

History : **Genesis 10:8-12 & 11:1-9**

*Nimrod* ('strong' ; 'he that rules') - as a *mighty hunter* established the first kingdom of the post-flood world. *The Jewish Encyclopedia* says "he led the people in rebellion against God". Nimrod set himself up *before the Lord* (10:9). He was the leader who found *the plain in Shinar*, and said *let us build us a city and a tower . . . and make us a name*, (11:2-4). After his death, his idolatrous wife, queen Semiramis, claimed Nimrod was now the sun-god. Later, when she gave birth to an illegitimate son named Tammuz, she claimed her son divinely conceived and was Nimrod reborn. The Devil was beguiling her (as he did Eve) into setting up a counterfeit to the Messianic Promise of Genesis 3:15. Her claim that her son was supernaturally conceived and that he was the promised seed led to a corrupt system of worship. This false religious counterfeit was taken to all the world when God *confounded their language and scattered them abroad*.

<u>Nation</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Child</u>	
Babel	Semiramis	Tammuz	Ezekiel 8:14
Mid-East	Ashtaroth	Baal	Judges 2:13
Egypt	Isis	Horus	
India	Isi	Iswara	
Sumeria	Nana	Attis	
Phrygia	Cybele	Deoius	
Hindu	Devaki	Krishna	
Rome	Venus	Jupiter	
China	Shing Moo	& child	She is pictured with
Germans	Hertha	& child	rays of glory around her head
Scandanavia	Disa	& child	and the child in her arms.
Greece	Ceres	& child	
the Etruscans	Nutria	& child	Mother goddess is now the primary
Catholicism	Madonna	& child	object of devotion & worship.
the Druids	Virgo-Paritura	---	
Ephesus	Diana	---	Acts 19:24-35

The first Jesuit missionaries to China wrote home to Rome : "We were astonished to find the counterpart to the Madonna and her child as devoutly worshipped in China as in Papal Rome itself. Shing Moo, the Holy Mother in China, is represented with a child in her arms, and a *glory* around her, exactly as if a Roman Catholic artist had been employed to set her up."