Sumerian is a *language isolate* revealing the se-verity of judgment upon this most corrupt group of Nimrod's followers.

Uruk/Erech

Kish

Eridu

Sumerian

Akkadian

Ubaid

Uruk

Every 3 years or so, the shrine or temple on its platform would be encased in a larger platform for a new temple. Up to 18 Eridu Temples were encased in newer temples this way up to the Early Dynastic Period. The Ziggurat grew out of this practice of shrine encasement and expansion. The first shrine in this series was almost no more than a tiny house.

Eridu Temples are remarkably small in this period.

Uruk type pottery and *Ubaid* pottery coexist during maximum accumulation period in city of Uruk.

Eridu temple level No. 12 (11.34m x 7.5m). Ubaid to Ubaid/Uruk transition.

Copper Use Revived While Stone use Continues.

Transition from stone age technology to copper based technology; mixed stone and copper use.

The Stone Age continues in areas on the edges of Mesopotamia, but even in Sumer Stone continues to be used for common cutting instruments.

Uruk retained knowledge of pre Babel use of fired brick and asphalt for outer walls of Temples and other important structures.

Upper Egypt trade with Sumer via Wadi Hammamat showing Uruk pottery influence.

Ubaid Phase

Levels in 'Eanna' district.

Diffusion of Ubaid after some delay

A study of 20th century glassware periods will give some perspective on rapid pottery changes.

Mound height rebuilds on 5 year cycle.

Ubaid /Uruk Transition

Ubaid /Uruk

Uruk

Çatalhöyük

Mud brick houses, farming, hunting, neolithic culture.

Elamite

Canaan

Asshur

Akkadian

Ninevite I

AKL: 17 Kings who lived in tents

Ebla

Markkab 0 Chalcolithic