

The Land of Rebels

Text: Genesis 10:8-10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Genesis 11:1-8 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. 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. 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

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Introduction: Apart from the short scripture of our text, not much is actually known about Nimrod or the Tower of Babel. If you search the internet, you will find a lot of speculation and many theories on the subject. An example is the height of the tower: some scholar estimate the height to have been only about 300' tall (20 to 30 stories high); other scholars estimate it to have been over 1.5 miles tall (8,000 feet) (ref.: Goggle AI). This example shows that, without reliable data, we must be careful about speculating. There is a lot we simple don't know today. We may have theories on the subject but let's state them as theories and concentrate more on the facts that we have been given in the Bible. Some of these facts are:

(1) *Nimrod was ruler of the earth's first kingdom after the Great Flood.* He was a real person, the grandson of Ham, the great-grandson of Noah. **Gen. 10:10**... his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (*Shinar, an area in southern Mesopotamia between Tigris and Euphrates Rivers*)

(2) *Nimrod's Kingdom was vast* - (ref. Goggle AI) - **23,000 square miles (little smaller than West Virginia)**

(3) *When did Nimrod live* - Although the ages of the descendants of Ham aren't recorded, in the Bible, we see from the descendants of Shem (see chart below) a possible timeline for Nimrod.

Salah and Nimrod were of the same generation and 1st cousins. If they had similar life spans, a possible timeline for Nimrod's birth is from about 40 years after the Flood until about 470 years after the Flood?

CHART: Shem's lineage after the Great Flood (with Ham, Cush & Nimrod incl.) (ref.: **Genesis 7:6; 9:29; 11:10-26**)

	Name	Born after Flood	Age at death	Died after Flood	Age at son's birth	Birth in Relationship to Noah's death	Birth in Relationship to Shem's death
	Noah	born before Flood	950	350	500	950	n/a
	Shem - Ham	born before Flood	602	502	102	450	602
1	Arphaxad - Cush	2	438	440	35	348	502
2	Salah - Nimrod	37	433	470	30	313	465
3	Eber	67	464	531	34	283	435
4	Peleg	101	239	340	30	249	401
5	Reu	131	239	370	32	219	371
6	Serug	163	230	393	30	187	339
7	Nahor	193	148	341	29	157	309
8	Terah	222	205	427	70	128	280
9	Abraham	292	175	467	100	58	210

Note: the birth/death of Abraham – God called him from Ur of The Chaldees. He may have known about Nimrod?

(4) The Tower of Babel was an actual place in the Kingdom of Nimrod

Most modern scholar say that the ZIGGURAT ETEMENAKI (eh-TIM-eh-NANK-ee) in the ruins of Babylon is the actual Tower of Babel??? – Today, this ziggurat is nothing but a bare mud brick foundation about 300 feet square – WAS IT THE ORIGINAL TOWER OF BABEL – WE DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE???

(5) When was the Tower of Babel built??? **WE REALLY DON'T KNOW FOR SURE!**

Scholars say somewhere from 100 to 400 hundred years after the Great Flood! (see chart on Salah's timeline)

(6) The city and tower were constructed in direct defiance of God's commandment to Noah. –

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

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.

(7) God was displeased with the project, confounded their language, and scattered the people!

The tower was abandoned!

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❖ What was the significates and danger of the Tower of Babel?

The Tower was a symbol of defiance and rebellion against God. Fallen man desired to follow the same path as those who were destroyed in the Great Flood!

❖ Why did God stop the project? It was for two reasons (in my opinion):

- To Stop the Disobedience and Rebellion of Fallen Man - The Tower of Babel was hindering God's commandment to replenish the earth. God had instructed them to scatter and fill the entire earth. They were attempting to stay in one place and disobey his commandment!
- If not stopped, the rebellion of the people would have led to another judgment similar to the Great Flood. God had to, "nip it in the bud", or it would have interfered with his Plan of Salvation. Mankind would have corrupted himself and judgement would have come once again before the Jewish nation of Israel had been birthed. The entire future of the lineage of Christ would have been disrupted.

(1). Mankind has a long and extended history of Rebellion against God:

Prior to the Great Flood

Genesis 6:5-8 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Immediately after the Great Flood: The Tower of Babel is a sign that mankind did not learn anything from the Great Flood!

(2). The Rebellion of Mankind has a Father and Leader who is stronger & more devious than Nimrod!

Revelation 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

(3). LEST WE FORGET: Satan and the entire Fallen World around us are REBELS & ENEMIES of God! THEY ARE STILL AT WAR WITH US!

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

(4). As Believers and Followers of Christ we are at war with them too!

I John 3:10-13 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. **Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.**

Many Christians do not recognize this fact. They question why we are rejected and hated for no reason?

- **WHY DO WE NOT FIT IN WITH MANY CO-WORKERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS?**
- **WHY ARE WE PASSED OVER FOR JOB PROMOTIONS?**
- **WHY DO OTHERS WHISPER ABOUT US BEHIND OUR BACK?**
- **WHY DO WE FEEL OUT OF PLACE AND HAVE A SENSE THAT WE DON'T BELONG?**

Matthew 10:17-22 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. **And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.**

John 15:18-19 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

There is much freedom in knowing that the world will never love & accept us! We belong to another kingdom, THANK GOD FOR SEPERATING US FROM THIS FOOLISH AND FALLEN WORLD!

(5). The End-times Generation leading up to and immediately after the Rapture of the Church will be a time of Great Deception!

Matthew 24:3-4,24 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you...** For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, **if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

II Thessalonian 2:7-13 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

UFO'S - A COMING GREAT DECEPTION UPON THE HORIZON – IS THIS THE BIG “LIE”???

(6). There has been many Nimrods throughout history: EMPIRE BUILDERS/ABSOLUTE RULERS World Domination was their goal: Pharaohs, Nebuchadnezzars, Alexander the Greats, Genghis Khans, Cesars, Napoleons, Hitlers - **Today: Socialism, Communism, Islam - China, Russia, U.S. Socialist, ETC.**

(7). The Antichrist - Satan's Ultimate Champion in the WAR of Rebellion against God
"ANTI" is a Greek Prefix meaning "AGAINST" or "IN PLACE OF."

The antichrist opposes Christ and seeks to falsely substitute himself in Christ's place!

➤ **The spirit of antichrist is already here:**

I John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and **even now already is it in the world.**

➤ **The Antichrist will be a real person and he will become the ultimate champion of Satan.**

Revelation 13:1,4-8,11-17 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. **Rev.13:11-17** And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

(8). CLOSING: God has already chosen his World Ruler! Jesus is the Rightful King of all the Earth!
As sure as God exists- the earth will soon accept their new Eternal King! Whether they like it or not!

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Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE GOOD NEWS IS: WE WILL BE A PART OF HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM!

I John 5:11-12 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.** And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. **This is the true God, and eternal life.**

I John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD!**