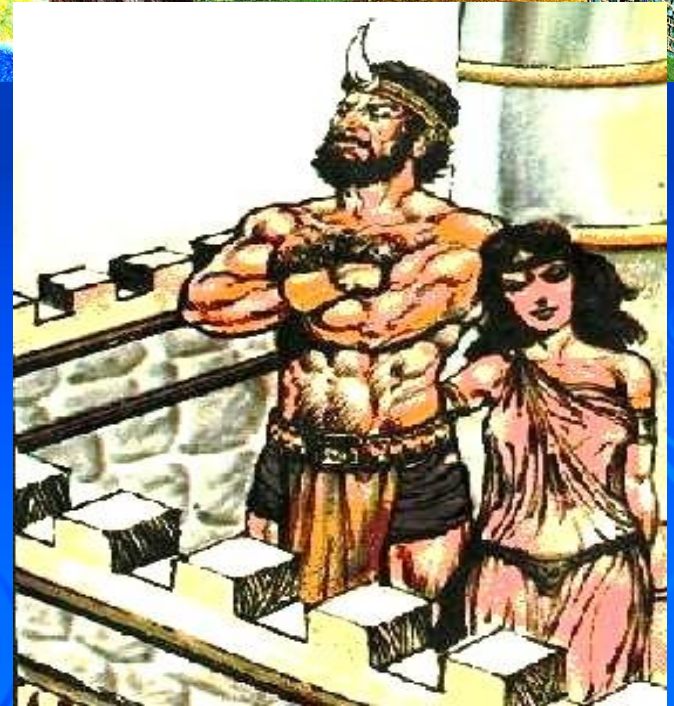
GOD DOES JUDGE OUR WORKS



- Idea of repenting from our sins to avert punishment, even for a while, is biblical
- Jeremiah 18:5 – 11 “*..but if that nation turns from their evil.....then I relent concerning the disaster I had planned to inflict....*”
- Jonah 3 “*...When God saw **BY THEIR DEEDS** that they had turned from their evil way, He relented....*”
- Step 1: Believe God
- Step 2: Repent and confess
- Step 3: Change your ways

IT HAPPENED!

- It happened because the king chose to continue on his same path
- Proverbs 16:18 *“Pride goes before destruction.....”*
- The king credited himself for his accomplishments
- Nebuchadnezzar defied God just as Nimrod did



LYCANTHROPY?

- The king suffered mental illness
- Lycanthropy = a person thinks they have changed into an animal
- Bible criticism says this proves Daniel is a fantasy
- Proof outside of bible that this actually happened?



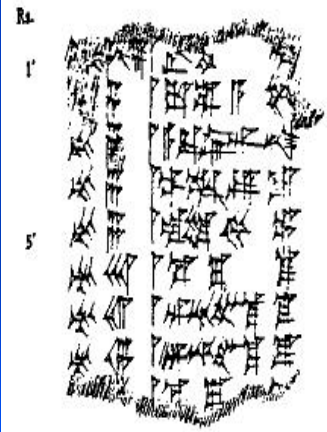
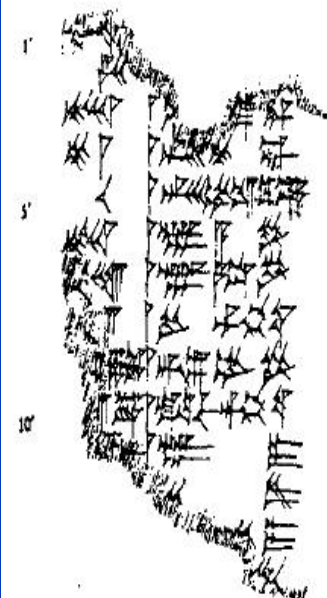
EUSIBIUS, ABYDENUS, AND BEROSUS SPEAK OF THIS EVENT



- Eusibius: Church Father wrote “Preparations for the Gospel”
- Abydenus: pagan Greek historian wrote “A History of the Chaldeans and Assyrians” circa 2nd cent. AD
- Berosus: Priest of Marduk, spoke of Nebuchadnezzar falling ill and later dying circa 3rd cent. AD

URUK KING LIST

- Discovered about 100 years ago
- Inconsistencies usually indicate a period of co-regency
- Co-regency = King and heir ruling simultaneously
- Nebuchadnezzar's son Evil-Merodach probably ruled during period of his father's insanity



(Obverse)

Lacuna			
(1)	MU x x x	[...]	
(2)	ša-niš	x(?) [...]	
(3)	MU 21	=K[an-ša]-la-an	
(4)	MU 1	=Šin ₂ -šumu-lišir ₂	
(5)	u	=Šin ₂ -šarra-iš-ku-un	
(6)	MU 21 21 anni	=Nabū-apla-ušur	Nabopolassar
(7)	[MU] 43 43 anni	=Nabū-kudurri-ušur (II)	Nabucodonosor
(8)	[MU] 2 2 anni	=Amil-šarduk	Evil-Merodach
(9)	[MU] 3 8 III 3 m	=Nergal-šarra-ušur	Neriglissar
(10)	[...]	=La-ba-ši-šarduk	Labashi-Marduk
(11)	[MU] 17(?) 17 anni	=Nabū-nā'id	Nabonedo
(12)	[MU x]	[K]ur-raš (II)	Ciro II
(13)	[MU x]	[Kambuzi-i	
(14)	[MU x]	[Daria-m]uš (I)	

(Reverse)

Lacuna		
(1)	[š]u(?)-[m]u ša-nu-ú	=Ni-din-šarduk(?)
(2)	[MU] 5	=Da-ra-a-muš (III)
(3)	MU 7(?)	=A-liš-sa-an-šar (III)
(4)	MU 6.	=Pi-il-šip-su (III)
(5)	MU 6	=A-i-tu-gu-un
(6)	MU 31	=Si-lu-ku (I)
(7)	MU 22	=An-ti-'u-ku-su (I)
(8)	MU 15	=An-ti-'u-ku-su (II)
(9)	[MU] 20'	=Si-lu-k[u] (II)

Lacuna

The Uruk King List (W 20030, 105)

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SPIRITUAL INSANITY

- Spiritually caused mental illness comes from extreme pride, greed, and arrogance
- King Saul and Nebuchadnezzar are good biblical examples
- Howard Hughes and Bernie Madoff good modern examples

