

Nimrod

I. Nimrod

Genesis 10:8-10a “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, - in the land of Shinar.”

A. 5 things to know about Nimrod

1. He was the great-grandson of Noah.
2. His name Nimrod in Hebrew means, “He said get down.”
3. He hunted men’s souls to be under him.
4. First dictator.
5. His kingdom Babel was in Shinar (Iraq).

II. The Tower Of Babel

A. **Genesis 11:1-3** “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.³ And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.”

1. All the earth spoke one language = *Hebrew*.
2. The garden of Eden = center was Jerusalem.
3. Mankind’s journey from the West to the East.
 - a. God had told mankind:

Genesis 1:28 “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.”

Genesis 9:1 “And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.”

- b. Lot in **Genesis 13:11** “Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east:” (away from Abraham – going away from light.)
 - c. Mankind moved to Shinar to follow Nimrod
- B. Nimrod tells them to build a tower to Heaven to overcome any flood.
- 1. Let us make bricks (man-made all identical).
 - 2. God’s altars made of stones (unique like each man).
 - 3. Pharaoh – **Exodus 1:14** “And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick.”
 - 4. All mankind was serving Nimrod.

III. God Checks Out The Rebellion

Genesis 11:4-6 “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. ⁵ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 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.”

- A. The Flood happened in the year 1656 from Creation.
- B. It has been 340 years since the Flood.
- C. Nimrod- “we will overcome God and I will be King.
- D. God checks it out – then moves to free mankind from slavery.

IV. Nimrod Tries To Kill Abraham

- A. Abraham finds God at age 48.
- B. Nimrod throws Abraham in a furnace to kill him and his religion.
- C. Nimrod's world vision = Socialism and Communism – you are under me to serve me (all men are alike).
- D. Abraham's world vision = Freedom of mankind (each man is unique with the gift of God) free to serve God and prosper.

V. Destruction Of The Tower

Genesis 11:7-8 “⁷ Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.”

- A. God confused their language.
- B. God scattered them across the earth.

VI. Today In Europe

- A. The European Economic Community Parliament has built their new building as a replica of the Tower of Babel for all Europe to become one.
- B. This is located in Strasbourg, France.
- C. They are waiting for the future Nimrod – the AntiChrist.
- D. America to the West needs to stay free in God, prosper in our uniqueness under the Lord.