

**THE TOWER OF BABEL**  
**The United Nations – A World Without God**

Genesis 10:8-12; 11:1-9  
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**Genesis 11:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. <sup>8</sup>So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. <sup>9</sup>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.

I. Nimrod - a portrait of the Anti-Christ (Genesis 10:8-12)

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Nimrod was the founder of a great empire. It was the first of many empires until the end of time that would be ruled over by wicked men.

Nimrod means "Let us rebel!"

He was the son of Cush, the grandson of Ham. It was Nimrod's uncle, Canaan, who had been cursed (Gen. 9:25; Gen. 10:8,9).

In the process of time the sin of Ham that had begun in the secret of his heart grew from a seed to a massive explosion of evil in Nimrod.

He was a mighty one in the earth 10:8

He was a mighty hunter before the Lord 10:9

He was the mighty hunter 10:9

In the Scriptures, stating it three times, the point is clear: the Scriptures are emphasizing Nimrod was mighty in wickedness against the Lord. He was obsessed in his hatred for God in hunting down souls who would rebel with him and build an empire for himself. He is a portrait of the anti-Christ of the last days at the second coming of Jesus Christ (Rev. 13). Babel is the first "United Nations" in the world.

The Jewish Targum interpreted this text as Nimrod saying, "Depart from the judgment of the Lord and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod!" He is saying to the people, "You don't have to fear the Lord's judgment; it is Nimrod you need to fear."

The sin of this evil tyrant was his pride to the very core of his being. He had a contempt for God in sending a flood in judgment upon the world. He is saying, "Who do

you think you are, God? I am greater than you!” This is exactly what people are saying today: there is no judgment; there is no God; we are all cosmic deities.

The ungodly, and the world of that day who followed Nimrod, feared him more than they did God, Himself.

It has always taken a lot of faith in God and courage for the people of God to stand up to these kinds of leaders of any day and time and to be true to the Lord. Babel was setting the stage of seven empires in a history of the world against God. Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece, ancient Rome and the final form of the Roman Empire under the anti-Christ.

II. Babel – Satan’s Highway to Hell (Gen. 10:10-12). Babel means “The Gate of the Gods”.

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This champion of strength and evil had ambitions. In the land of Shinar, between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers where Babylon is today (Iraq), Nimrod built the major cities of the world for himself. It would be an empire that he would reign over. He was going to be a great world leader of a one-world government against God. Nimrod, the lawless man of sin, the Beast, would force the people to unite against God and to destroy anyone who would not follow him.

Empowered by Satan, his plan was to wipe out the name of God from under Heaven, to destroy the promised Seed (Christ) from coming into the world and set up himself as being God. This man of sin indwelt by Satan cannot be overstated. What happened in the past and was defeated by God will happen again in the last days just before the coming of Christ in the great Tribulation.

The Lord is going to allow the rise of “the Beast” who will be able for a time to succeed in his diabolical plans to rule the world, unhindered, in a one-world government, with a one-world currency (cash-less) and a one-world religion. Nimrod symbolized the anti-Christ to come in the last days.

II Thessalonians 2:3-12 <sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day (the Tribulation) shall not come, except there come a falling away first (a departure from Biblical Christianity), and that man of sin be revealed (the anti-Christ), the son of perdition, <sup>4</sup> who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God, sitteth in the temple of God, declaring himself that he is God.”

Satan’s ambition has always been to be greater than God and to be worshipped by the whole world. For a short seven years his dream will be accomplished in the worship of the anti-Christ who will be possessed by Satan, himself. Under the rule of the anti-Christ he will cause the whole world to receive his mark in their forehead or in their hand, the number 666, so that no man can buy or sell, and if they refuse they will be killed.

This is Satan’s final attempt to prevent the second coming of Jesus Christ, to turn the whole world against God and to annihilate any believers that are left on the planet.

What happened in the past with all the wicked rulers of this world who have sought to destroy Christianity (Caesar of Rome, Joseph Stalin, Karl Marx, Adolph Hitler and the U.N. today), will happen again in the ambitions of the anti-Christ. He will be the final Nimrod.

His reign will come to an end when Christ personally steps in at His second coming, destroying the anti-Christ and his armies. Christ will set up His government and reign for a thousand years.

The cities that Nimrod founded on the plain of Shinar were located in the very place today called Babylon the Great, which is being rebuilt and where anti-Christ will establish his headquarters. In the prophecy of Rev. 17, 18, the rise of a religious and commercial Babylon will be amazingly fulfilled, and our time is seeing it.

A law of prophecy that enables us to know the future is that what happened in the past will happen again in the future.

In Genesis 10:10 Erech, called Uruk today, is 100 miles south of Babylon and was the legendary home of Gilgamesh, the hero of the Babylonian flood story. Satan is always the great counterfeiter of truth.

Accad was north of Babylon (also spelled Akkad and Agade in the monuments of the city). This name was given to the Akkadian empire, synonymous with the Sumerian Empire,

in the land of Shinar the Plain of the Wicked. These empires appear suddenly after the flood, the Cradle of Civilization in our most ancient recorded history of man. Why is there nothing before that time in history? It just all came suddenly with nothing before it. Why? It was the flood that separated the old world from the new world with the old world drowned with nothing left but Noah and his three sons where civilization began all over again.

Genesis 10:8,9-12 “From Babel, Nimrod also went forth into Assyria where he built Ninevah, Rehoboth, Resen and Calah.”

Ninevah as we know today became the capitol of the Assyrian Empire. Calah has been excavated today and is still called “Nimrud” after its founder. This entire complex of cities was called “a Great City”.

Babylon the Great Whore, the Mother of all Harlots of idolatry is rising again today where it all began (Revelations chapters 17 and 18). It is called That Great City that God will destroy at the coming of Christ.

The Biblical record of a history of the world and its proven accuracy by the rise of Babylon in our day and time is a powerful testimony to prophecy and its fulfillment soon in these very last days. Our hope is not in this world, it is in the coming of Jesus Christ. We should be greatly encouraged to see that His coming is very soon.

### III. The Tower of Babel – the Symbol of Idolatry and Occultism (Gen. 11:1-9)

“<sup>1</sup> And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. <sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar (Iraq, today); and they dwelt there. <sup>3</sup> And they said one to another, Go to (to give a command), let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime (asphalt) had they for mortar.”

The last days will be marked by a revival of the pagan religions of antiquity that will take center stage in bringing the nations of the earth together in a satanic unity. The buzz word, *Coexist*, is an emblem of occultism and paganism, an ideology of our times that will be the religion forced upon the people by the U.N. as State-sanctioned.

It all began at the Tower of Babel, Babylon, and it is going full circle today and will end where it all began.

What time is it, anyway?

There were no stones in the area or cement to build their city and tower, so what they did was to make bricks out of clay and heated them in furnaces to harden them and they used asphalt instead of cement to glue them in place.

I think the very building materials themselves that were highly inferior to genuine cement and boulders is God's way of saying to us that the whole project was nothing more than an artificial temple and city to the real deal that God has waiting for us in Heaven.

Before God, this city and its tower of religion was nothing more than the slime it was made out of. In Iraq today where all these Ziggurats are found in crumbling ruins symbolizes the original tower that they built in dedication to the Heavens. There is actually the foundation of a Ziggurat with an inscription placed on it by King Nebekenezzar in the sixth century B.C. that says "The Tongue Tower". This is a testimony to the accurate historicity of the Bible in the world's recognition that the Tower of Babel was no fictitious myth. Saddam Hussein thought that he was Nebekenezzar reincarnated and had an obsession to rebuild Babylon. This is no coincidence. He was being inspired by Satan, himself.

It was the diabolical Nimrod who had a great ambition for himself as ruler of the world and his godless wife, Semiramis, the Queen of Heaven (Jer. 44:17-19), the goddess of false religion today, that was behind the orders to build this city.

Nimrod, in future generations, was worshipped as Marduk, the chief god of the Babylonians and Semiramis, a goddess, was worshipped all over the world as Venus, Ishtar, Isis, Aphrodite and Ashtoreth. In pagan Christianity of Rome she is worshipped as Mary. She claimed a virgin birth for herself, conceived by a sunbeam, and her son, Tammuz, was killed and raised from the dead after 40 days of fasting by his mother. This is the origin of Lent. Tammuz was worshipped as Baal, Osiris, Enos and Cupid.

In the great Tribulation the anti-Christ is going to resurrect this religious system to unify the world under his authority.

In the last days God's wrath will be directed at "the Great Harlot" (apostate Christianity) who will have written on her forehead "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth". (Rev. 17:5)

## The motivation behind a one-world government and a one-world religion:

“<sup>4</sup> And they said, Go to, let us build us a city, and a tower whose top may reach unto Heaven...”

“May reach”, is not in the text. They would build a tower dedicated to the heavens.

This massive temple and its altar at the top in all of its wealth, beauty and impressive priesthood was in worship of the stars and the host of demonic spirits that empowered the people.

Its rituals and mysterious rites initiated the people into Satanism and demonic possession. There is always a power associated with astrology and idolatry, but the Devil never gives anything away that you don't have to pay for with your soul. This is why the Scriptures warn us to stay away from anything having to do with occultism (Deut. 18:10-). It truly is the Gate of the Gods, the highway, the Broadway to Hell.

What happened there is what is happening today. It says in Romans 1 “<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things... <sup>25</sup> Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator...”

The great, beautiful city they had built was their home and the tower was their religious life. They had everything, what more could they ask for?

But behind it all was Satan and man's rebellion against God.

They said, “<sup>4</sup> ...and let us make us a name lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

God's command after the flood was for man to “be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.” (Gen. 9:7)

They were saying to God, “Nothing doing, we will unite together in one place.” This was man in his unity that was in rebellion against God.

This was man's motivation and still is today. People say today, "Let's get all the religions of the world together. Let's get all the nations together into one." Man today is looking for a leader who can do just that, and Satan is going to give to them that man.

We had all better be careful about what we want in our desperation; God just might give us what we want. Eventually God will allow for that man to be given for a short time. He will speak as a lamb but at heart he is the Beast.

"<sup>4</sup> ...let us make us a name". "Us" is used four times and "let us", three times. Anytime man decides he is going to make a name for himself and he sets his will against God's will, it will end in disaster.

These people chose to deliberately honor themselves above God and rejected having anything to do with God.

This is Humanism! It is a world view that sees man at the center of all things. The measure of a man's life and his reputation is all that there is. There is no God, no divine moral standard, no Heaven, no Hell; there is no sin and no need for a Savior. Humanism is self-worship! It is to reach in to your own inner self, creating your own reality, achieving whatever you can imagine. In the vacuum that has been left in the abandonment of Christianity, kids are being told to "believe in yourself, follow your heart and achieve your dreams".

"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" Prov. 16:18. Someone said, "Whom the gods would destroy they first made them drunk with power".

Babylon represents worldly pride, moral corruption and defiance against God.

Every generation builds its own towers. Whether it be the Trump Towers or the Twin Towers, they always come down.

Psalm 2:4 "He who sits in the Heavens shall laugh..."

The people of this world depend on their own wisdom and trust in their own strength. How weak humanity has proven to be. Look at us now. Babel is a word that we use for confusion. All the confusion that is in the world today with no answers coming from our leaders is a warning to us all that the Lord has the nations in "derision" Who is about to speak in judgment (Psa 2:4).

“<sup>5</sup> And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the children of man builded <sup>6</sup> 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.”

There wasn't any evil that these people were not capable of doing to ruin the future for all humanity.

This was truly the first “United Nations” of one language and one speech. What a disaster the United Nations has been and is today and where it's going to take the world soon! Technology and travel has finally made it possible to have a one-world government. What an achievement that's going to be. Our computers are compiling information on the whole life of every person in the world, with the ability to track us all down.

God said, “<sup>7</sup> Go to (He's giving the orders now), let us go down and then confound their language that they may not understand one another's speech. <sup>8</sup> So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth and they left off to build the city.”

The city may be man's answer to a home in this world, but God answers to a real city with a real temple in it with the real God on the throne in His city. We that are His chosen people, the Bride of Christ, are “looking for a city which hath foundations whose Builder and Maker is God” (Heb. 11:10).

What humanity can't achieve by means of its proud towers, Jesus Christ has achieved by dying in humiliation on the cross to raise us up in glory. All who trust in Him in the family of God will share Heaven together, regardless of race, nation, language and tribe (Rev. 7:9).

We are not here in this world to build towers but are left here until Jesus comes to build the Church of Jesus Christ!