

Chapter Seven

NIMROD/ORION & THE MYSTERY OF BABYLON



Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD." Few words in the Bible have excited so much interest or speculation. Many have speculated on the true identity of this

king, trying to match him up with numerous Assyrian, Babylonian, and even Egyptian kings. To this date, however, his true identity remains a mystery.

Nimrod, a descendant of Cush, the son of Noah, who rose head and shoulders above the rest to be the first great dictator of the post-Flood world.

Nimrod, besides being a mighty hunter, was also known as both a conqueror and a builder of cities in the world after the Great Flood, in the eastern part of the region formerly known as Osiria, now generally known as the ancient Near East. All over the ancient Near East — and perhaps throughout the entire world — legends state that Nimrod went far and wide conquering, and to conquer the barbarians that surrounded ancient Mesopotamia (modern Iraq) on all sides, and building various cities in order to bring civilization to the face of the Earth. He was the great civilizer of mankind, raising the standards of living for all under his domain. Yet, despite the positive aspects of his rule, the myths and legends that have circulated ever since about this mysterious king tell the tale of a man who also was possessed of a dark side. To be free of God's rule was his dark obsession, and in order to accomplish his dark purpose, he spoke dark sentences to enslave mankind to the ring of his dark will.

Many believe that this man was considered to be truly exceptional not only in his time, but for many thousands of years afterwards, to the point where his ascent to power may have been a paradigmatic event of such magnitude that it had altered the course of human history forever. Moreover, some believe that one like Nimrod may rise again at the time of the end in a final attempt to conquer the world, so the identification of this mysterious character of the past may be critical to understanding our future and, possibly, our present.

Nimrod was the first to renew the rebellion against God in the world after the Flood. Part of this rebellion may have been his refusal to dwell in the lands allotted to the descendants of Ham, instead setting up his own kingdom apart from the authority of God, in a place of *his* choosing. Ignoring God's prime directive to "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it." (Gen. 1:28) — to spread over the entire face of the Earth — Nimrod instead

centralized power in Mesopotamia in a bid for world supremacy, in an attempt to rule over mankind in God's stead as a self-appointed steward.

Nimrod's marching orders from his fallen masters was to recreate the world as it had been before the Flood, which he did with great gusto. Like the giants of the antediluvian world, he was a superb hunter and warrior, so superior that his name became synonymous with military prowess, of the hunting of both man and beast. However, his true quest was not merely a glorious hunt for animals, or even the conquest of nations, but to uncover the past "glories" of the antediluvian world that had been destroyed and covered up by the Flood. These "glories", or technological achievements, would then be reused to rebuild the antediluvian

world back to the level it had achieved before it had been destroyed by God's judgment.

Nimrod, a descendant or son of Ham's son Cush may have already become a noted leader and great hunter of wild beasts. He was the Caesar or Napoleon of his day and he led a rebellion against God's order to immigrate to Africa. The name "Nimrod" means rebellion. Him and his people had emigrated but not where God wanted them to go."²

It was there, in the city of [Kish](#) in ancient [Sumer](#), that Nimrod apparently began his quest to uncover the antediluvian cities of the first generation of giants. He may have even uncovered ancient texts from the world before the Flood, leading him to make the oft-quoted statement, "I studied inscriptions from before the flood" Babylon, Akkad and all the cities of the land of Shinar were probably founded by Cain, "east of Eden", in the world before the Flood: "Nimrod reinhabited the cities of Cain and adopted his language, his religion and his civilization. They built their cities upon the ruins of a civilization that existed in Shinar before the Flood. This is exactly what the Babylonians themselves said. They glorified their ancient cities by ascribing to them a foundation in the ages before the Flood."⁴

Nimrod's goal was to put himself in the place of God. He then spoke out against God and his divine laws, giving his subjects unbridled freedom and the ability to pursue happiness and self-satisfaction. Afterwards, after this philosophy had — predictably — led to anarchy, Nimrod then enslaved the morally weakened and divided peoples, replacing the fear of God with the fear of himself. This "divide and conquer" approach was to be the hallmark of his rule and that of his descendants from that time onward, even unto the time of the end.

Orion was a titan from Greek mythology. A mighty hunter, he was also mighty warrior. Moreover, the constellation is arranged in the sky in such a way that it appears to be opposing the onrushing bull, the constellation of Taurus. The bull Taurus may be symbolic of God, whom Orion, like Nimrod, opposed and fought against. Thus, the true identity of Nimrod may have been written in the stars all along, where Orion, mighty hunter "before" the Lord could be translated as "in front of", "opposing", or "against" in the sense that Orion is opposing God, rather than somehow working for him. In the same way, the term "antichrist" can mean either "in place of Christ" or "against Christ" — one meaning is merely questionable, whereas the other is clearly more sinister. And since the Hebrew etymology of the word "Nimrod" is actually "we shall rebel", then the sinister "Mighty hunter *against* the Lord" should become the accepted translation.

Orion fulfills the description of both "mighty warrior" and "mighty hunter against the Lord", the question remains, how can a constellation begin his kingdom in Shinar, or build cities in Assyria? The key to understanding how Orion answers the Nimrod puzzle so completely is the fact that though Orion did not actually

build the cities, those who did rule Shinar and who had built Assyria all worshiped and were inspired by the divine constellation of Orion. And though they had used different names for the constellation, such as Ninurta and Marduk, Orion being a later Greek application for the same constellation, in their minds the same constellation ruled the heavens above and the Earth beneath. In that way, though there were many different earthly "Nimrods" who had hunted and warred and built, there was but one heavenly Nimrod that ruled the heaven and Earth, unchanging, for thousands of years.

The Religion Of Mystery Babylon

The bloodlines of the evil and the good intertwine very closely in the scriptures and in history. Some of the kings of Judah were very good God fearing kings and others were totally depraved and evil, even though they were all of the bloodline of David. So then, it should come as no surprise that the bloodline of Shem, son of Noah, the priestly line, would also have in it good priests and evil sorcerers. (Shem was also known as Melchizedek)

What do angels have to do with sorcery and magic? The answer is because there are only two sources of power in this world, the power of God and the power of Satan. First there is the power of God working through Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ working the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit working through angels and through human beings. All things that work for good are from God. On the other hand, Satan has his counterfeit copy of God's program. Satan works through fallen angels to carry out his evil, the evil angels work through demons, which are the antithesis of the Holy Spirit, and the demons work through people. Summarized we can say that God works for good through his angelic beings and the Holy Spirit and Satan works for evil through his fallen angels and demons. The power of sorcery and witchcraft and all occult practices comes through Satan and his minions.

Magicians who use magic not for entertainment purposes but who are practitioners of the occult sciences such as astrologers, magicians, soothsayers, wizards, and other occult practitioners who follow divination rather than God sometimes surround the kings in this world are often very evil. Though many of them know the truth they reject it in favor of telling the kings of the earth what they want to hear to maintain their high and lofty positions and financial status. Usually, at least in the scriptural references there is only one voice for truth among all the counselors of the kings. Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon are two examples. The occult advisors of kings are usually fighting against God's plans, advise the king wrongly, and both they and the king eventually they suffer for it if their bad advice is followed.

Pre-Flood Mankind And Religion

Pre-flood mankind was not the brutish caveman that some people would have us believe. Mankind was created with intelligence, he was created in the image of God. From the very beginning our species was intelligent, and perhaps more so than we are today in potential.

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Man was not created stupid and gradually through evolution gained intelligence. Man was created intelligent and lost much of his knowledge due to sin, the flood, and the confusion of the languages.

According to the books of Enoch and Jasher, pre-flood humans had already invented birth control medicine, practiced specialized breeding of animals, knew how to write, used plants and herbs to make medicines for healing, built cities, and studied the stars. Remember, these pre-flood humans had seven or eight hundred years to build their knowledge base before they died. These pre flood humans had the same problem as man today. They used their knowledge for evil rather than good, provoking God to destroy the world with a flood, saving only eight people. These were Noah, Noah's wife, and Noah's three sons and their wives.

Only today, in the twenty first century with the use of computers to break the language barriers and to retain knowledge from generation to generation are we able to again learn and preserve knowledge in the manner of pre-flood mankind.

This is the state of mankind before the flood, from the books of Genesis and Jasher.

(Genesis 4:17 KJV) and Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

Notice, that men were already building cities in the first generation after creation. This Enoch is not the same Enoch as the one who will preach during the tribulation period. Enoch was a common name in pre-flood times. Cain, according to the Jewish historian Josephus, was the inventor of using weights and measures for trade. he may have received that knowledge from one of the fallen angels.

(Genesis 4:18-21 KJV) and unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech. And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

Jabal, son of Lamech was the first cattle rancher. From Jubal, his brother comes the word the word Jubilee, meaning festival or party. This is because Jubal was the inventor of musical instruments.

(Genesis 4:22 KJV) and Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron:

Tubalcain started the first foundry. Josephus states that he was also a body builder and an expert in martial arts. From Tubalcain who was called Balcain for short comes the Roman mythology of Vulcan, the god of fire and metalworking. The word vulcanize, which means to add strength is derived from the name of Tubalcain or Vulcan.

The angels who fell with Satan taught man sciences which were forbidden by God such as the magic in herbs, reading the stars, divination and sorcery. We have already covered this in detail in a previous chapter but we will review a few key points.

Armaros: Taught men the resolving of enchantments. Azazel: Taught men to make knives, swords, and shields, and to devise ornaments and cosmetics. Baraqijal: Taught men astrology. Sariel: Taught men the course of the moon. Semjaza: Taught men enchantments, root-cutting etc. Shamsiel: Taught men the signs of the sun.

Pre-Flood Birth Control

The men before the flood were just like us today. They wanted their women to use birth control so they could have fun without the responsibilities of children. Notice, that just like today the men wanted the women to take the risk and responsibility for this. There can be some understanding that when you lived for 700 to 800 years you could have a lot of little responsibilities running around. But even so, this still did not justify their disobedience of God's command to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. The Book Of Jasher gives us a more detailed account of the birth of Tubal-Cain from Lamech's wife Zillah, and of pre-flood birth control.

Jasher 2:19-24 For in those days the sons of men began to trespass against God, and to transgress the commandments which he had commanded to Adam, to be fruitful and multiply in the earth. And some of the sons of men caused their wives to drink a draught that would render them barren, in order that they might retain their figures and whereby their beautiful appearance might not fade. And when the sons of men caused some of their wives to drink, Zillah drank with

them. and the child-bearing women appeared abominable in the sight of their husbands, as widows, for to the barren ones only they were attached. And in the end of days and years, when Zillah became old, the Lord opened her womb. and she conceived and bare a son and called his name Tubal Cain, saying, after I had withered away have I obtained him from the Almighty God.

Zillah partook of the birth control medicine, reformed in her later years and God allowed her to have children. Notice that she attributed her child to the almighty God, indicating that she now had faith, and that her child became a great man on the earth, Tubalcain. Also notice that she only had to take it (the birth control medicine) once and it was supposed to last for a lifetime. We are not that advanced yet having to make our women take a pill every day. We are getting closer though with the invention of new anti-conception methods taken by injection. we will soon reach the point of the ancients and provoke God to send judgments on the earth again, this time by fire rather than by water.

Genesis 6:5-6 & 11 KJV And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Jasher 4:16-17 and all the sons of men departed from the ways of the Lord in those days as they multiplied upon the face of the earth with sons and daughters, and they taught one another their evil practices, and they continued sinning against the lord. And every man made unto himself a God, and they robbed and plundered every man his neighbor as well as his relative, and they corrupted the earth, and the earth was filled with violence.

The violence and robbery was the norm in those days, just as it is today. In the verse below you will see that ancient man had already achieved something we are just bordering on today, gene splicing. Man has always practiced hybrid breeding, but until today we have not yet been able to achieve the mixing of one species with the other, creating new life forms not intended by God to exist. When scientists today find the fossilized evidence of these mixed species animals they believe that these creatures disappeared due to evolutionary changes. They disappeared because God did not allow Noah to bring them into the ark to preserve their kind because they were never intended by God to exist in the first place. Not all extinct species disappeared during the flood, some fossils are truly millions of years old, as they were from the time of the pre-Adamic world.

Jasher 4:18 And their judges and rulers went to the daughters of men and took their wives by force from their husbands according to their choice, and the sons of men in those days took from the cattle of the earth, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and taught the mixture of animals of one species with the

other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord; and God saw the whole earth and it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon earth, all men and animals.

Mankind today has returned to just about the same state of science and low moral character that he had achieved before the flood. We today, are just like they were. The more intelligent we become, the more we find ways to provoke God and do evil.

According to the chronological bible the flood occurred 1656 A.M. (A.M. means after man was created) it has taken us nearly 4300 years to return to the same point of knowledge that they were at in 1600 years. Because they lived so long they did not need computers to store their data, they could retain it in their own minds. They also all spoke the same language each person could teach what they learned to thousands of other people during the course of their lifetime. Remember, that at the time of the flood there were still some of the men alive that were only two or three generations removed from the creation of Adam. their bodies and brains were more powerful than ours because they were conceived so close to the time of creation, when man was perfect. But, even though their minds and bodies were strong, their moral character was as bad or worse than ours today.

Mat 24:37-39 NIV As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

It will be just as god has prophesied, "as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man." (The return of Christ)

Knowledge Lost During The Great Flood

Enoch and Noah preached for years (Noah 120 years) to the people that a great flood was coming. Most disregarded the warning completely but a few took it to heart and preserved their forbidden knowledge that the fallen angels had taught them.

Josephus 2:8-10 They also were the inventors of that peculiar sort of wisdom which is concerned with the heavenly bodies, and their order. And that their inventions might not be lost before they were sufficiently known, upon Adam's prediction that the world was to be destroyed at one time by the force of fire, and at another time by the violence and quantity of water, they made two pillars, (10) the one of brick, the other of stone: they inscribed their discoveries on them both, that in case the pillar of brick should be destroyed by the flood, the pillar of stone might remain, and exhibit those discoveries to mankind; and also inform them that there was another pillar of brick erected by them. Now this remains in the land of Siriad to this day.

Jubilees 8:1-5 In the twenty-ninth jubilee, in the first week, [1373 A.M.] in the beginning thereof Arpachshad took to himself a wife and her name was Rasu'eja, the daughter of Susan, the daughter of Elam, and she bare him a son in the third year in this week, [1375 A.M.] and he called his name Kainam. And the son grew, and his father taught him writing, and he went to seek for himself a place where he might seize for himself a city. And he found a writing which former (generations) had carved on the rock, and he read what was thereon, and he transcribed it and sinned owing to it; for it contained the teaching of the Watchers in accordance with which they used to observe the omens of the sun and moon and stars in all the signs of heaven. And he wrote it down and said nothing regarding it; for he was afraid to speak to Noah about it lest he should be angry with him on account of it.

Nimrods' Beginnings

(Gen 10:8-10 KJV) And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (Shinar is modern day Iraq)



Nimrod, who became king and ruler for a time of the land area where Arpachshad, Kainam (Caanan) and his descendants settled apparently came into possession of this secret but evil knowledge and renewed the evil practices which were prevalent before the flood re-implementing the pre-flood religion, the religion that came from Satan through fallen angels, the religion that came to be known as "Mystery Babylon."

Noah, Shem, and Eber were all alive during the lifetime of Nimrod. Had he

desired to do so he could have sought wise counsel from them and become a great and Godly king. Instead he chose another path.

Nimrod Re-introduces Mystery Babylon After The Flood

Jasher 11:7-8 And notwithstanding this, Nimrod did not return to the Lord, and he continued in wickedness and teaching wickedness to the sons of men; and Mardon, his son, was worse than his father, and continued to add to the abominations of his father. And he caused the sons of men to sin, therefore it is said, From the wicked goeth forth wickedness.

The Mysterious Religion of Babylon Continues

Lets look at what the false doctrines of "Mystery Babylon" actually are. Portions of the religion of Mystery Babylon were in existence before the flood and were reinstituted by Nimrod and according to legend, his wife, Semiramis, when they were ruling in Babylon. It was in the city of Babylon that Satan through Nimrod promoted idolatry shortly after the flood. At that time Babylon was the capital city of the world, that ruled over the kings of the earth. Nimrod was in a sense the first attempt of Satan after the flood to bring an Antichrist to power and to place the world under one government. He was successful until God stepped in and confused the languages at Babel. The actions of Antichrist in the future will be comparable to those of Nimrod, but on a worldwide basis.

Jasher 7:23 & 44-47 And Cush the son of Ham, the son of Noah, took a wife in those days, and she bare a son, and they called his name Nimrod, saying, at that time the sons of men began to rebel and transgress against God. And Nimrod dwelt in Shinar, and he reigned securely, and he fought with his enemies and he subdued them, and he prospered in all his battles, and his kingdom became very great. And Nimrod reigned in the earth over all the sons of Noah, and they were all under his power and counsel. And all of the earth was of one language, but Nimrod did not go in the ways of the Lord, and he was more wicked than all the men that were before him, from the days of the flood until those days. And he made gods of wood and stone, and he bowed down before them, and he rebelled against the lord, and taught all his subjects and the people of the earth his wicked ways. (Nimrod means "Rebel".)

Nimrod led the world back into idol worship after the flood. According to Josephus, the Jewish historian, it was Nimrod who convinced the people to build the tower of Babel. Their purpose was to build a city too high to be reached by the waters of another flood. They also intended to kill God when the tower reached to heaven, and put their own gods in his place. Idolatry, paying reverence to someone or something other than the true God is the main theme of the religion of "Mystery Babylon."

When you study the ancient religions and mythology that evolved during the first two thousand years of human history, you will find that many of them are similar except that their gods have different names. The reason for this is because when

God scattered man at the tower of Babel, all people had one common religion, Mystery Babylon. When God changed the languages of the different tribes and they migrated throughout the world, they all carried with them the basic tenets of the religion of Babylon but with different names for their Gods, because their languages were now different. This is the reason that non-Christian scholars, who study ancient religion, conclude that the God of the bible is just another form of the other ancient religions. To further confuse the issue Satan also introduced "polytheism," the concept of many gods. Not long after Babel the eastern and oriental religions were soon worshipping nearly everything but the true god.

Many ancient religions are founded on the promise of God to Adam and Eve, that he would send a messiah. From that starting point, religion is split into two distinct lines. The true religion built on that promise and carried on through Abraham to Christ and the false line carried on by Satan through Nimrod and his wife, Semiramis, and then spread throughout the earth from the tower of Babel. When you study ancient religion and understand this truth, everything becomes clear and makes good sense.

Some of the doctrines of the ancient religion of Mystery Babylon were instituted by Nimrod and his wife Semiramis, and others were added during old testament times. Satan, through his ancient kings and priests, created the religion of Mystery Babylon, using the prophecies that God had given to Adam and Eve, Abel, Seth, Enoch, and all of God's prophets prior to the flood. He included enough truth in his false religion to create an appearance that the Babylonish system was the fulfillment of God's promises. Many are still being deceived by it today. He will again try to imitate God's prophecies in advance when he sends the Antichrist and the False Prophet seven or more years before the actual return of Jesus Christ. Some of the doctrines of the ancient religion of "Mystery Babylon," are listed below. Many other pagan practices were added down through the centuries.

Some of the tenets of the religion of Mystery Babylon are:

- (1) That the Babylonian priests had power to transform a mysterious drink containing wine and honey into a magical potion that would spiritually benefit the partaker.
- (2) That there was a "Queen of Heaven." She was known to the Babylonians as Ashtoreth, later shortened to Ishtar.
- (3) That Ashtoreth (or Semiramis, the wife of Nimrod) had a son named Tammuz, who was conceived by a sunbeam, who should also be worshipped along with his mother.
- (4) The use of statues in worship, the kissing of the statue of Baal, Similar to the Golden calf in Exodus.

- (5) The custom of praying for the dead who were believed to be abler to help the living.
- (6) Prayer to a pantheon of gods, each one having his own particular area of dominance.
- (7) The worship of Baal, the sun god, whom Nimrod was believed to have become after his death. Semiramis started this doctrine when she became pregnant after Nimrod's death and claimed that Nimrod was now the sun and that she had been impregnated by a sunbeam. Her son Tammuz was also worshipped. (Satans imitation of the virgin birth of Christ)
- (8) Nimrod revived the teachings of astrology that were in use before the flood.
- (9) The use of obelisks as a fertility symbol, which was built standing straight up and pointing toward the sun. Obelisks represent the male genitalia, erect and pointing toward the sun, in honor of Nimrod and Baal.

Scripture Verses Against Such Practices

The Queen Of Heaven

Jeremiah 7:17-18 NIV Do you not see what they are doing in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, the fathers light the fire, and the women knead the dough and make cakes of bread for the Queen of Heaven. They pour out drink offerings to other gods to provoke me to anger.

Baal And Ashtoreth

Judges 2:13-14 NIV because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. In his anger against Israel the LORD handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He sold them to their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist.

Sun Moon And Star Worship

(Deuteronomy 17:2-5 NIV) If a man or woman living among you in one of the towns the LORD gives you is found doing evil in the eyes of the LORD your God in violation of his covenant, and contrary to my command has worshiped other gods, bowing down to them or to the sun or the moon or the stars of the sky, and

this has been brought to your attention, then you must investigate it thoroughly. If it is true and it has been proved that this detestable thing has been done in Israel, take the man or woman who has done this evil deed to your city gate and stone that person to death.

Tammuz

(Ezekiel 8:12-14 NIV) He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the darkness, each at the shrine of his own idol? They say, 'The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.'" Again, he said, "You will see them doing things that are even more detestable." Then he brought me to the entrance to the north gate of the house of the LORD, and I saw women sitting there, mourning for Tammuz.

Magic, Sorcery And Astrology

Isaiah 47:7 & 9-15 NIV You said, 'I will continue forever-- the eternal queen!' But you did not consider these things or reflect on what might happen. Disaster will come upon you, and you will not know how to conjure it away. A calamity will fall upon you that you cannot ward off with a ransom; a catastrophe you cannot foresee will suddenly come upon you. "Keep on, then, with your magic spells and with your many sorceries, which you have labored at since childhood. Perhaps you will succeed, perhaps you will cause terror. All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you. Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame. Here are no coals to warm anyone; here is no fire to sit by. That is all they can do for you-- these you have labored with and trafficked with since childhood. Each of them goes on in his error; there is not one that can save you.

Obelisks To The Sun God Of Egypt

Jeremiah 43:13 NIV There in the temple of the sun in Egypt he will demolish the sacred pillars and will burn down the temples of the gods of Egypt."(Obelisks are the sacred pillars referred to in the previous verse.)

The Birth Of Abraham

Jasher 8:1- 15 And it was in the night that Abram was born, that all the servants of Terah, and all the wise men of Nimrod, and his conjurors came and ate and drank in the house of Terah, and they rejoiced with him on that night. And when all the wise men and conjurors went out from the house of Terah, they lifted up their eyes toward heaven that night to look at the stars, and they saw, and behold one very large star came from the east and ran in the heavens, and he swallowed up the four stars from the four sides of the

heavens. And all the wise men of the king and his conjurors were astonished at the sight, and the sages understood this matter, and they knew its import. And they said to each other, This only betokens the child that has been born to Terah this night, who will grow up and be fruitful, and multiply, and possess all the earth, he and his children for ever, and he and his seed will slay great kings, and inherit their lands. And the wise men and conjurors went home that night, and in the morning all these wise men and conjurors rose up early, and assembled in an appointed house. And they spoke and said to each other, Behold the sight that we saw last night is hidden from the king, it has not been made known to him. And should this thing get known to the king in the latter days, he will say to us, Why have you concealed this matter from me, and then we shall all suffer death; therefore, now let us go and tell the king the sight which we saw, and the interpretation thereof, and we shall then remain clear. And they did so, and they all went to the king and bowed down to him to the ground, and they said, May the king live, may the king live. We heard that a son was born to Terah the son of Nahor, the prince of thy host, and we yesternight came to his house, and we ate and drank and rejoiced with him that night. And when thy servants went out from the house of Terah, to go to our respective homes to abide there for the night, we lifted up our eyes to heaven, and we saw a great star coming from the east, and the same star ran with great speed, and swallowed up four great stars, from the four sides of the heavens. And thy servants were astonished at the sight which we saw, and were greatly terrified, and we made our judgment upon the sight, and knew by our wisdom the proper interpretation thereof, that this thing applies to the child that is born to Terah, who will grow up and multiply greatly, and become powerful, and kill all the kings of the earth, and inherit all their lands, he and his seed forever. And now our lord and king, behold we have truly acquainted thee with what we have seen concerning this child. If it seemeth good to the king to give his father value for this child, we will slay him before he shall grow up and increase in the land, and his evil increase against us, that we and our children perish through his evil. And the king heard their words and they seemed good in his sight, and he sent and called for Terah, and Terah came before the king.

Jasher 8:16-26 And the king said to Terah, I have been told that a son was yesternight born to thee, and after this manner was observed in the heavens at his birth. And now therefore give me the child, that we may slay him before his evil springs up against us, and I will give thee for his value, thy house full of silver and gold. And Terah answered the king and said to him: My Lord and king, I have heard thy words, and thy servant shall do all that his king desireth. But my lord and king, I will tell thee what happened to me yesternight, that I may see what advice the king will give his servant, and then I will answer the king upon what he has just spoken; and the king said, Speak. And Terah said to the king, Ayon, son of Mored, came to me yesternight, saying, Give unto me the great and beautiful horse that the king gave thee, and I will give thee silver and gold, and straw and provender for its value; and I said to him, Wait till I see the king concerning thy words, and behold whatever the king saith, that will I do. And now my lord and king, behold I have made this thing known to thee, and the advice which my king will give unto his servant, that will I follow. And the king heard the words of Terah, and his anger was kindled and he considered him in the light of a fool. And the king answered Terah, and he said to him, Art thou so silly, ignorant, or deficient in understanding, to do this

thing, to give thy beautiful horse for silver and gold or even for straw and provender? Art thou so short of silver and gold, that thou shouldst do this thing, because thou canst not obtain straw and provender to feed thy horse? and what is silver and gold to thee, or straw and provender, that thou shouldst give away that fine horse which I gave thee, like which there is none to be had on the whole earth? And the king left off speaking, and Terah answered the king, saying, Like unto this has the king spoken to his servant; I beseech thee, my lord and king, what is this which thou didst say unto me, saying, Give thy son that we may slay him, and I will give thee silver and gold for his value; what shall I do with silver and gold after the death of my son? who shall inherit me? surely then at my death, the silver and gold will return to my king who gave it.

Jasher 8:27-36 And when the king heard the words of Terah, and the parable which he brought concerning the king, it grieved him greatly and he was vexed at this thing, and his anger burned within him. And Terah saw that the anger of the king was kindled against him, and he answered the king, saying, All that I have is in the king's power; whatever the king desireth to do to his servant, that let him do, yea, even my son, he is in the king's power, without value in exchange, he and his two brothers that are older than he. And the king said to Terah, No, but I will purchase thy younger son for a price. And Terah answered the king, saying, I beseech thee my lord and king to let thy servant speak a word before thee, and let the king hear the word of his servant, and Terah said, Let my king give me three days' time till I consider this matter within myself, and consult with my family concerning the words of my king; and he pressed the king greatly to agree to this. And the king hearkened to Terah, and he did so and he gave him three days' time, and Terah went out from the king's presence, and he came home to his family and spoke to them all the words of the king; and the people were greatly afraid. And it was in the third day that the king sent to Terah, saying, Send me thy son for a price as I spoke to thee; and shouldst thou not do this, I will send and slay all thou hast in thy house, so that thou shalt not even have a dog remaining. And Terah hastened, (as the thing was urgent from the king), and he took a child from one of his servants, which his handmaid had born to him that day, and Terah brought the child to the king and received value for him. And the Lord was with Terah in this matter, that Nimrod might not cause Abram's death, and the king took the child from Terah and with all his might dashed his head to the ground, for he thought it had been Abram; and this was concealed from him from that day, and it was forgotten by the king, as it was the will of Providence not to suffer Abram's death. And Terah took Abram his son secretly, together with his mother and nurse, and he concealed them in a cave, and he brought them their provisions monthly. And the Lord was with Abram in the cave and he grew up, and Abram was in the cave ten years, and the king and his princes, soothsayers and sages, thought that the king had killed Abram.

As we see, the soothsayers and wise men on the kings payroll had no qualms about murdering an innocent child in order to perpetuate the reign of the evil dictator Nimrod. Nimrod was responsible for the building of the tower of Babel and for turning men away from God. His name itself, Nimrod, means "Rebel." The scriptures have a lot to say about counsel. Wise counsel, advice that seeks to do according to the will of the Lord is to be sought both by kings and ordinary people. Evil counsel leads to bad decisions,

failure in ones endeavors, and can lead ultimately to eternal separation from God in the lake of fire if the evil counsel involves religion and is followed.

Wise Counsel

(Judg 18:5 KJV) And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.

(Psa 1:1-2 KJV) Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

(Psa 33:11 KJV) The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

(Prov 19:21 KJV) There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

(Psa 73:24 KJV) Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Following the counsel of God leads to a happy life on earth and after this life being received into glory, led there by angels.

Evil Counsel

(Job 5:12-13 NIV) He thwarts the plans of the crafty, so that their hands achieve no success. He catches the wise in their craftiness, and the schemes of the wily are swept away.

(Psa 2:2-4 NIV) The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

(Psa 33:10 KJV) The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

(Prov 21:30 KJV) There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

(Isa 19:3 KJV) And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

(Isa 19:3 NCV) The Egyptians will be afraid, and I will ruin their plans. They will ask advice from their idols and spirits of the dead, from their mediums and fortune-tellers."

(Isa 30:1 NIV) "Woe to the obstinate children," declares the LORD, "to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin;

(Isa 47:13-14 KJV) Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame:

(Jer 7:24 KJV) But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

(Jer 50:45 KJV) Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them

(Jer 50:45-46 & 51:1 NCV) So listen to what the LORD has planned to do against Babylon. Listen to what he has decided to do to the people in the city of Babylon. He will surely drag away the young ones of Babylon. Their hometowns will surely be shocked at what happens to them. At the sound of Babylon's capture, the earth will shake. People in all nations will hear Babylon's cry of distress. This is what the LORD says: "I will soon cause a destroying wind to blow against Babylon and the Babylonian people.

Wise counselors give advice that leads kings and people to righteousness and peace. Evil counselors lead to death, destruction and damnation. Nimrod sought out evil counselors to satisfy the evil desires of his own wicked heart.

Nimrod And The Tower Of Babel

Jasher 9:1-6 And Haran, the son of Terah, Abram's oldest brother, took a wife in those days. Haran was thirty-nine years old when he took her; and the wife of Haran conceived and bare a son, and he called his name Lot. And she conceived again and bare a daughter, and she called her name Milca; and she again conceived and bare a daughter, and she called her name Sarai. Haran was forty-two years old when he begat Sarai, which was in the tenth year of the life of Abram; and in those days Abram and his mother and nurse went out from the cave, as the king and his subjects had forgotten the affair of Abram. And when

Abram came out from the cave, he went to Noah and his son Shem, and he remained with them to learn the instruction of the Lord and his ways, and no man knew where Abram was, and Abram served Noah and Shem his son for a long time. And Abram was in Noah's house thirty-nine years, and Abram knew the Lord from three years old, and he went in the ways of the Lord until the day of his death, as Noah and his son Shem had taught him; and all the sons of the earth in those days greatly transgressed against the Lord, and they rebelled against him and they served other gods, and they forgot the Lord who had created them in the earth; and the inhabitants of the earth made unto themselves, at that time, every man his god; gods of wood and stone which could neither speak, hear, nor deliver, and the sons of men served them and they became their gods.

Jasher 9:7-12 And the king and all his servants, and Terah with all his household were then the first of those that served gods of wood and stone. And Terah had twelve gods of large size, made of wood and stone, after the twelve months of the year, and he served each one monthly, and every month Terah would bring his meat offering and drink offering to his gods; thus did Terah all the days. And all that generation were wicked in the sight of the Lord, and they thus made every man his god, but they forsook the Lord who had created them. And there was not a man found in those days in the whole earth, who knew the Lord (for they served each man his own God) except Noah and his household, and all those who were under his counsel knew the Lord in those days. And Abram the son of Terah was waxing great in those days in the house of Noah, and no man knew it, and the Lord was with him. And the Lord gave Abram an understanding heart, and he knew all the works of that generation were vain, and that all their gods were vain and were of no avail.

Jasher 9:20-31 And king Nimrod reigned securely, and all the earth was under his control, and all the earth was of one tongue and words of union. And all the princes of Nimrod and his great men took counsel together; Phut, Mitzraim, Cush and Canaan with their families, and they said to each other, Come let us build ourselves a city and in it a strong tower, and its top reaching heaven, and we will make ourselves famed, so that we may reign upon the whole world, in order that the evil of our enemies may cease from us, that we may reign mightily over them, and that we may not become scattered over the earth on account of their wars. And they all went before the king, and they told the king these words, and the king agreed with them in this affair, and he did so. And all the families assembled consisting of about six hundred thousand men, and they went to seek an extensive piece of ground to build the city and the tower, and they sought in the whole earth and they found none like one valley at the east of the land of Shinar, about two days' walk, and they journeyed there and they dwelt there. And they began to make bricks and burn fires to build the city and the tower that they had imagined to complete. And the building of the tower was unto them a transgression and a sin, and they began to build it, and whilst they were building against the Lord God of heaven, they imagined in their hearts to war against him and to ascend into heaven. And all these people and all the families divided

themselves in three parts; the first said We will ascend into heaven and fight against him; the second said, We will ascend to heaven and place our own gods there and serve them; and the third part said, We will ascend to heaven and smite him with bows and spears; and God knew all their works and all their evil thoughts, and he saw the city and the tower which they were building. And when they were building they built themselves a great city and a very high and strong tower; and on account of its height the mortar and bricks did not reach the builders in their ascent to it, until those who went up had completed a full year, and after that, they reached to the builders and gave them the mortar and the bricks; thus was it done daily. And behold these ascended and others descended the whole day; and if a brick should fall from their hands and get broken, they would all weep over it, and if a man fell and died, none of them would look at him. And the Lord knew their thoughts, and it came to pass when they were building they cast the arrows toward the heavens, and all the arrows fell upon them filled with blood, and when they saw them they said to each other, Surely we have slain all those that are in heaven. For this was from the Lord in order to cause them to err, and in order; to destroy them from off the face of the ground. And they built the tower and the city, and they did this thing daily until many days and years were elapsed.

Jasher 9:32- And God said to the seventy angels who stood foremost before him, to those who were near to him, saying, Come let us descend and confuse their tongues, that one man shall not understand the language of his neighbor, and they did so unto them. And from that day following, they forgot each man his neighbor's tongue, and they could not understand to speak in one tongue, and when the builder took from the hands of his neighbor lime or stone which he did not order, the builder would cast it away and throw it upon his neighbor, that he would die. And they did so many days, and they killed many of them in this manner. And the Lord smote the three divisions that were there, and he punished them according to their works and designs; those who said, We will ascend to heaven and serve our gods, became like apes and elephants; and those who said, We will smite the heaven with arrows, the Lord killed them, one man through the hand of his neighbor; and the third division of those who said, We will ascend to heaven and fight against him, the Lord scattered them throughout the earth. And those who were left amongst them, when they knew and understood the evil which was coming upon them, they forsook the building, and they also became scattered upon the face of the whole earth. And they ceased building the city and the tower; therefore he called that place Babel, for there the Lord confounded the Language of the whole earth; behold it was at the east of the land of Shinar. And as to the tower which the sons of men built, the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up one third part thereof, and a fire also descended from heaven and burned another third, and the other third is left to this day, and it is of that part which was aloft, and its circumference is three days' walk. And many of the sons of men died in that tower, a people without number.

Jasher 10-1-2 And Peleg the son of Eber died in those days, in the forty-eighth

year of the life of Abram son of Terah, and all the days of Peleg were two hundred and thirty-nine years. And when the Lord had scattered the sons of men on account of their sin at the tower, behold they spread forth into many divisions, and all the sons of men were dispersed into the four corners of the earth.

Jasher 11:1-6 And Nimrod son of Cush was still in the land of Shinar, and he reigned over it and dwelt there, and he built cities in the land of Shinar. And Nimrod dwelt in Babel, and he there renewed his reign over the rest of his subjects, and he reigned securely, and the subjects and princes of Nimrod called his name Amraphel, saying that at the tower his princes and men fell through his means.

As mentioned above another name for Nimrod after the Tower of Babel incident was Amraphel. This was the famous "Hammarubi" in history from whence comes much of the Babylonian system of government and the religion of Mystery Babylon. After the tower incident Nimrod is called Amraphel in the scriptures.

(Gen 14:1 NIV) At this time Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim

Jasher 11:13- And in the fiftieth year of the life of Abram son of Terah, Abram came forth from the house of Noah, and went to his father's house. And Abram knew the Lord, and he went in his ways and instructions, and the Lord his God was with him. And Terah his father was in those days, still captain of the host of king Nimrod, and he still followed strange gods. And Abram came to his father's house and saw twelve gods standing there in their temples, and the anger of Abram was kindled when he saw these images in his father's house. And Abram said, As the Lord liveth these images shall not remain in my father's house; so shall the Lord who created me do unto me if in three days' time I do not break them all. And Abram went from them, and his anger burned within him. And Abram hastened and went from the chamber to his father's outer court, and he found his father sitting in the court, and all his servants with him, and Abram came and sat before him. And Abram asked his father, saying, Father, tell me where is God who created heaven and earth, and all the sons of men upon earth, and who created thee and me. And Terah answered his son Abram and said, Behold those who created us are all with us in the house. And Abram said to his father, My lord, shew them to me I pray thee; and Terah brought Abram into the chamber of the inner court, and Abram saw, and behold the whole room was full of gods of wood and stone, twelve great images and others less than they without number. And Terah said to his son, Behold these are they which made all thou seest upon earth, and which created me and thee, and all mankind. And Terah bowed down to his gods, and he then went away from them, and Abram, his son, went away with him.

Jasher 11:23-27 And when Abram had gone from them he went to his mother and sat before her, and he said to his mother, Behold, my father has shown me

those who made heaven and earth, and all the sons of men. Now, therefore, hasten and fetch a kid from the flock, and make of it savory meat, that I may bring it to my father's gods as an offering for them to eat; perhaps I may thereby become acceptable to them. And his mother did so, and she fetched a kid, and made savory meat thereof, and brought it to Abram, and Abram took the savory meat from his mother and brought it before his father's gods, and he drew nigh to them that they might eat; and Terah his father, did not know of it. And Abram saw on the day when he was sitting amongst them, that they had no voice, no hearing, no motion, and not one of them could stretch forth his hand to eat. And Abram mocked them, and said, Surely the savory meat that I prepared has not pleased them, or perhaps it was too little for them, and for that reason they would not eat;

Jasher 11:31-40 And in the evening of that day in that house Abram was clothed with the spirit of God. And he called out and said, Wo unto my father and this wicked generation, whose hearts are all inclined to vanity, who serve these idols of wood and stone which can neither eat, smell, hear nor speak, who have mouths without speech, eyes without sight, ears without hearing, hands without feeling, and legs which cannot move; like them are those that made them and that trust in them. And when Abram saw all these things his anger was kindled against his father, and he hastened and took a hatchet in his hand, and came unto the chamber of the gods, and he broke all his father's gods. And when he had done breaking the images, he placed the hatchet in the hand of the great god which was there before them, and he went out; and Terah his father came home, for he had heard at the door the sound of the striking of the hatchet; so Terah came into the house to know what this was about. And Terah, having heard the noise of the hatchet in the room of images, ran to the room to the images, and he met Abram going out. And Terah entered the room and found all the idols fallen down and broken, and the hatchet in the hand of the largest, which was not broken, and the savory meat which Abram his son had made was still before them. And when Terah saw this his anger was greatly kindled, and he hastened and went from the room to Abram. And he found Abram his son still sitting in the house; and he said to him, What is this work thou hast done to my gods? And Abram answered Terah his father and he said, Not so my lord, for I brought savory meat before them, and when I came nigh to them with the meat that they might eat, they all at once stretched forth their hands to eat before the great one had put forth his hand to eat. And the large one saw their works that they did before him, and his anger was violently kindled against them, and he went and took the hatchet that was in the house and came to them and broke them all, and behold the hatchet is yet in his hand as thou seest.

Jasher 11:41- And Terah's anger was kindled against his son Abram, when he spoke this; and Terah said to Abram his son in his anger, What is this tale that thou hast told? Thou speakest lies to me. Is there in these gods spirit, soul or power to do all thou hast told me? Are they not wood and stone, and have I not myself made them, and canst thou speak such lies, saying that the large god that

was with them smote them? It is thou that didst place the hatchet in his hands, and then sayest he smote them all. And Abram answered his father and said to him, And how canst thou then serve these idols in whom there is no power to do any thing? Can those idols in which thou trustest deliver thee? can they hear thy prayers when thou callest upon them? can they deliver thee from the hands of thy enemies, or will they fight thy battles for thee against thy enemies, that thou shouldst serve wood and stone which can neither speak nor hear? And now surely it is not good for thee nor for the sons of men that are connected with thee, to do these things; are you so silly, so foolish or so short of understanding that you will serve wood and stone, and do after this manner? And forget the Lord God who made heaven and earth, and who created you in the earth, and thereby bring a great evil upon your souls in this matter by serving stone and wood? Did not our fathers in days of old sin in this matter, and the Lord God of the universe brought the waters of the flood upon them and destroyed the whole earth? And how can you continue to do this and serve gods of wood and stone, who cannot hear, or speak, or deliver you from oppression, thereby bringing down the anger of the God of the universe upon you? Now therefore my father refrain from this, and bring not evil upon thy soul and the souls of thy household. And Abram hastened and sprang from before his father, and took the hatchet from his father's largest idol, with which Abram broke it and ran away.

Jasher 11:50-53 And Terah, seeing all that Abram had done, hastened to go from his house, and he went to the king and he came before Nimrod and stood before him, and he bowed down to the king; and the king said, What dost thou want? And he said, I beseech thee my lord, to hear me--Now fifty years back a child was born to me, and thus has he done to my gods and thus has he spoken; and now therefore, my lord and king, send for him that he may come before thee, and judge him according to the law, that we may be delivered from his evil. And the king sent three men of his servants, and they went and brought Abram before the king. And Nimrod and all his princes and servants were that day sitting before him, and Terah sat also before them. And the king said to Abram, What is this that thou hast done to thy father and to his gods? And Abram answered the king in the words that he spoke to his father, and he said, The large god that was with them in the house did to them what thou hast heard.

Jasher 11:54-61 And the king said to Abram, Had they power to speak and eat and do as thou hast said? And Abram answered the king, saying, And if there be no power in them why dost thou serve them and cause the sons of men to err through thy follies? Dost thou imagine that they can deliver thee or do anything small or great, that thou shouldst serve them? And why wilt thou not sense the God of the whole universe, who created thee and in whose power it is to kill and keep alive? O foolish, simple, and ignorant king, woe unto thee forever. I thought thou wouldst teach thy servants the upright way, but thou hast not done this, but hast filled the whole earth with thy sins and the sins of thy people who have followed thy ways. Dost thou not know, or hast thou not heard, that this evil which thou doest, our ancestors sinned therein in days of old, and the eternal God

brought the waters of the flood upon them and destroyed them all, and also destroyed the whole earth on their account? And wilt thou and thy people rise up now and do like unto this work, in order to bring down the anger of the Lord God of the universe, and to bring evil upon thee and the whole earth? Now therefore put away this evil deed which thou doest, and serve the God of the universe, as thy soul is in his hands, and then it will be well with thee. And if thy wicked heart will not hearken to my words to cause thee to forsake thy evil ways, and to serve the eternal God, then wilt thou die in shame in the latter days, thou, thy people and all who are connected with thee, hearing thy words or walking in thy evil ways. And when Abram had ceased speaking before the king and princes, Abram lifted up his eyes to the heavens, and he said, The Lord seeth all the wicked, and he will judge them.

Jasher 12:1-8 And when the king heard the words of Abram he ordered him to be put into prison; and Abram was ten days in prison. And at the end of those days the king ordered that all the kings, princes and governors of different provinces and the sages should come before him, and they sat before him, and Abram was still in the house of confinement. And the king said to the princes and sages, Have you heard what Abram, the son of Terah, has done to his father? Thus has he done to him, and I ordered him to be brought before me, and thus has he spoken; his heart did not misgive him, neither did he stir in my presence, and behold now he is confined in the prison. And therefore decide what judgment is due to this man who reviled the king; who spoke and did all the things that you heard. And they all answered the king saying, The man who revileth the king should be hanged upon a tree; but having done all the things that he said, and having despised our gods, he must therefore be burned to death, for this is the law in this matter. If it pleaseth the king to do this, let him order his servants to kindle a fire both night and day in thy brick furnace, and then we will cast this man into it. And the king did so, and he commanded his servants that they should prepare a fire for three days and three nights in the king's furnace, that is in Casdim; and the king ordered them to take Abram from prison and bring him out to be burned. And all the king's servants, princes, lords, governors, and judges, and all the inhabitants of the land, about nine hundred thousand men, stood opposite the furnace to see Abram. And all the women and little ones crowded upon the roofs and towers to see what was doing with Abram, and they all stood together at a distance; and there was not a man left that did not come on that day to behold the scene.

The Conjurors Of Nimrod Recognize Abram

Jasher 12:9-23 And when Abram was come, the conjurors of the king and the sages saw Abram, and they cried out to the king, saying, Our sovereign lord, surely this is the man whom we know to have been the child at whose birth the great star swallowed the four stars, which we declared to the king now fifty years since. And behold now his father has also transgressed thy commands, and mocked thee by bringing thee another child, which thou didst kill. And when the king heard their words, he was exceedingly wroth, and he ordered Terah to be

brought before him. And the king said, Hast thou heard what the conjurors have spoken? Now tell me truly, how didst thou; and if thou shalt speak truth thou shalt be acquitted. And seeing that the king's anger was so much kindled, Terah said to the king, My lord and king, thou hast heard the truth, and what the sages have spoken is right. And the king said, How couldst thou do this thing, to transgress my orders and to give me a child that thou didst not beget, and to take value for him? And Terah answered the king, Because my tender feelings were excited for my son, at that time, and I took a son of my handmaid, and I brought him to the king. And the king said Who advised thee to this? Tell me, do not hide aught from me, and then thou shalt not die. And Terah was greatly terrified in the king's presence, and he said to the king, It was Haran my eldest son who advised me to this; and Haran was in those days that Abram was born, two and thirty years old. But Haran did not advise his father to anything, for Terah said this to the king in order to deliver his soul from the king, for he feared greatly; and the king said to Terah, Haran thy son who advised thee to this shall die through fire with Abram; for the sentence of death is upon him for having rebelled against the king's desire in doing this thing. And Haran at that time felt inclined to follow the ways of Abram, but he kept it within himself. And Haran said in his heart, Behold now the king has seized Abram on account of these things which Abram did, and it shall come to pass, that if Abram prevail over the king I will follow him, but if the king prevail I will go after the king. And when Terah had spoken this to the king concerning Haran his son, the king ordered Haran to be seized with Abram. And they brought them both, Abram and Haran his brother, to cast them into the fire; and all the inhabitants of the land and the king's servants and princes and all the women and little ones were there, standing that day over them. And the king's servants took Abram and his brother, and they stripped them of all their clothes excepting their lower garments which were upon them. And they bound their hands and feet with linen cords, and the servants of the king lifted them up and cast them both into the furnace.

Jasher 12:24 And the Lord loved Abram and he had compassion over him, and the Lord came down and delivered Abram from the fire and he was not burned.

The Lord delivered Abraham much in the same way that Daniel's three friends were delivered from a fiery furnace long afterwards. Perhaps the events in the life of Abraham inspired them to trust God when they were faced with the same type of ordeal. The text seems to indicate that the angel protected Abraham.

Jasher 12:25-31 But all the cords with which they bound him were burned, while Abram remained and walked about in the fire. And Haran died when they had cast him into the fire, and he was burned to ashes, for his heart was not perfect with the Lord; and those men who cast him into the fire, the flame of the fire spread over them, and they were burned, and twelve men of them died. And Abram walked in the midst of the fire three days and three nights, and all the servants of the king saw him walking in the fire, and they came and told the king, saying, Behold we have seen Abram walking about in the

midst of the fire, and even the lower garments which are upon him are not burned, but the cord with which he was bound is burned. And when the king heard their words his heart fainted and he would not believe them; so he sent other faithful princes to see this matter, and they went and saw it and told it to the king; and the king rose to go and see it, and he saw Abram walking to and fro in the midst of the fire, and he saw Haran's body burned, and the king wondered greatly. And the king ordered Abram to be taken out from the fire; and his servants approached to take him out and they could not, for the fire was round about and the flame ascending toward them from the furnace. And the king's servants fled from it, and the king rebuked them, saying, Make haste and bring Abram out of the fire that you shall not die. And the servants of the king again approached to bring Abram out, and the flames came upon them and burned their faces so that eight of them died.

Jasher 12:32-35 And when the king saw that his servants could not approach the fire lest they should be burned, the king called to Abram, O servant of the God who is in heaven, go forth from amidst the fire and come hither before me; and Abram hearkened to the voice of the king, and he went forth from the fire and came and stood before the king. And when Abram came out the king and all his servants saw Abram coming before the king, with his lower garments upon him, for they were not burned, but the cord with which he was bound was burned. And the king said to Abram, How is it that thou wast not burned in the fire? And Abram said to the king, The God of heaven and earth in whom I trust and who has all in his power, he delivered me from the fire into which thou didst cast me.

Jasher 12:36-37 And Haran the brother of Abram was burned to ashes, and they sought for his body, and they found it consumed. And Haran was eighty-two years old when he died in the fire of Casdim. And the king, princes, and inhabitants of the land, seeing that Abram was delivered from the fire, they came and bowed down to Abram.

Jasher 12:38 And Abram said to them, Do not bow down to me, but bow down to the God of the world who made you, and serve him, and go in his ways for it is he who delivered me from out of this fire, and it is he who created the souls and spirits of all men, and formed man in his mother's womb, and brought him forth into the world, and it is he who will deliver those who trust in him from all pain.

Abraham, like the angels of God and the new testament apostles, immediately rejected worship of themselves and directed all glory to God for miraculous events that occurred.

Jasher 12:39- And this thing seemed very wonderful in the eyes of the king and princes, that Abram was saved from the fire and that Haran was burned; and the king gave Abram many presents and he gave him his two head servants from the king's house; the name of one was Oni and the name of the other was Eliezer. And all the kings, princes and servants gave Abram many gifts of silver and gold and pearl, and the king and his princes sent him away, and he went in peace. And Abram went forth from the king in peace, and many of the king's servants followed him, and about three hundred men joined him. And Abram returned on that day and went to his father's house, he and the men that followed him, and Abram served the Lord his God all the days of his life, and he walked in his

ways and followed his law. And from that day forward Abram inclined the hearts of the sons of men to serve the Lord.

Many were saved due to Abraham's faithfulness and God rewarded Abraham with wealth and riches and servants. The scriptures say that the wealth of the wicked is laid up for the just and in the life of Abraham this was true.

(Prov 13:22 KJV) A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Jasher 12:45-50 And at the expiration of two years from Abram's going out of the fire, that is in the fifty-second year of his life, behold king Nimrod sat in Babel upon the throne, and the king fell asleep and dreamed that he was standing with his troops and hosts in a valley opposite the king's furnace. And he lifted up his eyes and saw a man in the likeness of Abram coming forth from the furnace, and that he came and stood before the king with his drawn sword, and then sprang to the king with his sword, when the king fled from the man, for he was afraid; and while he was running, the man threw an egg upon the king's head, and the egg became a great river. And the king dreamed that all his troops sank in that river and died, and the king took flight with three men who were before him and he escaped. And the king looked at these men and they were clothed in princely dresses as the garments of kings, and had the appearance and majesty of kings. And while they were running, the river again turned to an egg before the king, and there came forth from the egg a young bird which came before the king, and flew at his head and plucked out the king's eye. And the king was grieved at the sight, and he awoke out of his sleep and his spirit was agitated; and he felt a great terror.

Nimrods' Magicians Once Again Advise The King To Slay Abram

After all that had happened you would think that the evil counselors to king Nimrod and Nimrod himself would have learned that it is impossible to fight with God and win. Nimrod and his high officials lost at the tower of Babel and in all of their dealings with Abraham. How blind and obstinate does one have to be to keep resisting the will of God and suffering for it. How much better to accept God's will and live a happy, joyous and free life.

Jasher 12:51-58 And in the morning the king rose from his couch in fear, and he ordered all the wise men and magicians to come before him, when the king related his dream to them. And a wise servant of the king, whose name was Anuki, answered the king, saying, This is nothing else but the evil of Abram and his seed which will spring up against my Lord and king in the latter days. And behold the day will come when Abram and his seed and the children of his household will war with my king, and they will smite all the king's hosts and his troops. And as to what thou hast said concerning three men which thou didst see like unto thyself, and which did escape, this means that only thou wilt escape with three kings from the kings of the earth who will be with thee in battle. And that which thou sawest of the river which turned to an egg as at first, and the young bird plucking out thine eye, this means nothing else but the seed of Abram

which will slay the king in latter days. This is my king's dream, and this is its interpretation, and the dream is true, and the interpretation which thy servant has given thee is right. Now therefore my king, surely thou knowest that it is now fifty-two years since thy sages saw this at the birth of Abram, and if my king will suffer Abram to live in the earth it will be to the injury of my lord and king, for all the days that Abram liveth neither thou nor thy kingdom will be established, for this was known formerly at his birth; and why will not my king slay him, that his evil may be kept from thee in latter days? And Nimrod hearkened to the voice of Anuki, and he sent some of his servants in secret to go and seize Abram, and bring him before the king to suffer death.

Jasher 12:59-63 And Eliezer, Abram's servant whom the king had given him, was at that time in the presence of the king, and he heard what Anuki had advised the king, and what the king had said to cause Abram's death. And Eliezer said to Abram, Hasten, rise up and save thy soul, that thou mayest not die through the hands of the king, for thus did he see in a dream concerning thee, and thus did Anuki interpret it, and thus also did Anuki advise the king concerning thee. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Eliezer, and Abram hastened and ran for safety to the house of Noah and his son Shem, and he concealed himself there and found a place of safety; and the king's servants came to Abram's house to seek him, but they could not find him, and they searched through out the country and he was not to be found, and they went and searched in every direction and he was not to be met with. And when the king's servants could not find Abram they returned to the king, but the king's anger against Abram was stilled, as they did not find him, and the king drove from his mind this matter concerning Abram. And Abram was concealed in Noah's house for one month, until the king had forgotten this matter, but Abram was still afraid of the king; and Terah came to see Abram his son secretly in the house of Noah, and Terah was very great in the eyes of the king.

Jasher 12:64-67 And Abram said to his father, Dost thou not know that the king thinketh to slay me, and to annihilate my name from the earth by the advice of his wicked counsellors? Now whom hast thou here and what hast thou in this land? Arise, let us go together to the land of Canaan, that we may be delivered from his hand, lest thou perish also through him in the latter days. Dost thou not know or hast thou not heard, that it is not through love that Nimrod giveth thee all this honor, but it is only for his benefit that he bestoweth all this good upon thee? And if he do unto thee greater good than this, surely these are only vanities of the world, for wealth and riches cannot avail in the day of wrath and anger. Now therefore hearken to my voice, and let us arise and go to the land of Canaan, out of the reach of injury from Nimrod; and serve thou the Lord who created thee in the earth and it will be well with thee; and cast away all the vain things which thou pursuest. And Abram ceased to speak, when Noah and his son Shem answered Terah, saying, True is the word which Abram hath said unto thee. And Terah hearkened to the voice of his son Abram, and Terah did all that Abram said, for this was from the Lord, that the king should not cause Abram's death.

Jasher 26:29 And it was at that time that Abraham died, in the fifteenth year of the life of Jacob and Esau, the sons of Isaac, and all the days of Abraham were one hundred and seventy-five years, and he died and was gathered to his people in good old age, old and satisfied with days, and Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him.

The Death Of Nimrod

Jasher 27:1-9 And Esau at that time, after the death of Abraham, frequently went in the field to hunt. And Nimrod king of Babel, the same was Amraphel, also frequently went with his mighty men to hunt in the field, and to walk about with his men in the cool of the day. And Nimrod was observing Esau all the days, for a jealousy was formed in the heart of Nimrod against Esau all the days. And on a certain day Esau went in the field to hunt, and he found Nimrod walking in the wilderness with his two men. And all his mighty men and his people were with him in the wilderness, but they removed at a distance from him, and they went from him in different directions to hunt, and Esau concealed himself for Nimrod, and he lurked for him in the wilderness. And Nimrod and his men that were with him did not know him, and Nimrod and his men frequently walked about in the field at the cool of the day, and to know where his men were hunting in the field. And Nimrod and two of his men that were with him came to the place where they were, when Esau started suddenly from his lurking place, and drew his sword, and hastened and ran to Nimrod and cut off his head. And Esau fought a desperate fight with the two men that were with Nimrod, and when they called out to him, Esau turned to them and smote them to death with his sword. And all the mighty men of Nimrod, who had left him to go to the wilderness, heard the cry at a distance, and they knew the voices of those two men, and they ran to know the cause of it, when they found their king and the two men that were with him lying dead in the wilderness.

Jasher 27:10-14 And when Esau saw the mighty men of Nimrod coming at a distance, he fled, and thereby escaped; and Esau took the valuable garments of Nimrod, which Nimrod's father had bequeathed to Nimrod, and with which Nimrod prevailed over the whole land, and he ran and concealed them in his house. And Esau took those garments and ran into the city on account of Nimrod's men, and he came unto his father's house wearied and exhausted from fight, and he was ready to die through grief when he approached his brother Jacob and sat before him. And he said unto his brother Jacob, Behold I shall die this day, and wherefore then do I want the birthright? And Jacob acted wisely with Esau in this matter, and Esau sold his birthright to Jacob, for it was so brought about by the Lord. And Esau's portion in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham had bought from the children of Heth for the possession of a burial ground, Esau also sold to Jacob, and Jacob bought all this from his brother Esau for value given. And Jacob wrote the whole of this in a book, and he testified the same with witnesses, and he sealed it, and the book remained in the hands of Jacob.

Jasher 27:15-18 And when Nimrod the son of Cush died, his men lifted him up and brought him in consternation, and buried him in his city, and all the days that Nimrod lived were two hundred and fifteen years and he died. And the days that Nimrod reigned upon the people of the land were one hundred and eighty-five years; and Nimrod died by the sword of Esau in shame and contempt, and the seed of Abraham caused his death as he had seen in his dream. And at the death of Nimrod his kingdom became divided into many divisions, and all those parts that Nimrod reigned over were restored to the respective kings of the land, who recovered them after the death of Nimrod, and all the people of the house of Nimrod were for a long time enslaved to all the other kings of the land. Nimrod died, as prophesied in his dream, at the hand of the seed of Abraham. He died at the hands of Esau, who was also wicked, but god uses even the wicked to fulfill his word. The lesson here is that no one can fight against the true God and win. God even uses Satan's evil for his purposes, to test the sons of men to see what they will do and who they will voluntarily follow. God makes all things turn out for the good to those who love him. Even Satans tests enable the righteous to lay up treasure in heaven for all eternity. Who are you following today? The true God and his son Jesus Christ or Satan and his Demons?

(Mat 6:19-21 NIV) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.