

“The Goal of Nimrod”
Genesis 10:6-12

Introduction: The name Nimrod had become a byword by the time of Moses, and its significance is worth considering. Every letter of the Hebrew alphabet is also a number. Every word, therefore, has a numerical value.

1. The sum of the numerical values of the letters in the name Nimrod is 294, (or 7 x 42). The number 42, like the number 666, is associated with the Antichrist.
2. The first part of the Antichrist’s career, during which he will rise to world domination, will last for 42 months. The second part of his career, which will culminate in his swift and certain fall, will also last for 42 months.
3. Since the perfect number is linked with the Antichrist’s number in the name Nimrod, we understand that the man Nimrod was not just a type of the Antichrist; he was a perfect type of the Antichrist.

Body: Let us examine the life of Nimrod and see if it does not reveal that the spirit of antichrist is at work today. 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.”*

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- I. Nimrod’s Genealogy
 - A. Nimrod’s Great-Grandfather was Noah, Grandfather was Ham, and his father was Cush. Genesis 10:1
 - B. Nimrod’s uncles were Mizraim, Phut, and Canaan (Genesis 10:6). Cush founded the Ethiopians, Mizraim the Egyptians, and Phut those in Libya.
 - C. Uncle Canaan probably cultivated a friendship with Nimrod. Canaan lived under Noah’s divinely inspired curse, yet somehow he seemed to prosper. He even had his own religion, a religion that would become so vile that God would have to command Joshua to exterminate the whole Canaanite race.
 - D. Nimrod chose this religion over the godly line of Shem. Shem was too narrow-minded. Keep in mind that Nimrod’s name means “rebellion”.
 - E. Keep in mind that Ham was Nimrod’s wicked and cursed grandfather (Genesis 9:18-27). Nimrod was probably filled with resentment over God’s treatment of his uncle Canaan. Nimrod determined to reverse the curse.
 - F. Can you imagine Nimrod asking Ham what the world was like before the flood?

1. Ham said, “The world was filled with people. They built great cities and filled them with works of art and the products of science and industry.”
Genesis 6:5
 2. Ham further said, “The world was filled with all kinds of music. There was music for the harp and music for the pipes. There was beat and rhythm and swelling volumes of vibrant sound. Men marched to music, women danced to music, and people sang to music.”
 3. Matthew 24:38- “*For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark*”
 4. Ham also said, “It was a world of entertainment, a world of science, and a world of inventions. Adam, after he ate the fruit, was filled with the fruit of knowledge. We were able to develop agriculture and found new ways to herd cattle. We evolved new methods of marketing.”
 5. Genesis 6:12-13
- G. Nimrod’s eyes probably grew wider and wider as he intently listened to Ham.
- H. Therefore, we see the influence that was placed upon Nimrod in his youth. Uncle Canaan and his grand-father Ham.
1. Sidon, Canaan’s firstborn, was Nimrod’s cousin. He would lead the Phoenician seafarers which would dominate the world for years.
 2. The descendants of another cousin would become the Amorites.

II. Nimrod’s Greatness Genesis 10:8

- A. Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, was the progenitor of several African peoples.
- B. The great Egyptian Empire was Hamitic. Their pyramids rank among the seven wonders of the ancient world.
- C. They made enormous contributions to the world’s knowledge by farming and engineering skills.

III. Nimrod’s Gruesomeness Genesis 10:9

- A. The image of Nimrod in the text isn’t that of a sportsman hunting game but rather of a tyrant ruthlessly conquering men and establishing an empire.
- B. Daring plans seethed in Nimrod’s mind. He was plotting nothing less than the conquest of the world.
- C. Nimrod would perfect his skills in the use of weapons of war, invent new weapons, and develop ideas of how to use them.
- D. He built four cities in Shinar (Babylonia) and four more in Assyria. Both the Assyrian and Babylonian Empires had their roots in the gruesomeness of Nimrod. Genesis 10:10-12
 1. Babylon Genesis 10:10
 - a. Babylon became one of the most magnificent and luxurious cities in the known world. Superbly constructed, it spread over an area of fifteen square miles, the Euphrates River flowing diagonally across the city. The city was surrounded by a wall 350 feet high and eighty-seven feet thick—extending thirty-five feet below the ground to prevent tunneling, and wide enough for six chariots to drive abreast.

- b. Around the top of the wall were 250 watchtowers placed in strategic locations. Outside the huge wall was a large ditch, or moat, which surrounded the city and was kept filled with water from the Euphrates River. The large ditch was meant to serve as an additional protection against attacking enemies, for any attacking enemy would have to cross this body of water first before approaching the great wall. Within this wall were one hundred gates of brass.
 - c. In addition to being a bastion for protection, Babylon was a place of beauty. The famous hanging gardens of Babylon are on record yet today as one of the seven wonders of the world. Arranged in an area 400 feet square, and raised in perfectly cut terraces one above the other, they soared to a height of 350 feet. Viewers could make their way to the top by means of stairways, which were ten feet wide.
 - d. From a distance these hanging gardens presented an imposing sight. The tower itself sat on a base 300 feet in breadth and rose to a height of 300 feet. The great temple of Marduk, adjoining the Tower of Babel, was the most renowned sanctuary in all the Euphrates Valley. It contained a golden image of Bel and a golden table which together weighed not less than 50,000 pounds. At the top were golden images of Bel and Ishtar, two golden lions, a golden table forty feet long, fifteen feet wide, and a human figure of solid gold eighteen feet high. Babylon was literally a city of gold! The city had fifty-three temples and 180 altars to Ishtar.
 - e. Habakkuk 1:6-9- *“For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat. They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.”*
2. Nineveh—The capital of the kingdom of Assyria Genesis 10:11
- a. Nineveh lay on the eastern side of the Tigris, and was one of the greatest—if not the greatest—of the cities of antiquity. It had 1,200 towers, each 200 feet high, and its wall was 100 feet high, and of such breadth that three chariots could drive on it abreast. It was 60 miles in circumference, and could, within its walls, grow corn enough for its population of 600,000. The basement of its wall was of polished stone, and its width 50 feet. In the city was a magnificent palace, with courts and walls covering more than 100 acres. The roofs were supported by beams of cedar, resting on columns of cypress, inlaid and strengthened by bands of sculptured silver and iron; its gates were guarded by huge lions and bulls sculptured in stone; its doors were of ebony and cypress encrusted with iron, silver, and ivory, and panelling the rooms were

sculptured slabs of alabaster, and cylinders and bricks with cuneiform inscriptions. Hanging gardens were filled with rich plants and rare animals, and served with other temples and palaces, libraries and arsenals, to adorn and enrich the city; and all was built by the labor of foreign slaves.

- b. The cruelty of the Assyrian armies was unparalleled in ancient history.
- c. Some of the victims were held down while one of the band of torturers, who are portrayed upon the monuments gloating fiendishly over their fearful work, inserts his hand into the victim's mouth, grips his tongue, and wrenches it out by the roots.
- d. In another spot, pegs are driven into the ground. To these, another victim's wrists are fixed with cords. His ankles are similarly made fast, and the man is stretched out, unable to move a muscle. The executioner then applies himself to his task; and beginning at the accustomed spot, the sharp knife makes its incision, the skin is raised inch by inch till the man is flayed alive. These skins are then stretched out upon the city walls, or otherwise disposed of so as to terrify the people and leave behind long-enduring impressions of Assyrian vengeance.
- e. For others, long, sharp poles are prepared. The sufferer, taken like all the rest from the leading men of the city, is laid down; the sharpened end of the pole is driven in through the lower part of the chest; the pole is then raised, bearing the writhing victim aloft; it is planted in the hole dug for it, and the man is left to die.
- f. Pyramids of human heads marked the path of the conqueror; boys and girls were burnt alive or reserved for a worse fate; men were impaled, flayed alive, blinded, or deprived of their hands and feet, or their ears and noses, while the women and children were carried into slavery, the captured city plundered and reduced to ashes, and the trees in its neighborhood cut down.

IV. Nimrod's Government Genesis 10:10-12

- A. God's original intention was that the various tribal families should migrate and settle in different areas. Genesis 10:5, 20, 31-32, Acts 17:24-28
- B. However, Nimrod urged people to ignore God's wise plan. He dreamed of centralized power in a super state with himself at its head. He was the prime mover behind the building of the Tower of Babel.

V. Nimrod's Goal Genesis 11:1-9

- A. One-World Sovereignty Genesis 11:1-4
 1. Humanism was the basic philosophy of Nimrod and his followers. They sought to throw down God and enthrone man. They said, "Let us make us a name."
 2. John 5:43- *"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive."*
 3. The Antichrist will come in his own name.

4. Revelation 13:17- *“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.”*
 5. Philippians 2:10- *“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth”*
 6. Nimrod wanted to build a federation of nations and to exclude the true God from the new world order.
 7. Nimrod wanted Babylon—the city he would build—to become the capital of the world and the focal point of all science, art, and industry.
 8. That city would rule the world, and he would rule that city.
- B. One-World Society Genesis 11:5-6
1. In the Citizens v. 6- *“...the people is one...”*
 - a. Gender (Unisex Movement)
 - (1) Romans 1:26-27- *“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”*
 - (2) Leviticus 18:22- *“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.”*
 - (3) Leviticus 20:13- *“If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.”*
 - (4) Romans 1:32- *“Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”*
 - (5) I Corinthians 6:9- *“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind”*
 - b. Race
 - (1) Deuteronomy 7:1-3
 - (2) Joshua 23:12-13
 - (3) Ezra 9:1-3, 12, 14
 - (4) Nehemiah 10:28-30
 - (5) Nehemiah 13:23-31
 - c. Economy
 - d. Religion
 2. In the Communications v. 6- *“...and they have all one language...”*
 - a. Approximately 5,687 languages are spoken throughout the world.
 - b. Today the English language is rapidly assuming the status of a world language. More than 400 million people speak it.
 - c. English has replaced French as the language of diplomacy and German as the language of science. English is the official language of

thousands of international societies, and more than 80 percent of all scientific papers are published first in English.

C. One-World Sanctuary Genesis 11:4

1. Nimrod's proposed world religion would center in a tower whose top may reach unto heaven.
2. Archaeological evidence suggests that the Tower of Babel was in reality a building given over to astrology, or the heathen worship of the heavens. Among the ruins of ancient Babylon is a building 153 feet high with a 400 foot base. It was constructed of dried bricks in seven stages, to correspond with the known planets to which they were dedicated. The lowermost was black, the color of Saturn, the next orange, for Jupiter, the third red, for Mars, and so on. These stages were surmounted by a lofty tower, on the summit of which were the signs of the Zodiac.
3. When God builds, he builds with stones. I Peter 2:5- *"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."*
4. Ephesians 2:20- *"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone"*
5. Notice what Nimrod built from. Genesis 11:3
6. Nimrod built with brick. Brick, which is hard-baked clay, is like fallen man who is set in his ways of rebellion against God. Moreover, Nimrod chose to use slime for mortar. So his proposed world empire was symbolized by hard-baked clay and slime. The clay represents the weakness of his kingdom and the slime the wickedness of the kingdom.

Conclusion: God simply stepped in and destroyed the plans of Nimrod (Genesis 11:7-9). One day, God will again step in and destroy the plans of Antichrist.