



# FIRST BAPTIST of Hayden

**In the Beginning, God  
The First Anti-Christ  
Genesis 10-11  
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## Introduction:

Humanity has always struggled to learn what God is teaching. According to *Answers in Genesis*, there are seven C's in God's eternal plan. Tonight, our focus is on one of them—**Confusion**.

This theme unfolds in the story of Nimrod, the grandson of Ham and son of Cush. His name is often thought to mean either *Rebel* or *Valiant*. Nimrod founded cities over 4,000 years ago—some of which still exist today. Yet it was his arrogance that became the catalyst for God's people doing what He had commanded all along.

The dispersion of Noah's descendants across the earth—each speaking different languages and forming distinct cultures—was the direct result of Nimrod's leadership. People followed him into rebellion just a few centuries after the judgment of the flood.

Genesis 10, 11, and 12 offer a powerful contrast of hearts and decisions:

- Those who disobey God's command—Nimrod and his followers.
- Those who walk in obedience—Abram and his descendants.

We also see once more the **two lines of humanity**:

- The **Messianic line** (Abel, Seth, Shem).
- The **humanist, false religious line** (Cain, Ham, Nimrod).

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## Message:

### 1. The Arrogance of Nimrod

Genesis 11:1-4 (ESV): *“Now the whole earth had one language and the same words... Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.’”* (vv. 1, 4)

God had given a clear command after the flood:

*“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.”* (Genesis 9:1)

A simple command. Not burdensome. Just as in Eden. Fill the earth. Have children. Spread out. But once again, someone dared to defy the voice of God.

*“Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man... The beginning of his kingdom was Babel...”*  
 – Genesis 10:8–10

The first city of Nimrod's kingdom was **Babel**—the place where God would come down and confuse the languages. All of these cities—Babel, Erech, Accad, Nineveh—were built in **Shinar**, the land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. It was in this land that man first attempted to create a **one-world government** and **one-world religion**.

Nimrod's pride is emphasized three times in the text with the word “**mighty**.”

גִּבּוֹר (*gibbôr*) — warrior, tyrant, strong man, champion.

This wasn't simply a man of strength—it was a man who raised himself up in pride to stand in the face of God.

Some believe Nimrod may have built his fame by slaying the great beasts the dinosaurs that came off the ark and returned to the wild.

He became known as a mighty hunter. But as his name spread, so did his ego—and eventually, his defiance of God.

While others were slowly migrating as God intended, Nimrod used his fame to **gather people**, **build cities**, and **consolidate power**—in direct opposition to God's plan.

## 2. The Beginning of His Kingdom

There seems to be something in certain men that craves to be a king, just as there are others who long to be ruled. Yet God's original intent was for mankind to govern themselves under **His authority**—to live in peace, humility, and interdependence.

But when strong-willed leaders rise and begin to oppress others “for their protection,” tyranny is born. So it was with Nimrod.

He built the first kingdom, composed of city-states. His first city was Babel, which would become the root of every future **false religion** and **human government** opposed to God.

This pattern will remain until the final days:

**Revelation 18:2–3** — *“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!...For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality...”*

This is what Nimrod desired: control, permanence, and a lasting name. He knew that if his relatives scattered, his kingdom would die. So he worked to create a centralized society, complete with religious worship, so they wouldn't leave.

*“Come, let us build... and make a name for ourselves...”*  
(Gen. 11:4)

### 3. God's Deliberate and Gracious Decision

Genesis 11:5–9

*“And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower...”*  
(v. 5)

God knew what was happening. He saw the potential of united human rebellion:

*“Nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.”* (v. 6)

That's not a compliment. It's a warning. The image of God in man is still powerful. Humanity still bears the ability to create, build, and organize. Back then, when genetic corruption was less advanced, their capabilities were even greater.

Today, we are fast approaching **transhumanism**—the merging of man with machine. A world where consciousness might be transferred, synthetic life might be achieved. But this was never God's intent. He never intended for sinful man to live forever in a fallen state.

So in mercy, God **intervened**.

*“Come, let us go down and confuse their language...”*  
*“So the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.”*  
(vv. 7–8)

God's judgment was **gracious**. If left unchecked, their rebellion would have doomed them eternally. By confusing their language, God would by sovereign act put every human into the exact place and time that was most advantageous to salvation.

And today, He still calls us to Himself.

**Acts 17:26–28 (ESV):** *26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for “ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’*

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## Conclusion:

The spirit of Nimrod is still alive in our world—it is the spirit of anti-Christ that works in the children of disobedience. It is a spirit that refuses to be scattered, refuses to obey, and demands to build something lasting without God.

But God will not be mocked.

He confused their language, scattered their pride, and turned their monument of rebellion into a reminder of divine grace.

There is coming a day when the final anti-Christ will be cast down, **Babylon will fall** for good—and only **the Kingdom of God** will remain.

Until then, we must decide which line we walk in:

- The line of **Nimrod and Babel**, or
- The line of **Abram and faith**.

The call is still clear:

*“Come out from her, my people...”* (Revelation 18:4)

And step into the Kingdom that cannot be shaken.