Tower of Babel – Isaiah 45:18

In the middle of the Bible, is located a chapter that gives a summation of the Bible as a whole - beginning with the Tower of Babel. This chapter takes us all the way through the centuries to the judgment of the nations just before of the future Kingdom of God's only begotten Son.



In the first three verses as the first kings of the earth gathered in rebellion to God (Nimrod, etc.), with these kings do the opposite of what God commanded. After God laughs, He vexes them with His sore displeasure. The instruction at this point, to the observers in every dispensation, is that the solution to this weird situation is to "set His King on His Holy Hill of Zion".

Now, this Psalm speaks, in verse 7, of His king's coronation, along with His Son's inheritance in verse eight. Instructions are given to the kings of the earth, in the last three verses, concerning the judgment just before the time of the Kingdom. This judgment is explained in Matthew 25 with the revelation that these future nations that treat Israel righteously will enter the future Kingdom; the ones that do not treat Israel righteously, will perish.

If we will examine this prophetic Psalm, we will be able to visualize, since this Psalm takes us right down to the judgment just before the Kingdom, that the first worldwide rebellion is a type of the last worldwide rebellion, (antichrist, etc.) These last kings are gathered together in one place to battle with God. All of these kingdoms become the Kingdoms of Christ at His Second Advent. (Revelation 19-20). Yet in reality, it is God that assembles this group of kings from all over the earth. We find this in Zephaniah. We will cut in and notice the language sounds like Babel: (Zephaniah 3:6-9)

Psalm 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

Psalm 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,

Psalm 2:3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

Psalm 2:4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Psalm 2:5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Psalm 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Psalm 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Psalm 2:8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession. (John 17)

Psalm 2:9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Psalm 2:10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Psalm 2:11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Psalm 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

The 11th chapter of Genesis, at verse 9, marks the end of the first major section of Genesis. This section covers a period of about 2000 years whereas the 2nd major division covers about 300 years. This 1st major division is also a microcosm of the Bible as a whole; and is eminently important for understanding the early history of the Bible - of Creation, the Fall of Man, the Flood, and culminates with the Tower of Babel, and is a type of the history of the Bible as a whole.

God dealing the first worldwide rebellion, is at the end of this first section, and God dealing with the last worldwide rebellion is located at the main event of the Bible (Second Advent) of the Bible, as a whole, in the last book. Every book of the Bible has the scope of the Father unveiling or revealing His Son. (Psalm 40:7; Hebrews 10:7). The Bible, as a whole, begins with Creation, and at its apex (The revelation of Jesus Christ – Revelation 19), Christ deals with the final world-wide rebellion and then sets up His Kingdom.

I. The Earth was created to be filled with people – Isaiah 45:18

Now that we are at the ending of the 1^{st} major division in the book of Genesis, we can probably appreciate more now how God set up His Book. God began writing His Word in anticipation. In anticipation of what? In anticipation of the last book, of course. Only God could set up a book like that. Here are a few examples

The Anticipation of prophecy - Probationary & Cursed World

Probationary World (Genesis)	Eternal World (Revelation)	
Division of light and darkness – (1:4)	No night there – (<u>21:25</u>)	
Division of land and sea – (1:10)	No more sea – (<u>21:1</u>)	
Rule of the sun and the moon $-(1:16)$	No Need of sun or moon – (21:23)	
Man in a prepared Garden – (2:8-9)	Man in a prepared city – 21:2	
River flowing out of Eden – (2:10)	River flowing from God's Throne – (22:1)	
Gold in the land – $(2:12)$	Gold in the city - (21:21)	
Tree of life in the midst of the garden $-(2:9)$	Tree of life throughout the city – (22:2)	
Bdellium and the onyx stone – (2:12)	All manner of precious stones – 21:19)	
God walking in the Garden – (3:8)	God dwelling with His people – (21:3)	

Cursed World in Genesis compared with the Eternal World in Revelation

Cursed World (Genesis)	Eternal world (Revelation)	
Cursed ground – (3:17)	No more curse – (<u>22:3</u>)	
Daily sorrow – (3:17)	No more sorrow – $(21:4)$	
Thorns and thistles – (3:18)	No more pain – (<u>21:4</u>)	
Sweat on the face – $(3:19)$	Tears wiped away – $(21:4)$	
Eating herbs of the field – (3:18)	Twelve manner of fruits – (22:2)	
Returning to the dust – (3:19)	No more death $-(21:4)$	
Evil continually – (<u>6:5</u>)	Nothing that defileth – (21:27)	
Coats of skins – (3:21)	Fine linen, white and clean – (19:14)	
Satan opposing – $(3:15)$	Satan banished – (20:10)	
Kept from the tree of life $-3:24$)	Access to the tree of life $-(22:14)$	
Banished from the garden – (3:23)	Free entry to the city – $(22:14)$	
Redeemer promised (3:15)	Redemption accomplished $-(5:9-10)$	

This first section, while vitally important, is the most ridiculed and disparaged book in our time. Creation teaches the true beginning of the heaven and the earth, animals, and man; establishing the fact that God is the Creator and He only sets the rules. Adam was in defiance of God's Word even though He knew God's Word perfectly. (I Timothy 2:14) Adam's sin was the direct cause of the land being cursed, and the first prophecy of the coming "Seed of the Woman". (Genesis 2:16-17), Genesis 3:15)

As sin begins, we find Adam's first son, Cain, who killed his brother, Abel, out of complete disregard for God's Words, built cities in his rebellion. (Genesis 4:16-17). There is a contrast of the generations of Cain for 10 generations and that of Seth. Although both generations were evil, God found a righteous man named Noah and started all over from his three sons after destroying all the inhabitants of the earth except the eight souls and animals in the ark.

After the Flood account we have another genealogy with two distinct lines, where we find some striking similarities to the first. God makes an eternal covenant with Noah, in which God establishes "human Government" with capital punishment in order to protect the people of earth. Two distinct people stand out from these two genealogical lines; Nimrod who will disregard God's Word, and, out of rebellion, will attempt to build cities and a tower to reach unto heaven without God. Secondly, Eber, who had a son named Peleg, in whose time, the earth's people will be divided upon the earth. Abraham will come out of Eber's line.

Now, God has appointed the earth to be filled with people as we find out in <u>Deuteronomy 32:8</u> and <u>Acts 17:26</u>, and keeps track of them because from one genealogical line will come Christ. We can track Babylon's continuing to be Satan's stronghold until its fulfilment in <u>Revelation 17</u> and <u>18</u>.

II. Chapter 10 teaches that the nations were divided after the Flood

Genesis 10:32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

70 Nations Divided in the Earth after Noah's Prophecy

<u>Genesis 9:1</u> And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

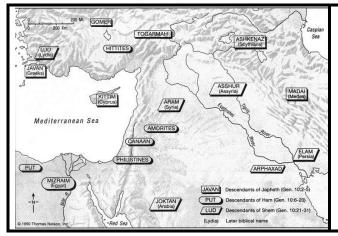
Shem – 2 nd Born	Ham – 3 rd Born	Japheth – 1 st Born	
Genesis 9:26 Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.	Genesis 9:25 Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.	Genesis 9:27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.	
Prophecy Begins fulfillment in	Prophecy Fulfilled within 200	Prophecy begins to be fulfilled in	
Chapter 12 and is Eternal	years	1500 years and lasts even today	
Elam	Cush	Gomer (Germany, Crimea, Cambria, Celts)	
Asshur(Assyria)	Seba	Ashkenaz(Germany, Saxons, Scandanavia)	
Arphaxad	Havilah	Riphath (Carpathians)	
Salah	Sabtah	Togarma (Armenia)	
Eber (Hebrews)	Raamah	Magog (Georgia, Scthians)	
Peleg	Sheba	Madai (Medes, Aryans, India)	
Joktan	Dedan	Javan (Ionians, Greeks, Coastlands)	
Almodad	Sabtecchta	Elishah (Hellas)	
Sheleph	Nimrod (Babylon, Erech, Calneh, Nineveh)	Tarshisti (Spain)	
Hazarmaveth	Mizram (Egypt)	Kittim(Cyprus)	
Jerah	Ludim	Dodanium (Rhodes)	
Hadoram	Anamim	Tubal	
Uzal	Lehabim	Meshech	
Diklah	Naphtuhim	Tiras (Thrace, Teutons)	
Obal	Pathrusim (Pathros)		
Abimael	Casluhim (Philistines)		
Sheba	Philistim		
Ophir	Caphtorum		
Havilah	Phut (Libya)		
Jobab	Canaan		
Lud (Lydia)	Sidon		
Aram	Heth (Hittites, Cathay)		
Uz (Job)	Jebusites		
Hul	Amorites		
Gether	Girgashhites		
Mash	Hivites		
	Arkites (Phoenicians)		
	Sinites (Sino, China)		
	Avidities		
	Zemarites		
	Hamathite		

<u>Deuteronomy 32:8</u> When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

Exodus 1:5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls:

III. Chapter 11 teaches how the nations were divided after the Flood

The Divided Nations - 70 Nations Significant



Acts 17:26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

Exodus 1:5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.

<u>Deuteronomy 32:8</u> When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

Ezekiel 5:5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.

Where did they go after the Confusion of Tongues?

Shemites Mostly stayed in the Middle East

Japhethites went North, North West, and some went Northeast

Hamites went south Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan, but Canaan stayed in Middle East

We have the last event of the first major division of Genesis

A. Genesis split into two major divisions

- 1. Four major historical events Human History
- 2. Four major historical people Hebrew History

B. Human history divided into four major events

- 1. Creation
- 2. Fall of Man
- 3. Flood
- 4. Tower of Babel

C. Hebrew history is divided into four major people

- 1. Abraham
- 2. Isaac
- 3. Jacob
- 4. Joseph

D. The book of Genesis interprets what is going to happen in history

- 1. Human history gets us ready for Hebrew history
- 2. Hebrew history gets us ready for the rest of the Old Testament
- 3. The Old Testament gets us ready for the New Testament
- 4. God's Word in total gets us ready for eternity

E. But God's Words are much more than history - They are His Story

F. God Speaks - Man was created in God's image

- 1. Let's go back to the text When was this spoken? Consult Revelation 13:8
- 2. God spoke before Creation, and recounts it by inspiration in Psalm 2, Acts 4, 13, Hebrews 1, 5.
- 3. The first day of Creation, God said,

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4. God said because God can speak - God created man in His own image to speak to him

IV. Chapters 9-10 are "transition chapters"

A. Transition from the Flood to the Confusion of Tongues

- **1.** Chapter 10 tells us that the scattering took place.
- 2. Chapter 11 tells us how it took place

B. Two part directive from God

1. Be fruitful, multiply, replenish

<u>Genesis 9:1</u> And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

Genesis 9:2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

Genesis 9:3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

Genesis 9:7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

2. Capital Punishment along with establishment of Human Government – To protect

Genesis 9:4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

Genesis 9:5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

Genesis 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

C. Noah's Prophecy foreshadows the Church Age

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Eternal prophecy begins fulfillment in Genesis chapter 12, through Abraham Isaac, Jacob, and extending through David. David's royal line continuing to Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Genesis 12,15,17; Il Samuel 7; Isaiah 11; Jeremiah 22:24-30; Haggi 2:20-23; Zechariah 6:12;	There is no generational Curse! Prophecy Fulfilled within 200 years. Canaan literally became "a servant of servants" to his brethren because of his propensity to Pagan sin. This servitude began in the time of Joshua, expanded into the time of the Judges, and all the way through to the time of Solomon. Joshua 9:1-3; Joshua 9:4-14; Joshua 9:19; Judges 1:28-35; I Kings 9:19;	A continuation of Genesis 3:15, not appearing again for 1500 years. Beginning as "Japheth" is "enlarged" by the Japhethite Medes and Shemite Persian conquers of the Babylonian empire, whom God used to remove sinful Judah from their land, judging the "tents of Shem". King Cyrus gave the decree for "Shem" to return, and Japheth's enlarging continues with the Greeks and later the Romans. God is using Japheth to protect the "Tents of Shem" while dwelling under their cover. God used the Japhethite Romans to judge "Shem" as they rejected their Messiah, removing them from the land again. The church began by "Shem" and expanded into Japhethites and Hamites. Thus the church is under the "Tents of Shem". This continues with the Portuguese, Spanish, and especially the British, instrumental in Jews returning to their land again. When the last form of Rome re-appears, Rome's last Caesar will be defeated by the Shemite, Jesus Christ. Then the "tents of Shem" will in one day be established in the Kingdom.	

D. Two Distinct people stand out in chapters 9-10

- 1. Nimrod First autocrat
 - a. Wants to pervert Human Government
 - b. Completely in defiance of God's directive
 - c. Does not want to protect population, but to use them for his own personal gain
 - d. Therefore called a "mighty hunter" before the Lord As in Jeremiah 16:15-16
- 2. **Eber** Not the son of Shem, but the great, great grandson of Shem
 - a. Undoubtedly listed because of his descendant, Abraham

- b. Had a son named him Peleg (During his time the earth was divided)
- c. Obviously, Eber (Hebrew) wanted God's directive unlike Nimrod

E. Nimrod compared with Adam

Adam	Nimrod	
1. In defiance of God's Words - Genesis 3.6	1. In defiance of God's Words – Genesis 11:3	
2. Went against God knowingly - I Timothy 2:14	2. Wilfully rejected God's directive - Genesis 11:4	
3. Expelled from the place of his sin Genesis 3:23-24	3. Expelled from the place of his sin - Genesis 11:8	
4. Received punishment for sin - Genesis 4:12-13	4. Received punishment for sin - Genesis 11:8	

F. Nimrod compared with Cain

Cain	Nimrod	
1. In defiance of God's Words - Genesis 4:7-10	1. In defiance of God's Words – Genesis 11:3	
2. Went against God knowingly – Genesis 4:7-10	2. Wilfully rejected God's directive - Genesis 11:4	
3. Built Cities - Genesis 4:17	3. Built Cities – Genesis 10:10	
4. Left from the presence of God - Genesis 4:16	4. Expelled from the place of his sin - Genesis 11:8	

G. Chart of the Feasts foreshadowing the Church Age

Name of Feast	Reference	Hebrew Name	Foreshadow	Foreshadow Reference
Passover	Leviticus 23:1-5 Exodus 12:1-10	Pesch	Redemption 1 st Advent of Christ	I Corinthians 5:7
Unleavened Bread	<u>Leviticus 23:6-8</u> <u>Exodus 12:10-20</u>	Matza	Sanctification	I Corinthians 5:8
First Fruits	Leviticus 23:9-14	Barley & Flax Harvest	Resurrection	I Corinthians 15:23
Pentecost	<u>Leviticus 23:15-22</u>	Shavuot (Weeks)	Advent of the Holy Spirit Church Begins	<u>John 20</u> - <u>Acts 2</u>
Hebrews summer harvest for 4 months between feasts foreshadows: The church sent to Summer (wheat) harvest field by Christ			<u>John 4:28 - 42</u>	
Trumpets	(Include 22 as transition) Leviticus 23:23-25 Numbers29:1-6	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) (Yam Teruah)	Rapture of the Church	I Thessalonians 4:12 - 18 I Corinthians 15:50-58
Day of Atonement	Leviticus 23:26-32	Yom Kippur	Israel's Restoration 2 nd Advent of Christ	Leviticus 16; Zechariah 12; Romans 11; Ezekiel 37-39
Tabernacles	Leviticus 23:33-44	Sukkot	Millennium	Zechariah 14 Revelation 19-20

F. Jesus taught His disciples about this harvest of the church age

John 4:31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

John 4:32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

John 4:33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

John 4:36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

John 4:37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

John 4:38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Genesis 11:1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

Genesis 11:2 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.

A. Shinar Traced: Cites Nimrod built, Nebuchadnezzar's land, and future place for whore riding the beast

<u>Genesis 10:10</u> And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of <u>Shinar</u>.

<u>Genesis 11:2</u> 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.

<u>Genesis 14:1</u> And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

Genesis 14:9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

<u>Isaiah 11:11</u> And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

<u>Daniel 1:2</u> 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 <u>Shinar</u> to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

Zechariah 5:11 And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

<u>Genesis 11:3</u> And they said one to another, <u>Go to, let us</u> make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.

Genesis 11:4 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.

- B. Direct rebellion to what God told Noah: Genesis 9:1-6
- C. Also God's directive: Psalm 95:1-11
- D. Look at Vs 3, They said, Go to, let us, Vs 4, They said, Go to, let us all withoutour an antecedent What does it mean? Verse 5 has the antecedent, the "children of men"
- E. Nimrod wants to stop God's plan by using the people to further his own personal, political gain
- F. Nimrod a hunter used in the same sense as Jeremiah spoke Jeremiah 16:9-21
- G. Nimrod becomes a "mighty man" Genesis 10:9-10 Last time we heard this: Genesis 6:4
- H. Three reasons Nimrod wanted to build the tower:
 - 1. The top may reach unto heaven Want to reach heaven without God

 Psalm 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.
 - 2. Make us a name without God contrast this with Abraham:
 Genesis 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
 - 3. Lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth Direct defiance of God
- I. This can be contrasted with other conspiracies in the Bible:
 - 1. Plot to kill Nehemiah and stop the building of the wall Nehemiah 6.2
 - 2. Christ's answer to those who plot to kill Christ and stop God's plan Matthew 21:28-32

With all man's rebellion, the best they can do is Brick for stone and slime for morter

IV. The LORD is in charge and carries out His plan

Genesis 11:5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

Genesis 11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Genesis 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

Genesis 11:8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

Genesis 11:9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

A. Everyone that got off the ark knew God, but it doesn't take long for idols to appear:

<u>Joshua 24:1</u> And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

Joshua 24:2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.

B. Yet, Noah worshiped the one true God after leaving the ark How does this happen so quickly?

Comparing the Righteousness of God with Ungodliness and unrighteousness

Romans 1:15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

The Righteous live by faith

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

The wrath of God is revealed against men who hold the truth in unrighteousness

<u>Romans 1:18</u> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

The unrighteous have no excuse

Romans 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Here's how it happens – It did not start that way

<u>Romans 1:21</u> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

God gave them up

Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

God gave them over to a reprobate mind

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Romans 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Romans 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.