

**Genesis 10-11**

It has been said by many that Genesis Chapter 10 is the most important chapter in all the Bible for any student of ancient history. It is the beginnings of mankind's work at building cities and nations. I have uploaded to the FBC website a map from the MacArthur Study Bible for you to reference. For the purposes of our study, I do not want to focus on that- rather just one individual listed in this chapter.

**Nimrod. Genesis 10:8-12**

It is written of Nimrod that he was a mighty warrior and a mighty hunter. According to Jewish Rabbinic teaching he was a terrible dictator- subjugating the people under him. Many believe that Nimrod is the same ruler as Sargon the Great (2334-2284 BC). True or not, Nimrod is the first recorded dictator in the Bible. Dictators and Kings have tried to take over the entire world from the beginnings of the nations. This is rebellion against God. The Lord does not desire a one-world human ruler. He told the nations to scatter and fill the earth. (Genesis 9:1)

**Babylon. Genesis 10:10**

We read that the first center of Nimrod's kingdom was Babylon. It was here that Nimrod led the peoples of earth to build a tower to the heavens. (Genesis 11). This was the cradle of human government and civilization after the flood. And the seat of rebellion against God.

Babylon began as a city, but over time, through the Biblical record it has become a representation of the world system set against God. Revelation 17 refers to it as *Mystery Babylon*. Babylon has become a general reference to divine judgment from God. This is important to our Biblical Worldview. Not only are individuals in rebellion against the LORD, but these individuals have formed nations that are in rebellion to the LORD. All nations, to one degree or another are in rebellion to God right now. (Psalm 2).

There have been two attempts by Babylon to form a one world system to oppose God. There will be a third.

**1. Babylon and The Tower of Babel built by Nimrod. Genesis 11:1-9**

He confused their language because they were rebellious against the LORD. They thought themselves autonomous from God- and desired to build a tower. Reaching the heavens meant building a tower from which they could worship the heavenly bodies and the God's could come down to meet with them. What did happen was the True God came down and put an end to their collective rebellion. It is interesting to note that most great cities have a tower or a building by which they "make a name for themselves".

**2. The City of Babylon and a Statue built by Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel 3:1-6**

As we understand the context, this statue was built by Nebuchadnezzar because a dream Daniel had interpreted for him had gone to his head! In the dream Daniel revealed to Nebuchadnezzar that the statue he dreamed about indicated he was the first world ruler in a succession of world rulers -but at the appointed time, all those kingdoms would come to nothing- they would crumble once struck by a great boulder. (Dan. 2:31-45).

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**3. Mystery Babylon- The End Times World System- Led by Satan and Anti-Christ.**

Mystery Babylon already exists- led by Satan, it is in every world government and the United Nations, it is in the world economy and corporations attempting to tear down international borders and unite the world economically (See online The Great Reset), it is in the World Council of Churches and other religious bodies attempting to unite everyone into one religion. This will all find fulfillment in the great tribulation. Technology will be used greatly to see this happen. (Rev. 13:7-8)

This Babylon, which does seem to have a capital city will ultimately be destroyed- forever. Revelation 17-19. Because of the United States great wealth and relative luxury compared to the rest of the world, it is speculated that the city is New York. Some have speculated that it is Rome (Seven hills of Rev. 17:9). If it is a literal city, it has a port for the merchants and sailors weep over its destruction Rev. 18:17-19. This will be a 9-11 that will never be forgotten. For it will cripple the entire world. (Daniel 2:44-45)

God begins His own nation. Genesis 12:1-2

He calls Abram from out of these disobedient nations to be His man. The Lord will be faithful to the national promises he made to Abraham- to conquer Canaan (Genesis 13:14-18). But he is also calling others from the disobedient nations of the world to be a part of His spiritual kingdom. 1 Peter 2:9-12.