

**"Nimrod the Hunter"**

**Part 1**

**Genesis 10:8-10**

**Introduction:** Today we continue our study in the book of *Genesis* and as we do we have now come to *Genesis* 10. In this chapter we find what is known as the "Table of Nations". In other words we find here the descendants of Noah's family.

In 10:1-5 we find the family of Japheth.

In 10:6-20 we find the family of Ham.

In 10:21-31 we find the family of Shem.

Now we are not going to take weeks and look at all of these names and the regions which they migrated to but as we move through some verses here we will discuss some of details about the regions and the people listed here.

What we're going to look at over the next 2 weeks is a particular man which the Holy Spirit places under a micro scope for us to see. His name is Nimrod and there are 3 verses in chapter which give to us some very valuable information about him.

**Notice Genesis 10:8-10**

There is more detail about this man than there is anyone else within this chapter so when I understand this I must realize these 3 verses are here for a reason. But I must ask, "Why did God have Moses record more about Nimrod than anyone else in this chapter?" There must be something very significant about this man if Moses was inspired to give us the information which we have.

**I. The Typology**

Nimrod is listed here because he is the first picture we get of a man who is coming in the future and that man will be the anti-christ. Nimrod is an Old Testament type of the anti-christ.

For those of you who may not know the anti-christ will be a ruler who will rise to power during the *Great Tribulation* period following the rapture of the church. He will be the master piece of Satan and he will be used of Satan to lead many people through the wide gate and down the broad path of destruction.

So what we are going to look at today is a study of Nimrod and we will see him as a type of the anti-christ.

## I. His Prominence

### Notice Genesis 10:8

Here we see that Nimrod began to be a mighty one in the earth. This means that he was rising to a place of leadership. He had the ability to convince people and to lead people.

But what we need to see is that Nimrod was recognized in the earth. He began to be a world leader.

### Typology:

This is a picture of the world rule of the anti-christ. Nimrod came right up out of the nations and as time progressed he began to rule over the world. The anti-christ will do the same. He will not just rule over certain regions or nations but he will rule over the world.

### Revelation 13:1

*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.*

The sea is the sea of humanity.

I find it very interesting that Nimrod rose up from the family of Ham. This made me wonder if the anti-christ will rise from the same family. Where would he come from if he did rise from the family of Ham? His roots would be from the area of Africa. He would be a dark skinned man.

Let me get back to the thought. The anti-christ will be a man who will rule over the world.

### Revelation 13:7b

*and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

When he first comes on the scene he will be a man that much of the world will love.

**Revelation 6:1-2**

*And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.*

<sup>2</sup> *And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

**II. His Power**

**Notice Genesis 10:9**

Nimrod was a mighty hunter but he was not a hunter of animals. He was a hunter of men. He hunted and forced men to follow him as he led a rebellion against God.

Notice the term "before the Lord". It means that he was against the Lord.

**Genesis 6:11**

<sup>11</sup> *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.*

We are told the same of the society in Noah's day. They were living in rebellion against God. This was also true of Nimrod. He hunted men and he forced them to follow him.

**Typology:**

The same will be true of the anti-christ.

**Revelation 13:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> *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.*

<sup>12</sup> *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.*

**Revelation 13:15-17**

<sup>15</sup> *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.*

<sup>16</sup> 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:

<sup>17</sup> 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

The anti-christ will also be a MIGHTY HUNTER and he will hunt men and he will force them to worship him and to receive the mark of the beast. For those who resist they will be executed and if they escape for a while they will not be able to buy or sell without the mark.

### **Jeremiah 16:16**

<sup>16</sup> Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

I use this to show you that no one will escape God's judgment!

Let me just remind you of something. When all of this unfolds our world will be under a cashless society. You see what is going to happen is that the dollar will collapse and all cash will need to be turned in and it will be converted to electronic funds. So for all the people who are stashing away their cash thinking that they will be able to buy and sell they are wrong. The anti-christ will control the buying and selling across the globe and cash will not work.

This is exactly why we see the decline of cash today and the increase in plastic. We are rapidly moving toward the kingdom of the anti-christ.

There is more in regards to the power of the anti-christ.

**His power will be purely satanic.**

### **Revelation 13:1-2**

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.

<sup>2</sup> And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and **the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.**

The anti-christ will possess the power of Satan. CWith that power he will deceive many people and convince them to follow him.

## **2 Thessalonians 2:9**

<sup>9</sup> *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

## **Revelation 13:3**

<sup>3</sup> *And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

This verse tells us he will heal from a deadly wound which will cause the all the world to follow after him.

### **III. His Purpose**

#### **Notice Genesis 10:9**

Again I go back to the statement "before the Lord" which means Nimrod was against the Lord. Then we must keep in mind that Nimrod just like the anti-christ was satanically driven. So what is the purpose of this man?

Nimrod was used by Satan to attempt to defeat the promise of *Genesis 3:15* of a coming future Redeemer who was Jesus Christ. Satan was doing all he could here in *Genesis 10* to lead the world down a path of destruction so as to eliminate *God's* promise.

So then what will be the purpose of the anti-christ since Jesus has already come to this earth and paid the penalty for our sins?

The anti-christ will gather men who he can lead in rebellion against Christ when He returns.

#### **Notice Revelation 19:17-21**

<sup>17</sup> *And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;*

<sup>18</sup> That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

<sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

<sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

<sup>21</sup> And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

This will be the battle of Armageddon in which the anti-christ will be cast into the lake of fire.

But let me show you why Satan is so set on destroying Christ.

#### **Notice Revelation 20:10**

<sup>10</sup> And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Eventually Jesus will cast Satan into the lake of fire where he will stay for all eternity.

This is the entire purpose behind the rule of the anti-christ.

The entire purpose of the rise of Nimrod was for Satan to destroy the family through which Christ would come.

#### **Conclusion:**

What does all of this mean to you?

The anti-christ will not rise to power until after the rapture of the church. Right now as we gather here this morning the demonic forces are being restrained.

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

<sup>7</sup> For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [**restrains**] will let [**restrain**], until he [**a person**] be taken out of the way.

<sup>8</sup> 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:

There is a person who is holding back the powers of Satan and that person is the Holy Spirit who indwells the body of Christ. When the church is raptured away the restraints will be lifted from the demonic world. Then the anti-christ will be revealed.

If you are not saved and you miss the rapture you will be left behind and you will be a follower of the anti-christ.

God will send you a strong delusion and you will refuse to cry out to Him for salvation.

#### **Revelation 6:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

<sup>17</sup> For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

#### **Revelation 9:21**

<sup>21</sup> Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

#### **Revelation 16:9**

<sup>9</sup> And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

#### **Revelation 16:11**

<sup>11</sup> And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

The Bible says "Today is the day of salvation".