



<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.









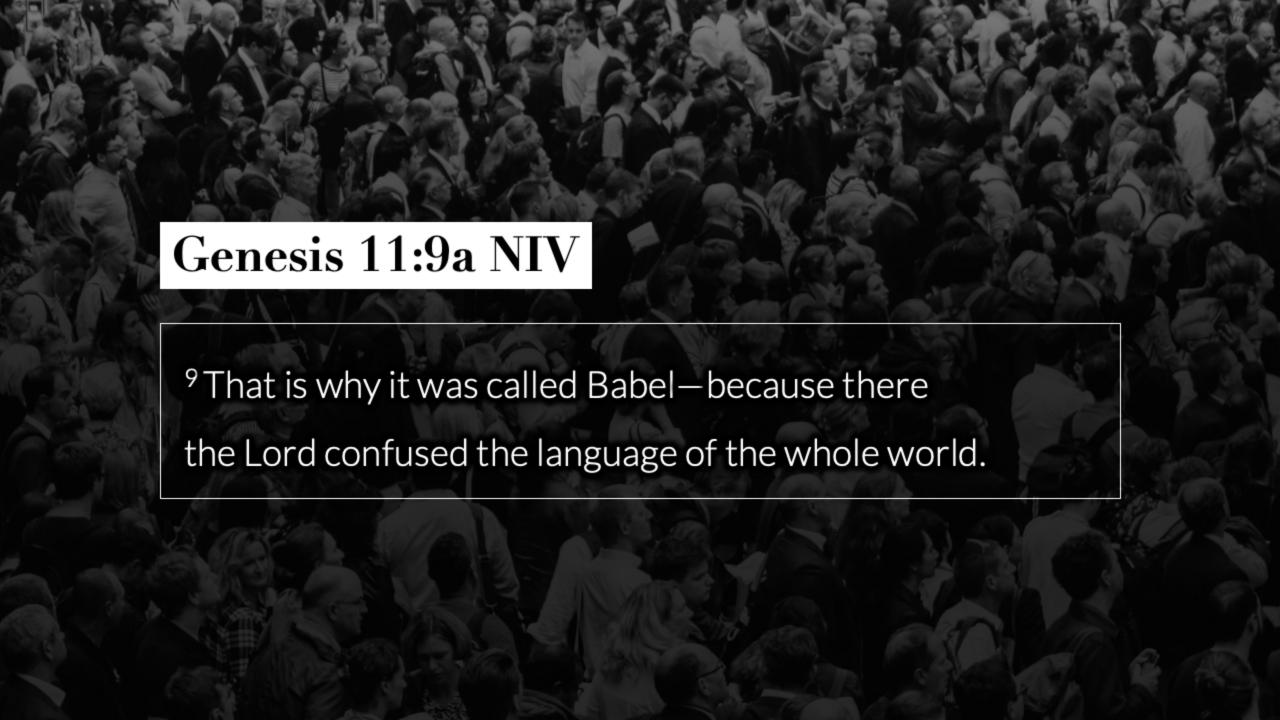
<sup>11</sup>Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.





## Genesis 11:4 NIV

<sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."



<sup>1</sup>One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters. <sup>2</sup> With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries."

<sup>3</sup>Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was

glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. <sup>5</sup> The name written on her forehead was a mystery:

BABYLON THE GREAT
THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS
OF THE EARTH.

### Isaiah 47:8-10 NIV

<sup>8</sup> "Now then, listen, you lover of pleasure,

lounging in your security and saying to yourself,

'I am, and there is none besides me.

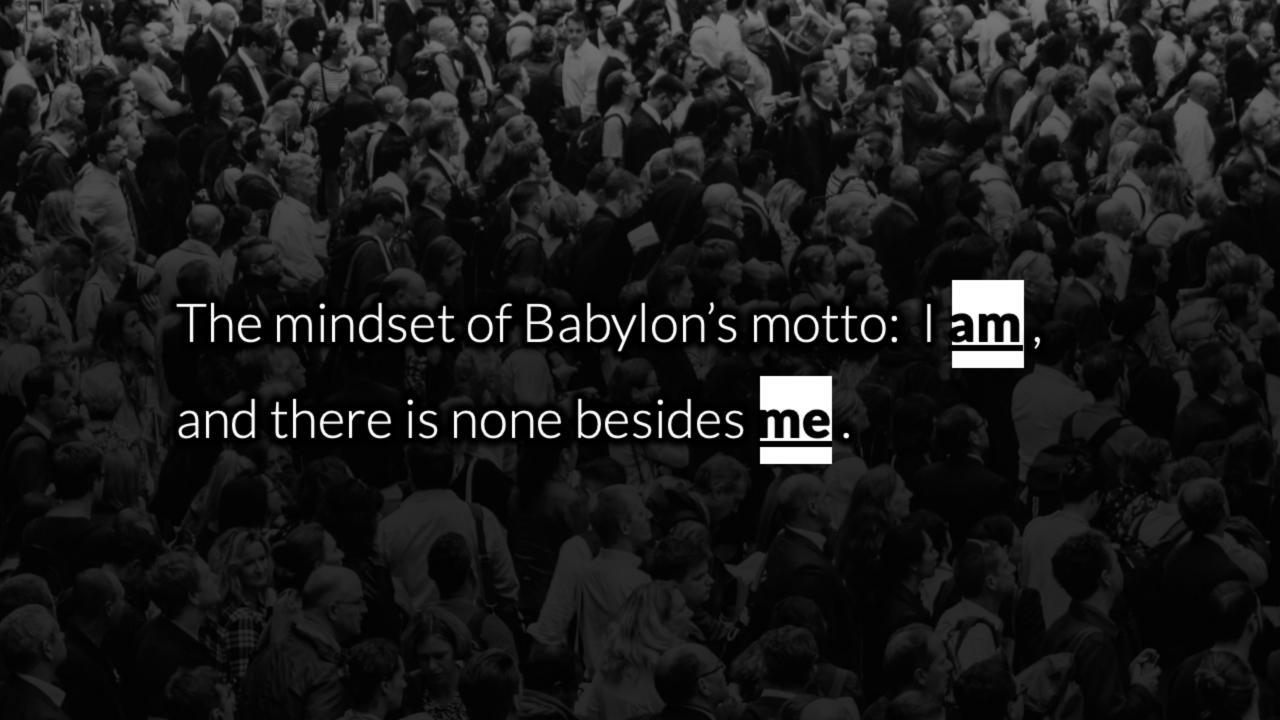
I will never be a widow or suffer the loss of children.'

# Isaiah 47:8-10 NIV

<sup>9</sup> Both of these will overtake you in a moment, on a single day: loss of children and widowhood. They will come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and all your potent spells.

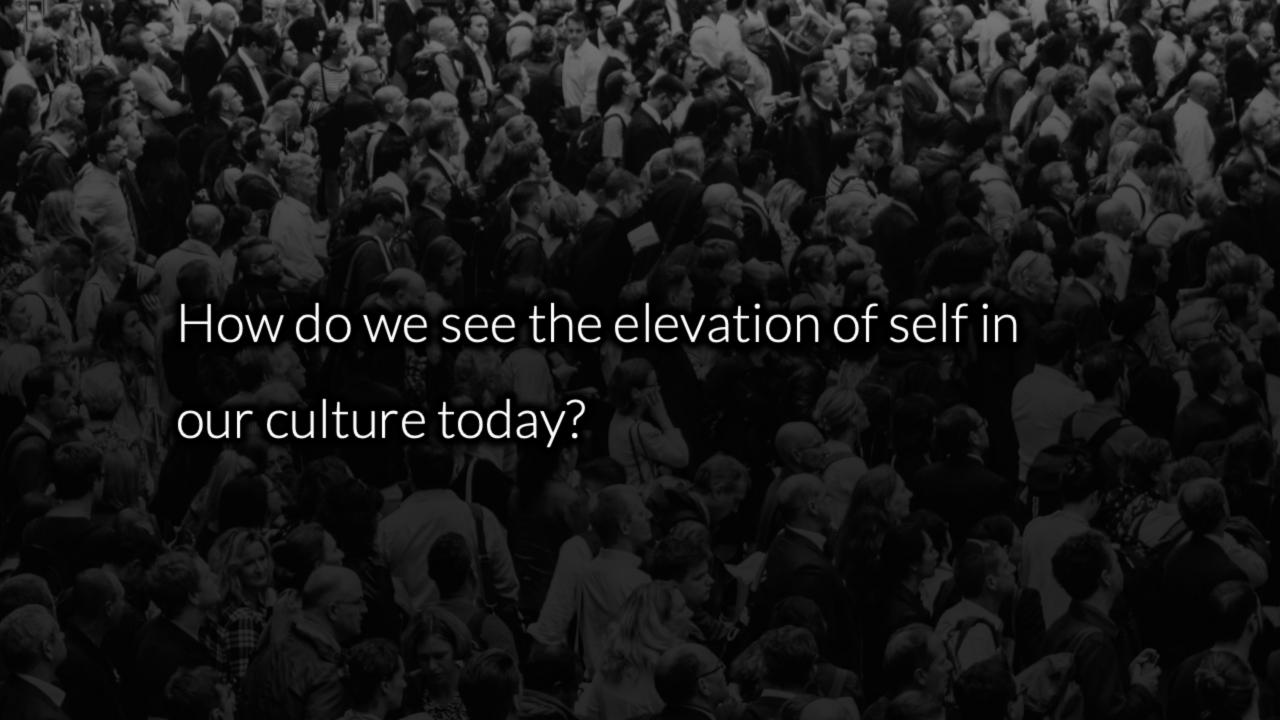
## Isaiah 47:8-10 NIV

You have trusted in your wickedness and have said, 'No one sees me.'
 Your wisdom and knowledge mislead you when you say to yourself,
 'I am, and there is none besides me."









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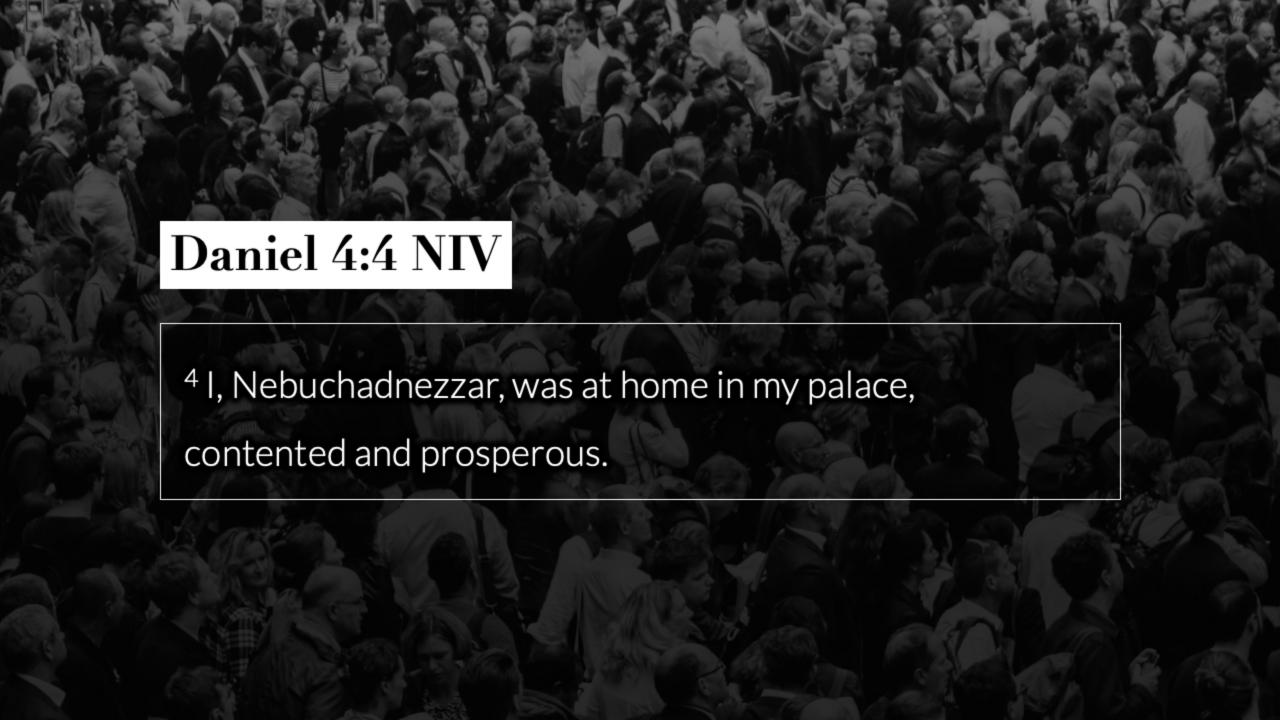
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#### **Daniel 4:24-26 NIV**

<sup>24</sup> "This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: <sup>25</sup> You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven.

#### **Daniel 4:24-26 NIV**

Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. <sup>26</sup> The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules."

## **Daniel 4:28-30 NIV**

<sup>28</sup> All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>29</sup> Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, <sup>30</sup> he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?"

# Daniel 4:34a, 37

<sup>34</sup> At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

# Daniel 4:34a, 37

<sup>37</sup> Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.





## Psalms 145:1 NIV

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

# "I will <u>acknowledge</u> God."

# 1 Corinthians 4:7 TLB

<sup>7</sup>What are you so puffed up about? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if all you have is from God, why act as though you are so great, and as though you have accomplished something on your own?

"I will <u>humble</u> myself before God."

## **James 4:10 NIV**

<sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.