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"Nimrod the Hunter"

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Part 2

Genesis 11:1-9

**Introduction:** Genesis is the book of origins. We have seen this as we have worked our way through the first 10 chapters. We saw the origin of:

1. The world
2. Life
3. Man
4. Sin
5. Salvation
6. Nations

Then we come to chapter 11 and we shall find the origin of language. As we look closely at the passage which is before us we shall see that different languages did not evolve as some teach. But the different languages are the result of one act of God. We shall see the reason for the different languages as we study this section.

Now in chapter 10 we are told of the different nations which came from the sons of Noah and we are told where it was that they migrated to. But we are not told in chapter 10 why they migrated to the different areas of the world. That is why we have these first verses of Genesis 11 for within these verses we shall see exactly why these different people groups migrated to different parts of the world.

**Notice Genesis 10:32**

Here we are told that they divided into the earth. Now as we come to chapter 11 the Holy Spirit will take us back into the midst of chapter 10 to explain why they divided.

There are only 9 verses here but there is a wealth of Truth to be found in these 9 verses.

This morning I want to raise some questions about this text and then answer the questions.

**I. What actually was happening here with the people?**

**Notice Genesis 11:1**

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We need to pay close attention to 2 words within this verse. The first word is "language" and the second word is "speech". At first glance we would think that these 2 words mean exactly the same thing but they do not.

The word "**language**" actually means "**lip**".

The word "**speech**" actually means "**word**".

The idea here is that the entire world's population at this time was all of the same language and they all used the same vocabulary. That means there were no other languages nor was there any differences in their vocabulary.

Today there are about 6700 different languages in the world. Then within many languages we find different word meanings.

English is spoken in many places and one of the places is Australia. Now if you listen to an Australian speak you would find they use many different words that what we use. That is not just true of the English language but it is also true of many of the different languages.

But the language of the people in Genesis 11 had no variations at all. It was the same language and the same vocabulary.

### **Notice Genesis 11:2**

Here in this verse we can see they were all unified and many would think that is great. But there is a problem here and it is seen in the word "dwelt". As these people moved across the earth they came to this plain of Shinar and they decided that was where they were going to stay.

Now let me show you where Shinar was located. We need to look at the book of Daniel and remember the book of Daniel opens up with the Babylonian captivity.

### **Daniel 1:1-2**

*In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.*

*<sup>2</sup> And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of **Shinar** to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.*

Here we can see that Shinar was the land of Babylon.

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But let us get back to the word "dwelt". The fact that these people chose to dwell in the plain of Shinar tells us they were in complete rebellion against God's command.

**A. They rebelled in their actions.**

**Genesis 9:1**

*And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

God's command to Noah and his family was to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. This settlement in the plain of Shinar was in direct rebellion against the command of God.

**B. They rebelled in their attitude.**

**Notice Genesis 11:3-4**

They wanted to build 3 things.

1. A city
2. A tower
3. A name

Each of these they desired to build for themselves. They were not building anything for God. It was all about them.

Now there is far more within this that I want you to see. The tower which they decided to build is especially interesting. This tower was not a tower which they attempted to build up to the heaven where God exists. These were intelligent people and they knew that was not possible.

I believe this tower was a place of worship. The tower would have been constructed like a ladder and it was built so that the gods which they worship could ascend and descend using the ladder or the tower. If this was like the other pagan worship systems in the Bible (and it most likely was) there would have been a temple at the base of the tower where they could go and worship their false gods.

What we find here at the tower of Babel is the establishment of false worship after the flood. The fact that it is established in Shinar or Babylon connects this entire scene with the Great Tribulation.

**Revelation 17:1-6**

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*And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:*

<sup>2</sup> *With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

<sup>3</sup> *So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

<sup>4</sup> *And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:*

<sup>5</sup> *And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

<sup>6</sup> *And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*

False religion started in Babylon and it will end in Babylon.

Let me get your mind back to Genesis 11 again. I want to do my best to help you to see how serious the situation is here in Genesis 11.

The reason you need to see this is because it is what the "New Age" people are pressing for today. They want to bring the world together as 1 and under 1 leader so that everyone can get along and live happily ever after. There is coming a system just like the one we see here in Genesis 11 and it will be the kingdom of the anti-christ.

This movement under the rule of Nimrod was a deadly system. God had to come down and stop this and the reason is there was no one else to stop it. There were no nations to oppose this mass movement. Nimrod was the world ruler and he was a mighty hunter which means he was a mighty warrior. He was a killer of men.

To put this in the proper perspective just think what this world would have been like if there would have been no one to oppose Hitler. It would have been far worse than it was. God needed to judge these people because they were headed down a path of self destruction. The first judgment was **destruction** this

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judgment would be **dispersion**. There reason why God had to judge these people was because there was no one to stop them.

Application:

Let me just say that when the anti-christ sets up his kingdom there will be no one to stop him. The restraints will be lifted from the demonic forces and he will rule the world and he will be a ruthless warrior. He will be like Adolf Hitler on steroids.

Let's go to the next point then we will consider some application for our lives.

## II. When did this happen?

Some of you may be surprised to find out the events at the tower of Babel happened only 100 years after the flood. Let me show you.

### Notice Genesis 10:25

Here we can see that it was in the days of Peleg that the earth was divided. That is a reference to the Tower of Babel.

### Notice Genesis 11:10

Let us start here and do some math.

Shem fathered Arphaxad 2 years after the flood.

### Notice 11:12

Arphaxad lived 35 years and fathered Salah.

Salah was born 37 years after the flood.

### Notice 11:14

Salah was 30 when he fathered Eber.

Eber was born 67 years after the flood.

### Notice 11:16

Eber was 34 when he fathered Peleg.

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Therefore Peleg was born 101 years after the flood.

Therefore the Tower of Babel happened about 100 years after the flood.

### **Genesis 9:28**

*<sup>28</sup> And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.*

Noah was alive during the Tower of Babel.

### **Lessons:**

- 1. When Satan lures you away from God he will always do it with the promise of something better.**

The tower and the false worship was used by Satan to fill the void in the lives of the people as they walked away from God.

Satan knows that when he leads us away from God that there will be a vacuum and so he will always provide something to fill the vacuum. At the same time he will convince you that if you take what he offers you will be much happier and content.

He did the very same thing in the Garden of Eden.

### **Genesis 3:4-5**

*<sup>4</sup> And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*

*<sup>5</sup> For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

It is always the same lie it just gets wrapped in a different package.

### **1 John 2:16**

*<sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

- 2. You can drift away from God very quickly.**

These people drifted while the memory and the story of the flood were both very fresh. Don't you ever think it will never happen to you!

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Think about this: Nimrod was the grandson of Noah!

**1 Peter 5:8**

<sup>8</sup> *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*