

Section One: Kingdom of God on Earth (Past)

Category B: Flood – Kingdom Intelligence Report #3

Topic: Whose Kingdom Is This Anyway?

Most of us are familiar with the expression: “the perfect storm.” It has its source from a book of that title; describing a storm which overwhelmed a fishing boat at sea. Since then, that term has been expanded to refer to a multitude of circumstances combining to create a negative event. Most of the inhabitants of Noah’s generation would have viewed the Flood as “the perfect storm.” But from God’s perspective, and hopefully ours, the Flood was a very positive occurrence, giving God the opportunity for a fresh start with Plan B. As far as God was concerned, “the perfect storm” that threatened Plan B came after the Flood, spearheaded by Satan and Nimrod, his man for that moment, as recorded for us in Genesis 10:8-12; 11:1-9.

This Satanic synergy involved three adverse factors coming together, creating the ultimate disruptive phenomenon; with the potential for usurping God’s Kingdom on earth. In order to carry out this coup, Satan needed a man in whom the sin nature reigned supreme. That man was Nimrod. His name has its source in the verb: “to rebel.” Nimrod, throughout human history, has been identified with tyrannical power and must be viewed by the people of God as a villain, not a hero. The devil also needed a human circumstance which would motivate Nimrod and his followers to carry out their rebellion; consisting of the curse which God had placed upon the created order, making human existence a life-long struggle. Only a unified humanity would be able to mitigate such a challenge. This attempt at unification, in rebellion against God, through the leadership of Nimrod, under the influence of the devil, became “the perfect storm” that posed a very real threat to the advancement of God’s Plan B.

Satan, no doubt, heard God’s promise to Noah of no further destruction of the earth by a world-wide flood, and decided to seize that opportunity for establishing a kingdom of his own. Just as the Garden of Eden was the original location for God’s Kingdom on earth, so the plain of Shinar was chosen by Nimrod, under the influential guidance of the devil, to be that centralized headquarters of a counterfeit kingdom. On that plain, Nimrod initiated the building of a city, and within that city, the building of a tower, which would serve as the devil’s “in your face” statement against the authority and purpose of God’s Kingdom on earth, as verbalized in Genesis 11:4 –

“They said, ‘Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.’”

Neither Satan nor Nimrod anticipated God’s response. Even though God did promise no further judgment of our world by means of the water of a flood, this did not mean no further judgment at all. The first positive proof of the wisdom of God being far greater than the wisdom of man and the god of this world, is recorded for us in Genesis 11:5-9. God confuses the language of a unified humanity, causing everyone to scatter, sending the tower of Babel building project into an unexpected bankruptcy. But Nimrod did not quit. The record of Scripture in Genesis 10:10-12, tells us that he founded other cities and peoples who would prove to be the future enemies of the chosen people of God.