

THE UNSAVED IN BIBLE PROPHECY

Gen 10:8 *And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.*

Gen 10:9 *He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.*

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

We have looked at Bible end time prophecy in relation to Israel and the church. This Bible study will consider the events prophesied concerning the world alone. By the world, I mean those who rebel against the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the unsaved. They too have a covenant with God – sadly a terrible one. Our hope and prayer is that unsaved individuals will read this message and make peace with the Creator and Savior of their souls, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The verses above record that Nimrod was a mighty hunter. Moreover, he was the founder of the city of Babylon. Nimrod was the first antichrist figure in the world. It is also significant that he was a hunter. The spirit of Babylon has always hunted and preyed upon the souls of human beings. In addition to an antichrist figure, a city and hunting for souls, there is a fourth dimension to the first worldwide rebellion against God that we must carefully consider in order to understand the last days events prophesied in the Bible. “And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech” (Genesis 11:1). Each time we turn on our smartphones, tablets, computers and read texts, we are basically employing the same language called binary code (two symbols: 0 and 1) irrespective of the language. We are in one sense using “one language” again. We have created the “Internet Tower” that reaches to heaven (think of satellites), so to speak, souls are being hunted relentlessly through this new form of communication, and, finally, the world is waiting for the new Nimrod to come, the Beast of Revelation.

Act 17:26 *And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;*

Act 17:27 *That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us.*

The scriptures above declare that the purpose of nations and boundaries is that we may seek God from within the places/cultures he had scattered us after the rebellion at the Tower of Babel. Countries have always had their own unique flags, languages and cultures. However, we are now increasingly living in a time when we are being told that there exist global problems, which need global solutions. Climate change, terrorism, poverty, refugees

etc. require the world to think in international terms, not national. We are told that to think nationally is exclusive – the rainbow flag is supposed to represent inclusivity, broadmindedness and progressiveness. We are rapidly seeing a monoculture sweeping across the world; people in Mumbai, Tel Aviv, Berlin, Toronto and Dallas (places I have visited and observed carefully) all seem to be wearing the same clothes, hearing the same music and making friends across the globe through social media. Facebook (Meta), Instagram, Amazon, Google etc. play key roles in building the new superhighway of information and communication which is spiritually the new “Tower of Babel”. There is a verse that disturbs me in regard to the end times.

Revelation 13:15 *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

The Encyclopedia Britannica defines artificial intelligence in this manner: “artificial intelligence (AI), the ability of a digital computer or computer-controlled robot to perform tasks commonly associated with intelligent beings. The term is frequently applied to the project of developing systems endowed with the intellectual processes characteristic of humans, such as the ability to reason, discover meaning, generalize, or learn from past experience.” The late Prof. Stephen Hawking’s biggest warning before he died was about the ability of computers to supersede our intelligence. “The development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race”, he told the BBC, and went on to say that AI will either be the best thing that’s ever happened to us, or it will be the worst thing. If we are not careful, it very well may be the last thing. Whether we may agree or disagree with this eminent scientist, we cannot deny that the technologies available at our fingertips are mass marketing the kind of evils that the apostle Paul warned will flourish in the last days.

2Tim 3:1 *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

2Tim 3:2 *For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

2Tim 3:3 *Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,*

2Tim 3:4 *Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*

2Ti 3:5 *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

2Tim 3:6 *For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,*

2Tim 3:7 *Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

In addition to the above, let us not forget the warning of our Lord Jesus Christ himself about the generation of the last days. “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” (Matthew 24:38). There is nothing wrong with eating and drinking, so why does the Lord single this apparently mundane activity out as one of the great signs of the last days? Simply because the world has never experienced the kind of variety and abundance of food (at least in the rich and moderately rich countries) like we see today. I have preached earlier about our modern super malls and grocery stores with bursting with an incredible array of produce and products from all over the globe. I once counted about 15 TV channels dedicated to food and wine while living in London. We have food celebrities like Gordon Ramsey and Jamie Oliver. Several famous chefs do nothing else but travel the world to live in the deserts with Arab nomads and Japanese villagers in order to learn about their food culture and share it with the world. They will definitely be caught off guard when the Lord returns. The stories of Esau and Judas remind us that there exists a disastrous bond between the call of God (birthright of Esau and apostleship of Judas) and gluttony. The Devil knows this which is why he tried to tempt the Lord with the words, “And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread” (Matthew 4:3). There is another group of people Jesus warned: business people, those who buy and sell.

Luke 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Everyone has become a buyer and a seller today. Be honest: what did you sell or buy recently? We all used to be just buyers until recently when the internet came. Every country has its Luke 17:28 website – in Norway, we call it Finn.no. I sold a lawn mower there some time ago. Internationally, we have eBay. Some of the strangest things sold on eBay are: a grilled cheese sandwich with the face of Virgin Mary for \$28,000; the Star Trek star, William Shatner’s kidney stone sold for USD 75,000 and air packed in a bag from Kanye West’s show for \$28,000. We can only wonder what people will be selling online when the Lord returns.

It should shock and terrify us at how easy it is to influence someone to turn against God in our age filled with radio, TV, the internet and social media, to name a few. Before the age of radio, one had to read a newspaper (if one had time and could afford a paper) or listen to someone who popped up physically. All one has to do today is sit down and turn on the computer, TV etc. and you can hear Babel (literally confusion) speaking. No wonder Paul

warns about this time and charges preachers to seize every opportunity to teach the word of God and save souls.

2Tim 4:2 *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

2Tim 4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*

2Tim 4:4 *And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

Like Nimrod, the antichrist will be a mighty hunter. He will use his demonic powers to persuade through the airwaves and broadband.

Rev 13:4: *And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*

Rev 13:7 *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

Rev 13:8 *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

Let us tie all these threads, if we can, together in conclusion. The world is aptly named Babylon because it is a place of confusion. In Bible prophecy, God gathers Israel together in the Land of Israel, the church is gathered together in heaven and the world will be gathered together in Armageddon. Israel does not know its God, Jesus, yet, but he will soon be revealed to Israel. The world will discover to their horror that the antichrist is not the savior of the world, but its destroyer. Only the church knows the true power of the universe – the Lord Jesus Christ. What should the church do right now? Firstly, we should avoid partaking of the sins of Babylon. “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues” (Rev 18:4). Next, we should do our best through prayer and example to deliver the unsaved from the horrible destiny we have just studied. “Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins” (James 5:20). In fact, God expects the church to warn the world or we will be held guilty of their blood. “When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand (Ezekiel 3:18).” There is still time for the unsaved to change allegiance and direction from Armageddon to the New Jerusalem.