



HIS story is Not Random Part 10 The Story of Nimrod and the Tower of Babel

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.

John 15:5,6

The Story of Nimrod-Genesis 10

The descendants of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 7 The descendants of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The descendants of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. 8 Cush was also the ancestor of Nimrod, who was the first heroic warrior on earth. Gen. 10:7,8

Nimrod is the grandson of Noah.

He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; that is why it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD." Genesis 10:9

The Hebrew translated "before" in the phrase "Mighty hunter before the LORD" means literally "in the Face of God" as an adversary to him.

10 The first centers of *his kingdom* were Babylon, Erech, Akkad and Calneh, in Shinar. 11 From that land he went to Assyria, where he built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah 12 and Resen, which is between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city. Genesis 10:9-12

Nimrod is understood to have invaded territory that did not belong to him., to become the world's first emperor after the flood.

Babylonian deity named Marduk is an exultation of Nimrod to god status.

Marduk-Semiramis were the original god/goddess of Babylonian worship born out of the real lives of Nimrod and his consort.

The Story of the Tower of Babel-Genesis 11

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Genesis 11:1-3

Jewish historian Josephus connects Nimrod to Babel:

Now the multitude were very ready to follow the determination of Nimrod, and to esteem it a piece of cowardice to submit to God; and they built a tower...

4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, *so that we may make a name for ourselves* and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11:4

This is the central thought of humanism, glory to mankind.

But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. Genesis 11:5

It is language designed to set in contrast the ridiculousness of the suppositions of men, and the greatness of the Being of God.

"Look!" he said. "The people are **united**, and they all speak the same language. After this, **nothing** they set out to do **will be impossible** for them!" Genesis 11:6

God notes their unity and there creativity. As a result of these two factors God moves to protect mankind from themselves.

Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other." 8 In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the Lord confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world. Genesis 11:7-9

Thus, for man's sake --not because God is afraid of man--but for man's sake, to protect him from himself. It is the kindness of God that confuses the speech of men. It is God's way of preventing the ultimate catastrophe. Self-determination instead of dependence on God alone.