

## Episode Two

### The Beginning of The Problem and The Spiritual Necessity

#### Episode Two - Part 1. The beginning of the problem

Episode One presented the basis and basics. Episode Two presents the beginning of the problem of government as it is seen in the first government after the flood<sup>1</sup>. It is specific, and it tells where the devil will go with government. What is seen is a totalitarian dictatorship that he, the devil, controls. His purpose is to get people **not** to believe that God by Christ, is the only true ruler and the source of all life and good. The devil would have people believe their good comes from themselves, or some man, or man-made entity. He intends to make men and women dependent upon the world of men. With this he seeks to eradicate all true independence of man<sup>1</sup>. This beginning of government is seen in Genesis chapter 10 verses 8-12.

Genesis 10:8 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. 11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, 12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.

In his book *The Two Babylons*; Rev, Alexander Hislop points out that the text in verse eleven should be read "being made strong", rather than the proper name "Asshur"<sup>2</sup>. Nimrod was a complete dictator of the world. There were still men and women that believed and worshiped the true God. But Nimrod was running all the government, religion and nationality of those who did not. E.W. Bullinger points out that where it is written "a mighty hunter before the LORD" should read "a mighty hunter in defiance of God"<sup>iii</sup>. Making this section read:

Cush begat Nimrod, who began to prevail in wickedness, for he shed innocent blood, and rebelled against Jehovah. He was powerful in hunting and in wickedness before the Lord, for he was a hunter of the sons of men, and he said to them, 'Depart from the judgment of the Lord, and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod!' Therefore is it said: 'As Nimrod [is] the strong one, strong in hunting, and in wickedness before the Lord.' 10 And the beginning of his [Nimrod] kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 And being strengthened he [Nimrod] went forth and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, 12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.

With the exception of the believers, Nimrod was the government ruling all the world and he was against the one true God. The ancient historian Josephus says this of Nimrod:

Now it was Nimrod who excited them (the people) to such an affront and contempt of God. He was the grandson of Ham, (who was) the son of Noah, (Nimrod's) was a bold man, and of great strength of hand. He persuaded them (the people) not to ascribe it (life & good) to God, as if it were through his (God's) means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. He also gradually changed the government into tyranny-seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence upon his (Nimrod's) own power. - *Josephus - The Complete Works*, Translated by William Whiston A.M., Thomas Nelson, Nashville... ( ) added for clarity

Nimrod tried to get the people to see themselves as their own god<sup>3</sup>; their own source of life and good.

<sup>1</sup> The only way a man or woman can be truly independent on the earth is to have Jesus Christ as their lord and know God the Father is their ruler and source of all life and good.

<sup>2</sup> "The Two Babylons", Rev. Alexander Hislop, Loizeaux brothers inc, page 24-25

<sup>3</sup> Satan tempting Eve - Genesis 3:5b .... and ye shall be as gods [elohiyim - God as the creator], knowing good and evil. The devil's basic lie and motive

But when that did not work he made the people dependent on the government, which in this case was him. This goes on through time and history. The devil continues to attempt to get as close to a totalitarian dictatorship in government as he can. In most cases these governments will be tied to a similarly dogmatic religion and together they will work to destroy any opposition to themselves. Many Sultans, Czars, Premiers, Kings, Emperors, Popes, Caliph, congress's and the like were all attempts to reestablish a one world totalitarian dictatorship<sup>iii</sup>, but what took place at Babel blocks that from happening<sup>4</sup>.

Short of "one world" then the devil will settle for one kingdom, state, region, nation, or village. The great thing the devil wants is any government that can rule the people in all areas whatsoever. Having this he then seeks control of that dictatorship and for "good reason" tries to use it to attack any who believe in the true God. He also works to make people dependant on government or anything but the one true God by His Christ<sup>5</sup>.

This totalitarian dictatorship need not be one man. A congress may be just as totalitarian and as dictator if they have no declaration and or restriction of the powers which they have over the people. Theophilus Lillie, a shopkeeper in Boston in the late seventeen hundreds, wrote of this when the people of Boston punished him for selling British goods.

....and I own I had rather be a slave under one master (for I know who he is I may perhaps be able to please him) than a slave to a hundred or more whom I don't know where to find, nor what they will expect of me. - *Theophilus Lillie, shopkeeper, importer, seeker of liberty, 1770, 15 January Boston Chronicle.*

James Madison also reflects on this in his introduction of a bill to establish what would become our first ten amendments, called *the Bill of Rights*. England had restricted their king but there were no restrictions on houses the lords and commons and how they could effect the people.

In the declaration of rights which that country (England) has established, the truth is, they have gone no farther than to raise a barrier against the power of the Crown; the power of the Legislature is left altogether indefinite. - *Madison in his introduction to the Bill of Rights*

Whenever a government can make laws concerning all aspects of the lives of the people it can be and in short order will be totalitarian. Abigail Adams, in a letter, while quoting a poet is herself quoted as saying "all men would be tyrants"<sup>6</sup>. This is history and this is the beginning of the problem. The devil will, when he can, use the government, which "we the people" have formed for our own good, to rebelled against Jehovah. Those who ratified the constitution of the United States of America came up with the unique solution to that ancient problem. That solution was declaration and restriction of the vested, elected representative, powers of government.

## Episode Two - Part 2. The Spiritual Necessity

The only thing that makes and keeps anyone free is knowing and living God's Word, then living with Jesus Christ as lord and manifesting the power and love of God which is made available in God's accomplishments in Christ.

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Judaens which believed on him, If ye continue [abide or live in] in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know [by experience] the

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does not change. He simply modifies it according to time, place and target.

4 Kerusso4god.org, menu, Our Responsibility, Our Responsibility video classes, Babel and War, segments 3012-3014

5 Tennessee Erie Ford, in 1955, singing Merle Travis song *Sixteen tons* is a wonderful example. Some coal mines of the 19<sup>th</sup> century U.S.A. would manipulate wages and goods sold to get their workers indebted to them and functionally slaves. They also controlled housing, schools and even churches making them default totalitarian dictators.

6 *John Adams*, by David McCullough

truth, and the truth [which you know because you have lived it] shall make you free.

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

True freedom only comes from God. Since Pentecost believing men and women have lived free in the most viral dictatorships. Not always easily, but still they have known and believed the gospel of God pertaining to His son Jesus Christ. By this they lived as free men and women upon the earth<sup>iv</sup>. These believing men and women have affected the cultures and societies in which they have lived. They have brought changes to those societies including the governments. Those changes became manifest in the ratified constitution of the United States of America. This is most evident within the first ten amendments. The focus of this work is how then do "we the people" know what these changes really are and apply them today?

In any nation to have the right to choose we the people must, within the limits of necessary laws, allow all others in that nation the right to choose. For that to work takes a strong base of men and women who know and live God's Word. Men and women who will speak up and stand up for what is right. It is imperative that those who are free in Christ, live as free in Christ, and speak up for God and His Word. Without this neither constitution or free nation can be maintained.

i I am told there are over 32 countries that have the story of the flood. My favorite is the one in a matriarchal society in the Himalayan mountains. Grandma was feeding the pigs when the flood came and dumped out the pig trough got in and floated away to safety. Don't know how she repopulated the earth, and like it or not, the Himalayan mountains are really not prone to seasonal flooding.

ii The Companion Bible, Appendix 28, E.W. Bullinger, Original Title - The Companion Bible: Enlarged Type Edition, ISBN - 0825420997 (ISBN13: 9780825420993), Edition Language - English

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Nimrod. Genesis 10:8, 9. - 1 Chronicles 1:10.

This Is Appendix 28 From The Companion Bible.

Josephus (*Ant. Jud.* i. c. 4. 2) says: "Nimrod persuaded mankind not to ascribe their happiness to God, but to think that his own excellency was the source of it. And he soon changed things into a tyranny, thinking there was no other way to wean men from the fear of God, than by making them rely upon his own power."

The Targum of Jonathan says: "From the foundation of the world none was ever found like Nimrod, powerful in hunting, and in rebellions against the Lord."

The Jerusalem Targum says: "He was powerful in hunting and in wickedness before the Lord, for he was a hunter of the sons of men, and he said to them, 'Depart from the judgment of the Lord, and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod!' Therefore is it said: 'As Nimrod [is] the strong one, strong in hunting, and in wickedness before the Lord.'"

The Chaldee paraphrase of 1 Chronicles 1:10 says: "Cush begat Nimrod, who began to prevail in wickedness, for he shed innocent blood, and rebelled against Jehovah."

**1 Chr 1:10**

10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be **mighty** upon the earth. [*mighty = Gibbor. #1328 Strong's*] (KJV)

[H1368 - גבור - gibbôr - gibbôr - *ghib-bore', ghib-bore'* - Intensive from the same as H1397; *powerful*; by implication *warrior, tyrant*: - champion, chief, X excel, giant, man, mighty (man, one), strong (man), valiant man. Strong's lexicon – added by JRM not on appendix page.]

Nimrod was the founder of Babylon, which partook of his character as being the great antagonist of God's Truth and God's People.

We cannot fail to see, in Nimrod, Satan's first attempt to raise up a human universal ruler of men. There have been many subsequent attempts, such as Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander, Napoleon, and others. He will finally succeed in the person of the Antichrist.

iv Those, since Pentecost, who believed in the true God have believed and followed His written Word in the Church epistles of Romans through Thessalonians. These Epistles were given to the Apostle Paul by the revelation of Jesus Christ and show the affects of what Christ has accomplished. In them we see the liberty we have as we live according to that word of God.