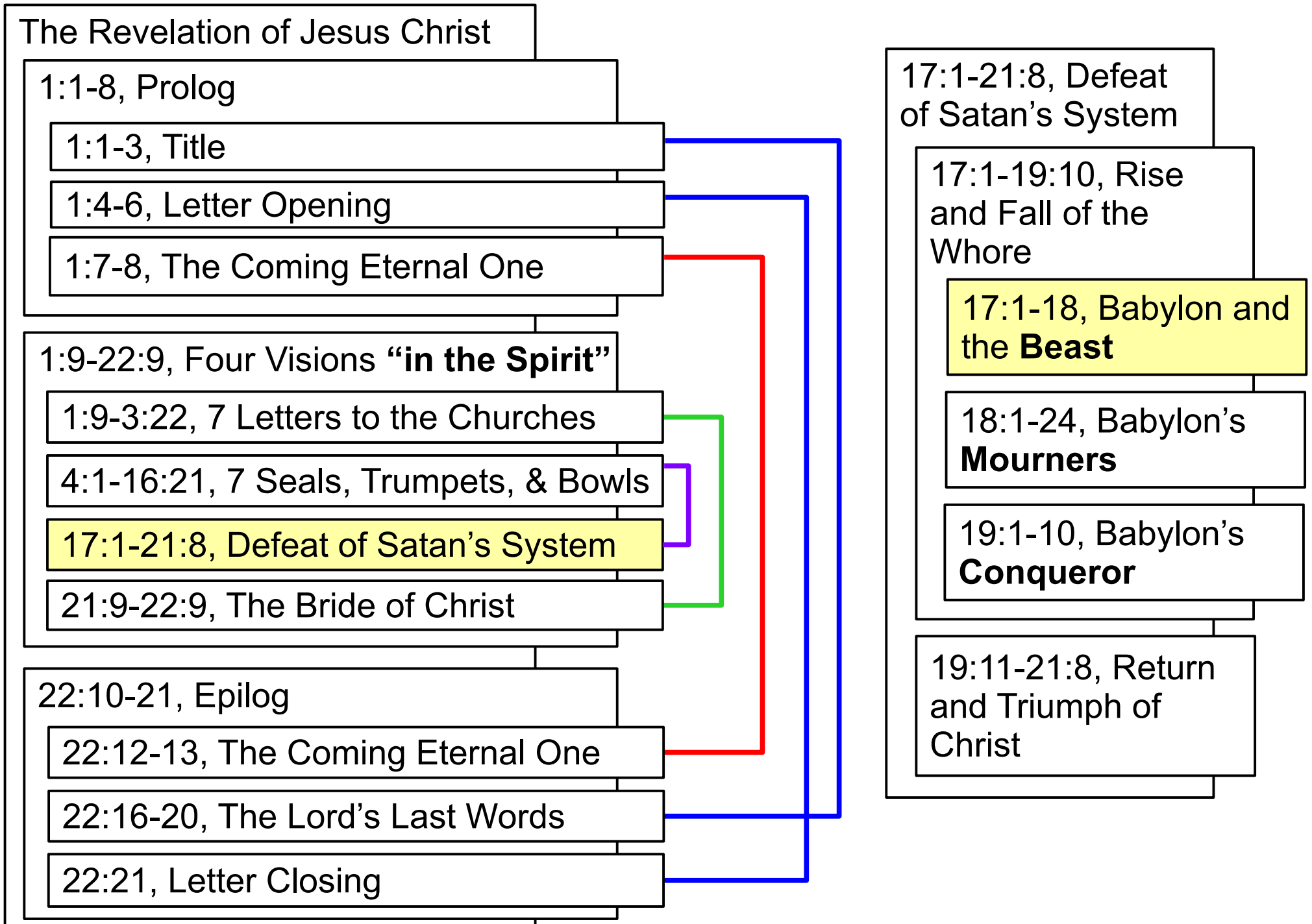


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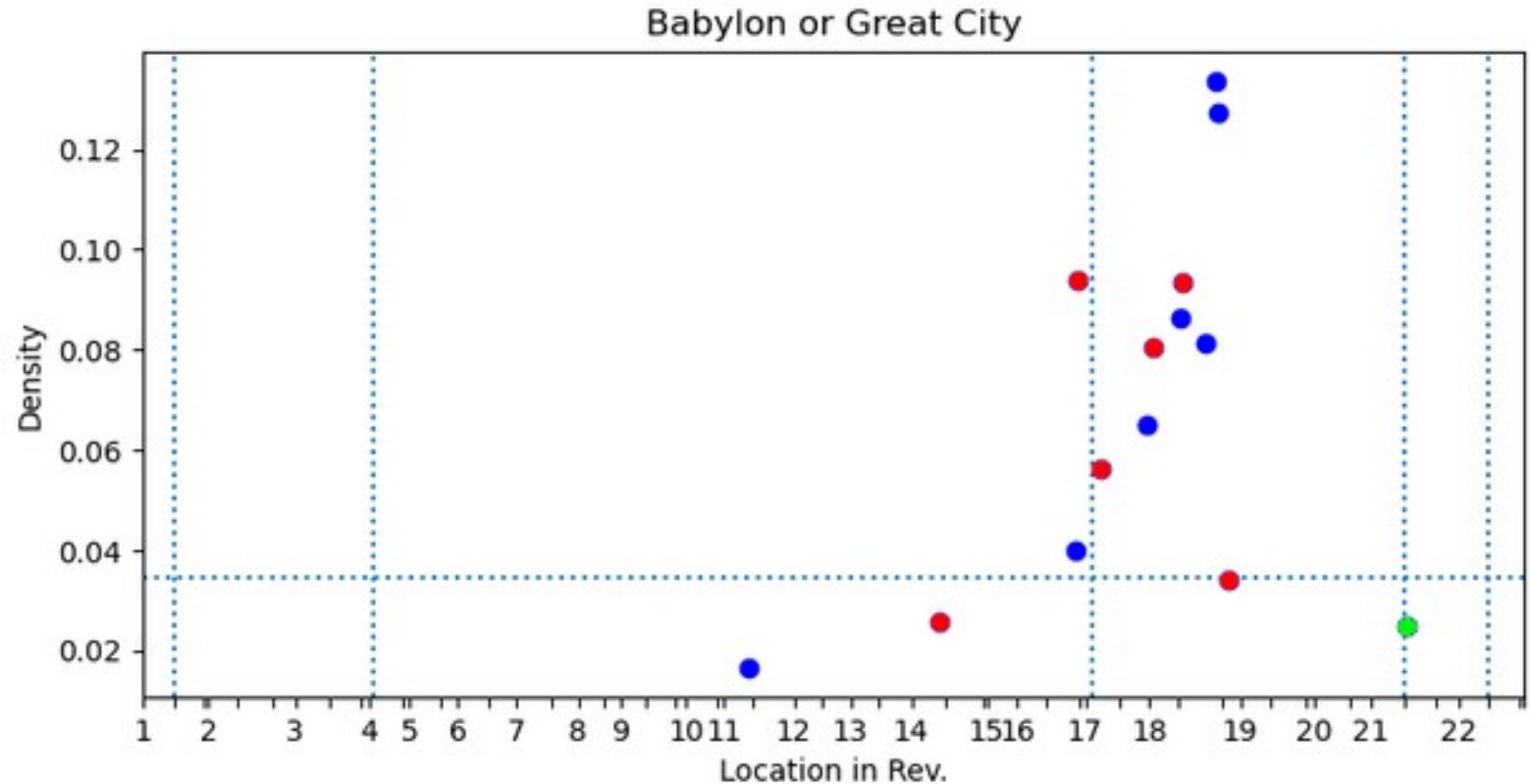
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Babylon, That Great City

Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of **the great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

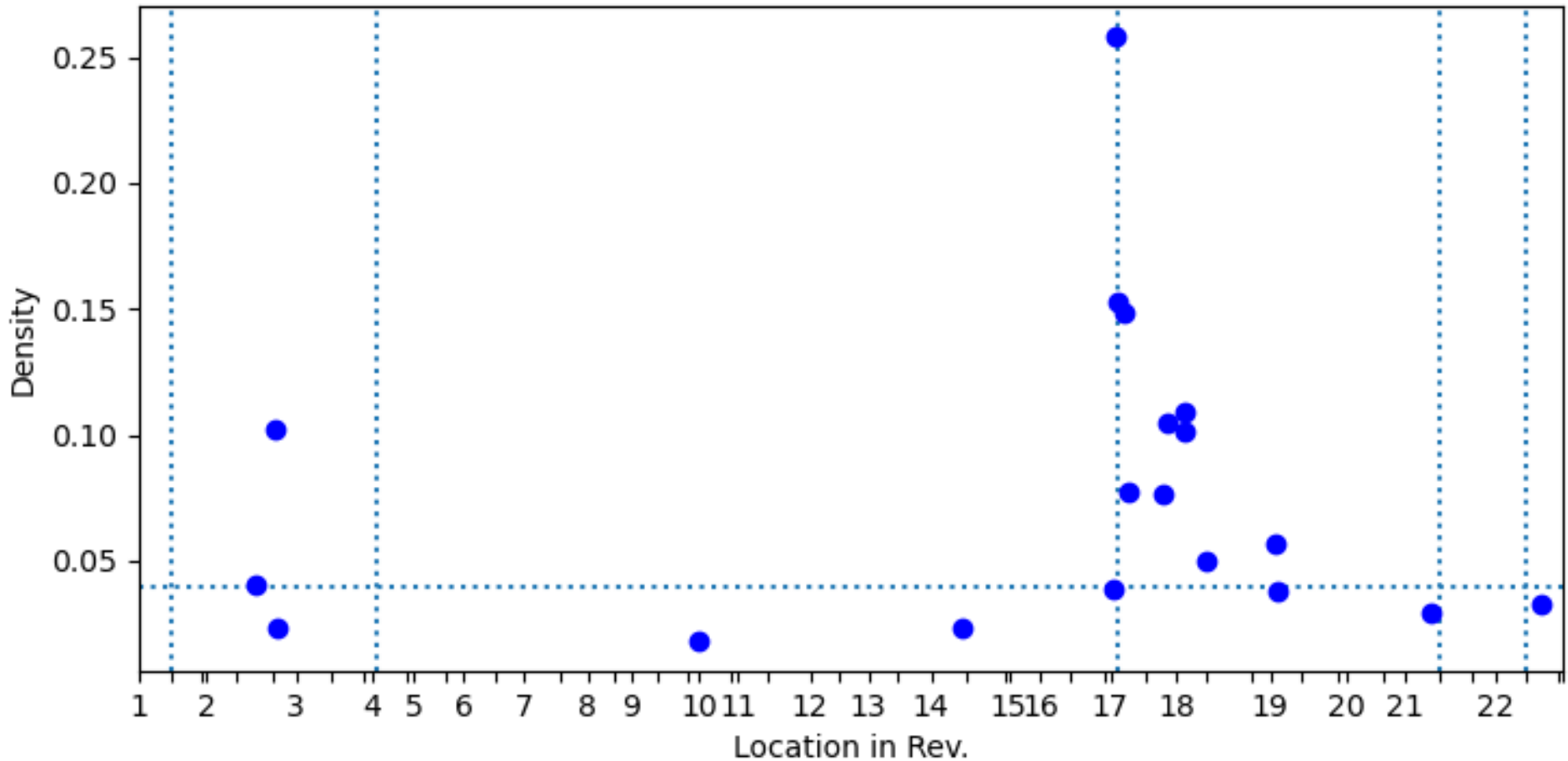
Rev 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon the great** is fallen, ~~is fallen,~~ ~~that great city~~, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.



References to Babylon (red), or Great City (blue = Babylon; green = Jerusalem)

Rev 16:19 And **the great city** was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and **great Babylon** came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

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Pergamos: Rev. 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, **to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.**

Thyatira: Rev. 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants **to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.** 21 And I gave her space to repent of her **fornication**; and she repented not.

Characteristics of Babylon: 1. Centralized Authority

The History

Gen 10:8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was **Babel (H894 = Babylon)**, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of **Shinar**.

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

Our Lord's Warning

Mat 20:25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

How God Organizes his Creation

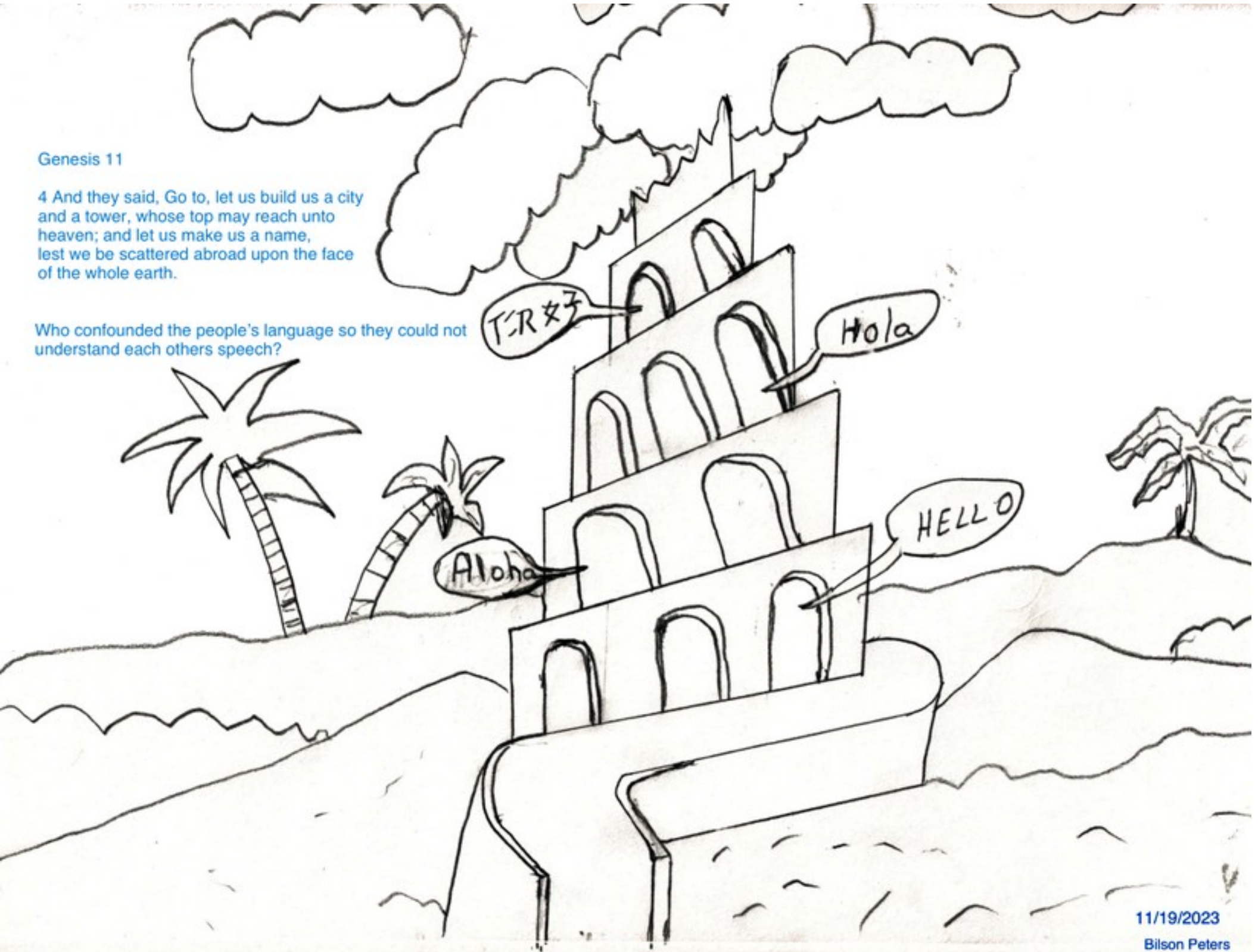
Pro 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: 7 Which having **no guide, overseer, or ruler**, 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

Pro 30:24 There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: 25 The ants ... 26 The conies ... 27 The locusts have **no king**, yet go they forth all of them by bands; 28 The spider ...

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.

Who confounded the people's language so they could not understand each others speech?



Characteristics of Babylon: 2. Promotion of Idolatry

2Ki 17:24 And the king of Assyria brought men from **Babylon**, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. ... 29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. 30 And **the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth**, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, 31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. 32 **So they feared the LORD**, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

Jer 16:11 Then shalt thou say unto them, **Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods,** and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; 12 And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me: 13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and **there shall ye serve other gods day and night;** where I will not shew you favour.