

Spiritual Warfare pt 5

As we continue to study the spiritual realm and the beginning of the spiritual war, it's important to understand in our hearts that all that we are studying is real.

I'm concerned that at times we read the bible and hear God telling us what to expect, but we allow the world that is more visual and sensory to become more real in our hearts than God.

We must fight the urges to give in to the deception, that the world is trying to infuse into our lives.

To continue this series on Spiritual warfare, we are going to continue to look at the events that caused God to have to flood the earth to stop the spread of the corruption to mankind's DNA.

To begin this morning, I want to take a look at what happened after the flood, after Noah and his family left the ark and began life again upon the earth.

The next major event in human history according to scripture is the incident at Babel. Let's take a quick look at the scripture and then I have some information to give you.

Genesis 11:1-4 (KJV)

¹ 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.

After coming out of the Ark, Noah and his family are told to begin to repopulate the earth. Approximately 100 years later, we find the scripture that I just read.

So man has once again taken charge over the earth, but there is something different here, this isn't the same spirit God found in Noah. So God decided to take a closer look at what man was up to.

Genesis 11:5-9 (KJV)

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.

⁹ Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

God says in vs 7 "let us go down", I was wondering if He may be talking to His "Divine Council"?

So what God saw happening bothered Him enough that a drastic action was required. At that moment in human history, mankind was pretty much in one area of the world, and all spoke the same language as it's only 100 years since the flood.

God saw something that caused Him to decide that man could not continue on the path He was on. I believe it was more than just a tall building that they were building. After all saying it reaches up to heaven is kind of silly.

The tower of Babel was 8 stories, 650 feet tall, at its base it was 1/4 mile square. Here is an artist rendering of what it was suppose to have looked like.

The Story:

Let's get into the information that is behind this story of the Tower of Babel.

The architect of Babel, and the tower was NIMROD, grandson of Noah, threw his son Ham was born Cush who had a son named Nimrod.

Genesis 10:7-10 (KJV)

⁷ And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

⁸ And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Ok Nimrod was in charge, and this scripture tells us a few things we need to look at.

1: **"he began to be a mighty one in the earth"**. This phrase uses the words **"mighty one"**, and it's interesting that this is the same words used in Genesis 6:4 where it say's **"mighty men"** describing the Nephilim. The word translates from the Hebrew as **"Gibbor"**, meaning **"powerful warrior giant"**.

I don't think Nimrod was a giant, there are no indications in scripture that he was abnormally tall, but there are indications that he was exhibiting the characteristics of the Nephilim.

2. **²"Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD"**

This passage shows that Nimrod began to establish himself as different than everyone else. The phrase "**before the Lord**" isn't what it seems, it isn't being said out of respect for the Lord, but more "**in your face**".

Nimrod wasn't becoming famous, more like "**infamous**". There was something evil about him.

Josephus the Jewish historian writes of Nimrod and his family, "they were deep into the occult, worshipping idols and false gods, and requiring those who lived in his city to do the same".

Historically, Nimrods wife, before he married her, was said to have had a child, while she was yet a virgin. The child grew and was at some point gored by a wild boar and died of his injuries, but after 40 days he came back to life.

I believe that what was going on in Babel and what God saw was that evil was prospering and Satan had once again found a way of introducing the Nephilim DNA into mankind. I believe that it was Nimrod who opened the door for this to happen through his Satanic worship of idols and false gods.

The tower of Babel is called that in scripture, but in Nimrods day the tower was also called "the temple of Jupiter Belus" a false god.

Why would I think that the Nephilim are re-gaining a hold over humans.

Moses sent spies into Canaan to see what the land was like, they came back with this statement:
Numbers 13:33 (KJV)

³³ **And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.**

1 Samuel 17:4 (KJV)

⁴ **And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.**

This shows us that the Nephilim were once again in the world, and they were in the Promised Land, waiting for Israel, the bloodline to Jesus.

We are not told in scripture how this happened, but given what we do know,

1. About Nimrod's Satanic activity, and his requiring Idol worship from all who live in his city.
2. Nimrod exhibiting Nephilim characteristics, in superior strength, and an evil disposition and animosity toward God.
3. God looked at what was going on and decided that a drastic measure was required.

God not only confused their language ⁹ **Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.**

but according to this passage of scripture, "**the Lord scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth**", and then He did something else.

I'm not going to read you all these names in the generations, you can read them in your notes.

1 Chronicles 1:10-19 (KJV)

¹⁰ **And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth.**

¹¹ And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

¹² And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and Caphthorim.

¹³ And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn, and Heth,

¹⁴ The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

¹⁵ And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

¹⁶ And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

¹⁷ The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.

¹⁸ And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.

¹⁹ **And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name was Joktan.**

Peleg was born 40 years after Nimrod, which would put this action of God in dividing the earth around the time of the incident at Babel.

So it's possible that God **confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.**

And then divided the continents of the earth to further separate mankind. Friends this need to separate mankind from each other, including their languages, only say's to me that God was trying to slow the spread of the DNA corruption in the Human Race. It had to have started somewhere and since such drastic measures were taken at Babel, I believe this is where it started and where God chose to deal with the threat.

The tower of Babel had another purpose in Nimrods thoughts, and that was to help avoid the catastrophe of another flood by God, with a building 650 ft tall.

Now our scripture earlier said Nimrod was a builder of cities, and two of those cities are notorious in scripture.

1. Babel, which is the Hebrew name for the city, but the Greek name for the city is Babylon.

Babylon is notorious throughout scripture as being a safe haven for evil and a leader in the world for commerce and government as a model for other cities. Here is what the scriptures have to say about Babylon in the end times.

Revelation 18:2 (KJV)

² **And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.**

Another city he built was Nineveh: We know this city as the evil city that Jonah was sent to by God to minister to the people before he destroyed it. Jonah's defiance won him a 3 night stay at the not so beautiful whales belly resort.

Jonah 1:1-2 (KJV)

¹ **Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,**

² **Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.**

So here is my information regarding the Tower of Babel, and I'll let you decide for yourself, if this is part of the Spiritual warfare or not.

But I want to leave you with a couple things to ponder regarding this message and the Spiritual War.

1. Why did God see fit to leave Israel in Egypt for 400 years, was it to keep the bloodline pure since the threat was once again on the earth?

2. Ever wonder why God told Israel to attack its enemies in the promised land and kill everyone? **1 Samuel 15:3 (KJV)**

³ **Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.**

Was it because they were corrupted once again by the Nephilim?

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 (KJV)

⁹ **When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.**

¹⁰ **There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,**

¹¹ **Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.**

¹² **For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.**

¹³ **Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.**

¹⁴ **For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee *so to do*.**

However you want to look at things, one thing we all have to agree on is there is a **SPIRITUAL WAR** going on, and friends whether we like it or not, we are in it.