

# God's Wrath is Coming!

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Have you thought about history lately? In fact, have you ever wondered why mankind even has a desire to write or read history? What is history anyway? Isn't it the experiences and actions of people like you and me and what we did with time, material or anything else that might have happened to us?

History represents the events that happened to us. We record it for the sake of understanding and knowledge. It is an intellectual memory from which we learn. We may, on some things, want to remember how we accomplished a certain task. On other things, we want a record of what was done so some things may be changed so we do not repeat the same mistakes again. As a fact, I became a Christian in July 1957. That was a good thing, however, along life's journey I have sinned against God on many occasions. I prayerfully ask God to forgive me of my faults and sinful actions.

That represents a personal history, what about a nations history? I find a statement made by King Solomon to be most interesting. Ecclesiastes 9:1 provides us with his statement. Ecclesiastes 9:1, 9 What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. (ESV) The wisdom in these words is that mankind does not appear to learn from their past mistakes. Mankind must, and will, repeat their previous mistakes, even with history staring them in the face.

As a student of the Bible, I have attempted to do the tasks my God has brought to my mind, and write as a Watchman the warnings that history has already provided to us. Christ even stated that his followers were to observe the Commandments and the words of the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40, 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (ESV) Christ even told the rich young man, who asked him how to have eternal life, what he should do. Christ told him the following in Matthew 19:16-22. 16 And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." <sup>18</sup> He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 20 The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. (ESV)

It appears to me that if a person indicates that they are a Christian, they are making a statement that they are obedient to Yeshua's teachings, and the things that He modeled for us to follow. I am well aware that there are those who have read a lot of my material, however, this year, in particular, God has been pushing me to become bolder in what I write. I have taken up that cross and presented a new term for the wayward church. These wayward churches are teaching exactly what the crowd wants to hear, and nothing pertaining to the actual teachings of Christ and the Word of God. I now call most churches teachers of a counterfeit religion. They are not teaching the modeling of Christ in any manner. Let's look at the two statements Yeshua made in Matthew 19 and 22. Do you see the two places where I underlined Commandments? Yeshua is speaking about the Ten Commandments as recorded in Exodus 20. Now, I am going to show to everyone who thinks I'm a little bit crazy exactly why I say that those who do not follow the instructions of Yeshua are believing in a counterfeit religion.

To begin with let's take care of one task now! In Matthew 22:40 above is the word <u>Law</u>. Doesn't verses 37 through 39 give us the two principle Commandments that actually fulfill the Law? For any New Testament church to claim that Yeshua (Jesus) did away with the Law and the Commandments is absolute foolishness. Look at Matthew 5:17-20. <sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; <u>I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them</u>. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (ESV)

Since Yeshua stated that He had come to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, shouldn't we revisit the Ten Commandments? We do this just to understand, once again, what the Ten Commandments provide to mankind as guideline rules from God! We find the Ten Commandments in Exodus Chapter 20:1-17. And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 (1) You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 (2) "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. 7 (3) "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. 8 (4) "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. 12 (5) "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you. 13 (6) "You shall not murder. 14 (7) "You shall not commit adultery. 15 (8) "You shall not steal. 16 (9) "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 (10) "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's." (NKJV) Did you happen to notice the split in these Commandments? The first four pertain to mankind's relationship to God. The remaining six pertain to mankind's relationship to each other. You could also say that these six are a moral code that is normally included in the laws of every state in the union of the United States. Let's go a little deeper as we view the fourth Commandment in verses 8-11.

Look very carefully at verse 8. I'm bringing it down to here so we have it before us. § (4) "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. What is there in this verse that makes it difficult for mankind to understand? Surely, you understand that this refers back to the story of creation in Chapter 2 of Genesis. Genesis 2:1-3. ¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation. (ESV) Maybe it is the manner that God performed His creation. Notice here in verse 1, that creation was finished and all the host of them. Turn back to Genesis Chapter 1 and read verse ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (ESV) There are two important items in this verse. First, notice that one element is called Day and the next is called Night. These are the host elements that are named in this verse. Notice also, that the formation of this first day is in the sequence

of evening and morning. Therefore, the Jewish people, God's chosen people, view their days in this sequence. We can see this in the Passover meal that we normally call the "Last Supper" of Christ. Notice that Yeshua sent some to prepare the Passover at dusk, they ate and Yeshua was crucified on Passover day, the following morning. This was not conducted in our normal manner of day and then night. This structure is continued in the remaining days of creation. Notice the phrase *And there was evening and there was morning*, in verses 8, 13, 19, 23 and 31. These verses would be for the completion of day 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. That should give everyone an understanding of the basis for the fourth Commandment. We must also understand that the Hebrew people accepted the agreement between themselves and God. This is stated in Exodus Chapter 19:7-9. <sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him. <sup>8</sup> Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever." So Moses told the words of the people to the Lord. (NKJV)

I have already indicated that I would show you the proof from God's Word that the present day churches who do not follow the modeling of Yeshua are actually teaching a false doctrine and a counterfeit religion. This is all based upon the Commandment to honor the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Remember that is Commandment number four in the listing of Commandments from Exodus Chapter 20. God intentionally stressed the importance of the Sabbath day observance that He made a second covenant with Moses as the representative of the people in Exodus Chapter 31:12-17. 12 And the Lord said to Moses, 13 "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you. 14 You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. 16 Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. 17 It is a sign forever between Me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.' "(ESV) There are, most likely, two words that bother those who do not like my manner of calling your brand of teaching a counterfeit religion. First, is the word generations. Ever since these words were given to Moses haven't mankind continued to produce generations? Doesn't that mean that these words are to be followed even to this day? The second word, that will confuse many, is the term Israel used in verse 17. Wait a minute, you've read the Bible, heard the stories and know that both the House of Israel and the House of Judah were both placed into captivity because of their breaking of God's Commandments. Weren't both houses scattered throughout the earth? Doesn't that place their descendants as holders of the overall term of Israel upon themselves? Wouldn't it also mean that anyone who claimed to be a follower of Yeshua was also a spiritual Israelite? Then if that is so, everyone who says they are a Christian believer falls under the premise of this rule or law? Now, do you understand what I mean when I call some churches followers of a counterfeit religion. These churches most certainly are not observant and obedient to the teachings and modeling of Yashua and the reason why God is pushing me so hard to have you to comprehend what the Sabbath means to God.

Finally, let's get this last part straight. The Sabbath means the period of time from Friday evening at sundown to Saturday evening at sundown. That is God's Sabbath and there is no such thing as a Christian Sabbath falling on the first day of the week. Anti-Semitism was already in play shortly after Yeshua was taken back into Heaven. By the time mankind got to the year 324 there were words such as Judaizers, and Zionist and other terms used to label the Jews as being different from Christians. Yet

Paul even records that those who became Christians were at the temples on the Sabbath to worship and hear the Word of God. Who made up this nonsense of a Christian Sabbath on Sunday anyway? Wasn't it the Emperor Constantine who made this official, and wasn't he a worshiper of the Sun god until just before his death? It wasn't God who changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. It was man who did that. If anyone can show me in the New Testament any point where Christians worshipped on a Sunday, I'll be happy to change my viewpoint and my writings. Please do not use Acts 20:7-9 as your reference for such a change. Use common sense and what the text says to see that Paul was on a traveling mission and spoke until midnight because of his overland journey to meet with the others at Assos. The others were traveling by ship and Paul was to go overland to meet them. The distance by ship is about 50 miles and Paul would travel maybe 10 miles. Until such time, I will continue to be bold and write what God sends to me to write.

Enough said on that point. Now, let's look to see some historical facts pertaining to the swearing in of our first President, George Washington.

## God and Pagan Worship Came to America on the Same Boat!

In the annals of history, we must return to Federal Hall in New York City on April 30, 1789 to the swearing in ceremony of our first President, George Washington. The wording of our Constitution had been settled and the New York Daily News ran an announcement concerning the swearing in ceremony five days prior to the actual event. We can even go back to the Congressional Record to find that the Senate had approved a three hour divine service at St. Paul's Chapel on what is today known as Wall Street. During the swearing in ceremony, the King James Bible was randomly opened and George Washington placed his hand on the page containing Genesis Chapter 49 where Jacob speaks to his sons to bless them.

Here rests one of the first facts of our American history. If people would take the time to observe and follow the birthright through the history of mankind, from Adam to Joseph, you would find that Joseph is the holder of the birthright of Jacob. Jacob's first son, Ruben lost the birthright because he defiled his father's bed with his father's concubine. We must also understand that Joseph had two sons whom Jacob had blessed and identified as two great nations. We must separate these two facts first before going forward. First, let's observe the blessings that Jacob (Israel) placed upon the heads of Ephraim and Manasseh. We find this in Genesis 48:15-20. 15 And he blessed Joseph and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, 16 the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." 17 When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. 18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." 19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." 20 So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.' "Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh. (ESV) I personally believe that the prophecy hidden within this blessing makes Ephraim the progenitor of Great Britain and Manasseh as the progenitor of the United States (read verse 19). The multitude of nations became known as the British Empire. Both are to be known as Israel (read verse 16), along side the country of Israel, which is Judah.

The other portion of this blessing is in Chapter 49 and has to go to all of the sons of Jacob (Israel). This is recorded in verses 1-27. <sup>1</sup> Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come. <sup>2</sup> "Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father. <sup>3</sup> "Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. <sup>4</sup> Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it—he went up to my couch! <sup>5</sup> "Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords. <sup>6</sup> Let my soul come not into their council; O my glory, be not joined to their company. For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstrung oxen. <sup>7</sup> Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel. <sup>8</sup> "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. <sup>9</sup> Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? <sup>10</sup> The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from

between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. 11 Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. 12 His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk. 13 "Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon. 14 "Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds. 15 He saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, so he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant at forced labor. 16 "Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. 17 Dan shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward. 18 I wait for your salvation, O Lord. 19 "Raiders shall raid Gad, but he shall raid at their heels. 20 "Asher's food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies. <sup>21</sup> "Naphtali is a doe let loose that bears beautiful fawns. <sup>22</sup> "Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall. <sup>23</sup> The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely, <sup>24</sup> yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), 25 by the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that crouches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. <sup>26</sup> The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers. <sup>27</sup> "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at evening dividing the spoil." (ESV) We must remember that Joseph's birthright goes to his two sons, so the verses between 22 and 26 must go to each son as the recipient of the blessing upon Joseph, but the stronger portion must go to Ephraim. It is also through Ephraim that the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel rests. I, for one, believe that Ephraim and Manasseh are Great Britain and the United States. There is just too much in prophecy to deny this. I understand that there are many who claim that this is a cultish thought presentation created and populated by Herbert W. Armstrong and the now many Church of God denominations. There is just too much that a person has to follow and go through to find not only Ephraim and Manasseh, but to also find the prophet Jeremiah and what makes up the conclusion of the book of Jeremiah. To those who do not spend the time to chase down all the various leads in prophecy only means you have failed to grasp the full meaning of the hidden prophecies pertaining to the blessing upon Joseph.

Now, with that being said, and shown, we can return to our viewing of the oath of office ceremony for George Washington. George Washington made three vows after he was sworn in as President. He vowed to God that the United States would welcome the immigrants in order to evangelize them, especially the Jews. His second vow was that this nation would honor God in all of its endeavors. Thirdly, he vowed that the people of the United States would take it upon themselves to teach their children about God.

We could even go so far that this teaching of God carried over to the college level. The crest of the predominate colleges had all taken on a view of spirituality, and that either a knowledge of Hebrew or Latin was required to even apply for any of these colleges. The Hebrew was required for Old Testament instruction and the Latin was for the New Testament studies. Can you even dare think about this in today's actions on college campuses and the protests that are being made?

After these two parts of the ceremony were completed, the entire body of high ranking officials of the newly established government walked down the street to St. Paul's Chapel where they held a three hour divine worship service. They studied Psalms, 1 John and other passages within the Bible.

But then what happened?

They moved the capital from New York City to Phillidelphia and then to Washington, D.C. and our secular paganism took off on a different journey! Read on to see what happened!

Actually, we need to go back even further in American's history to grasp even a small glimpse into our history. In 1492, Columbus discovered the North American continent. In the roughly 200 years between Columbus and George Washington, we know that the Puritans, Pilgrims, Quakers, French Huguenots, Amish and Mennonite all left Europe in groups to find a location where they could practice their faith without the interference from King and Court telling them what they could or couldn't do. For the most part, they brought with them their Geneva Bibles. They despised King James of Great Britain so much that they refused to use or even read the King James Version of the Bible, when it became available in 1611. However, we are still dealing with sinful men who also have great desires to build a new world with much pride and greatness. Let's look for a moment at the story of Nimrod. We find this scattered in verious passages from the early chapters of Genesis. We must take a clue from the story of Noah and the flood. In Chapter 6, verse 14, 14 Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. (ESV) There is an important fact in this verse and I'm also including the same verse from the New Living Version. 14 "Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. (NLT) Notice the two words pitch and tar. This substance is the waterproofing for the ark. Now let's bring Nimrod into the picture. In Genesis Chapter 10, we find the Table of Nations, after the flood, and we find Nimrod listed in the verses between verse 8 and verse 14. 8 Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord." 10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, and 12 Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city. 13 Egypt fathered Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, 14 Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom the Philistines came), and Caphtorim. (ESV) From this passage, we see that Nimrod's father was Cush and that he, himself, was considered a mighty man, even before the LORD. However, we must explore this person Nimrod further, and we turn over to Chapter 11. Reading in verses 1-9, we find the story of the "Tower of Babel", which was one of the first cities in the kingdom of Nimrod. There is a very important word used in the following passage. But first, we need to see verses 1-9. 1 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> 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." 5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." 8 So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore its name was called **Babel**, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth. (ESV) Let's look at this passage more closely. We see that the city was called Babel in both the passage from Chapter 10, and also, here, in Chapter 11. We are speaking about the same place. We also know that this was a city led by Nimrod. But here is the important word to understand. Look in verse 3 and see the word bitumen to be used for mortar in the building of this tower. Now, here is the rest of the story that is pieced together from the actions of the people.

Nimrod, as leader of the people in and around the city of Babel proposed to build a tower that reached all the way to heaven. How, recall that in the Chapters between 6 and 11, we find the story of the flood event which destroyed all life on earth, Noah and the remnant of 8 people were in the ark and safe. Nimrod certainly knew about this event and it appears that Satan influenced Nimrod to rebel

against God. Through Nimrod's pride, he was going to build a waterproof tower that reached heaven. Basically daring God to flood the earth again. His tower would be waterproof and not effected by another flood event. I know, you didn't see anything like this in this passage. Look very closely at verse 3. Do you see where they made brick for stone and they used bitumen for mortar? Bitumen is the same as the tar or pitch that Noah used to waterproof the ark. Nimrod was waterproofing his tower so another flood would not harm it. Review verse 6 once again. And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. That tells us the story of Nimrod and the building of the tower, but, it does not tell us how Nimrod became a pagan god symbol. For that, we have to go outside of the Bible.

It has been brought to my attention that Nimrod was married to Semirsmis and they had a son Tammuz. Supposedly, Tammuz dies and then comes back to life. Through this the practice of mother/child worship began. The name Semirsmis is not in the Bible. Nimrod and Tammuz are both identified in the Bible. Nimrod is, of course, found in text in Genesis. Tammuz is found in text in Ezekiel. It is claimed that Nimrod is worshipped as a pagan Sun god in Babylon and Semirsmis is his wife. The following several pages are taken from the Internet just for the sake of establishing who these three entities are from a Biblical viewpoint.

#### Nimrod

Satan's church had its beginning at Babylon with the construction of the Tower of Babel on the plain of Shinar, by the River Euphrates, a few generations after the deluge. At the time of the construction of Babylon and the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-4), that mankind had multiplied and spoke only one language. Cush, who was the son of Ham and grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:1, 6) helped to plan, with his son Nimrod, a blueprint by which to rule the world of humanity through a wicked counterfeit religion. Nimrod was the originator of sun worship and founder of Babylon. A Bible translation called the Targum says, "Nimrod became a mighty man of sin, a murderer of innocent men, and a rebel before the Lord."

The beginning of Nimrod's evil plan had its origin at Babel which was later known as Babylon. This city of Babylon with a tower "whose top may reach unto heaven" was built by Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-10; 11:4). They called the tower "Babel, the gate to heaven," but God called it what it was, which was, "Babel, confusion," for there God confused the language of the people which forced them to scatter. This heaven defying group of people wanted one government to rule the world and one religion to sway the hearts of mankind. This was Satan's attempt to defy God and His authority, and the ring leader of his scheme was Nimrod. But, God came down and stopped this world wide rebellion at Babel, in defiance of His command for mankind to replenish the earth (Genesis 9:1) by confusing their language into many languages so they could not understand one another's speech. Mankind discontinued the building of Babel and was scattered to different parts of the world (Genesis 11:8-9).

Nimrod had a plan to weld together and strengthen this evil religious system, and so, he married his own mother who was Semiramis. She was the first deified queen of Babylon and Nimrod was the first deified king. Semiramis was as wicked as her son Nimrod, and as much sold out to Satan and devil worship as was he. Incest was used here as a basis to unite this newly false religious system. Nimrod and his mother/wife would be greatly used by Satan in the following centuries to send countless millions and even billions of souls to hell.

Satan's plan was to develop a counterfeit, opposition system of religion to attract worship away from the true God of Heaven. This false system had its sacrificial plan just as God had a plan of sacrifice. But Satan's pagan worship required the offering up of human beings, which was often

the sons and daughters of the worshipers. A counterfeit holy day was instituted in honor of the sun god, (Sun-day) and this was designed by Satan to rob God of his peculiar authority as the Creator of the universe as designated by His Holy day the Sabbath.

Have you noticed how occult symbols are typically reversed? READ Satanic Symbols and their Meaning Example: The occult symbol for a cross is an inverted cross. Most have never noticed that God uses the 6:1 principle. That is, you have 6 of something normal and then on the 7th something special happens. Example: God created the world in 6 days, and the 7th is a special day of rest and worship. Crops were grown for 6 years and the 7th year the land was rested. Slaves were kept for 6 years and were to be set free on the 7th year. There are 6 weeks from Passover to the 7th week which is Pentecost. There are 6 months from Passover to the 7th month which is the Day of Atonement. Bible chronologists say that we are currently approaching the end of 6000 years since creation. If Christ returns at the end of 6000 years, we will then have the 7000th year being the 1000 years millennial reign. (See Revelation 20:1-15) So 6000 years + 1000 years (millennium) = 7000 years. None of this is by chance and is God's plan.

#### **Semiramis**

Historians describe her as a rare beauty, a fine military strategist, a master builder, and some even say that she was builder and founder of Babylon. But Eusebius, a well-respected ancient biblical scholar and historian, identifies Semiramis as the wife of **Nimrod.** 

#### **Tammuz**

In <u>Mesopotamian religion</u>, Tammuz is the god of <u>fertility embodying</u> the powers for new life in nature in the spring. The name Tammuz seems to have been derived from the <u>Akkadian</u> form Tammuzi, based on early <u>Sumerian</u> Damu-zid, The Flawless Young, which in later standard Sumerian became Dumu-zid, or Dumuzi. The earliest known mention of Tammuz is in texts dating to the early part of the Early Dynastic III period (*c*. 2600–*c*. 2334 BCE), but his cult probably was much older. Although the cult is attested for most of the major cities of <u>Sumer</u> in the 3rd and 2nd millennia BCE, it centered in the cities around the central steppe area (the *edin*) for example, at <u>Bad-tibira</u> (modern Madînah), where Tammuz was the city god.

We must, as we present this study of Nimrod and paganism, understand that Nations transition and that pagan gods also transition, however, the demonic spirit behind these transitions remains the same. We are in a spiritual war and Michael, the chief prince over the peoples of Israel is on our side. However, the evil within mankind's heart remains against God, unless it has been changed by a renewing of thought, life and love through the obedience to our Lord and Savior, Yeshua (Jesus, the Christ). Let's look at how some of this transition of nations and pagan gods transition.

On the male side of pagan religion:

Nimrod, as the sun god changed to Marduk,

In Babylon, Marduk became Shamash,

In Egypt, Shamash became Osiris,

In Assyis, Osiris became Bel,

In all three above, plus in Israel, Bel became Baal.

Nimrod's wife was Semiramis. Nimrod died but Semiramis had a son Tammuz who died but then came back to life as a reincarnated Nimrod. Therefore Semiramis was not only Nimrod's wife but also his mother. It was through this story that, the worship of mother and child became a pagan practice.

Now, we looked at the transition of nations and of pagan gods on the male side of things. It is time to view the female side of all this pagan worship.

Semiramis become the queen of heaven,

In Babylon, she became Ishtar,

In Israel, Ishtar becomes Asherah as worshipped by Jezebel and king Ahab (1 K 16),

In Egypt, Ishtar becomes Isis,

In Greece, Ishtar becomes Athena,

In Rome, Ishtar becomes Diana and Artemis,

Later Athena becomes Minerva,

Later still, Minerva becomes Juno, Libertas and Columbia

And it is about this time that America becomes involved in all this.

Where does America become involved in all this pagan religion stuff? Funny you should ask! Look around you today at our government buildings and look at the thoughts and ideas that are being pushed by the Woke community toward free sex, gender changing, same sex marriages, and you just might start to understand the current wave of sinfulness within America. Take a look at some of the titles that Ishtar has become known for:

She became the goddess of fertility,

She is also the goddess of sensuality and desire,

She is the goddess of freedom and liberty,

She is the goddess of war,

She is the Moon goddess,

She is the planet goddess, "Venus".

Where else do we see the pagan images of old? Observe these facts:

Athena became America's freedom goddess. The head of the Statue of Liberty wears a crown with solar rays, similar to the crown of Colossus of Rhodes (a monument to the sun god Helios that once stood over the harbor of Rhodes). The Colossus of Rhodes was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In Hollywood Libertas becomes Columbia. In Washington D.C., Athena is the freedom goddess on top of the U.S. Capital Building. Also, Minerva sits on the West entrance to the Capital Building, Minerva also sits over the state capital at Sacremento, California. On the seal of the state of New Jersey, we can find Libertas on one side representing freedom and Ceres on the other side representing plenty. We can find Libertas on many of our coins.

What about the government buildings in the European Union? First, Ishtar has transitioned to Europa, who gives her name to Europe. In Europe, Nimrod became Marduk and Marduk transitioned to Osiris. Osiris becomes Apis, the sacred bull of Egypt and Europe. This sacred bull goes back to the golden calf of Israel which was made while Moses was on the mountain with God for forty days. The sun disk sits between the horns of Apis and represents divinity of the sun god.

The EU parliament building has the goddess Europa riding a bull in front of the building. The Council of Ministers office building in Brussels, Belgium also finds Europa riding a bull. Let's return to New York City and Federal Hall for just a moment. Remember this is located on Wall Street, and what else do we find on this street. Why a bull of course to represent prosperity and not a bear.

What is it the Bible tells us to do with all these Asherah poles and idols? Deuteronomy 7:5 tells us, <sup>5</sup> But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire. (ESV)

Look also at 2 Kings 17:6-18 to see what happened to the House of Israel. <sup>6</sup> In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

<sup>7</sup> And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods <sup>8</sup> and walked in the customs of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel, and in the customs that the kings of Israel had practiced. <sup>9</sup> And the people of Israel did secretly against the Lord their God things that were not right. They built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city. <sup>10</sup> They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, <sup>11</sup> and there they made offerings on all the high places, as the nations did whom the Lord carried away before them. And they did wicked things, provoking the Lord to anger, <sup>12</sup> and they served idols, of which the Lord had said to them, "You shall not do this." <sup>13</sup> Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

14 But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the Lord their God. 15 They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom the Lord had commanded them that they should not do like them. 16 And they abandoned all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. 17 And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger. 18 Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah only. (ESV)

Please answer this question. Is America or Europe any different or any better off than what you just read about the House of Israel? Remember we, the people of America are the descendants of the tribe of Manasseh, and are, also to be known as a portion of Israel. Our forefathers brought their ideas and plans to this nation over 400 years ago, and we are still rebelling against God and doing exactly what He told our forefathers not to do. Do you understand that America is in a spiritual freefall and if we do not repent and change our ways that the wrath of the Lord God will be just as hard and unpleasant against us? Yes, Christians should not set and argue over politics, however, we should pray and ask God to lead us toward the person that He is preparing to make as our leader and vote for that person. Recall what it says in Daniel 2:21, <sup>21</sup> He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings: (ESV)

We, Americans, can look around and see building after building constructed with massive columns placed as supports and decorations for the buildings. Consider that these columns are sacred pillars or Asherah poles. We find these Asherah poles built into the front of the New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street where Federal Hall stood when Washington took the oath of office for the Presidency and made his three vows to God.

With the construction of the new capital city at Washington D.C. we see these Asherah poles built into the front of the U. S. Capital Building. Let's admit that these columns represent the goddess Ishtar, at that time known as Columbia, as she watches over her domain, the District of Columbia. Not only that but the capital city is full of other pagan images. The pagan god Mars stands to the left of the entrance to the Capital Building. Look across town to the Supreme Court Building and on the front you will find the goddess Libertas in the center, at the top, with the god of order on the right and the god of authority on the left. Go to the back of the building, and you will find Moses sitting between Confucius and Solan (the Greek god of justice).

Asherah poles are mainly for female pagan goddesses and male pagan gods have Obelisk. For an example, the obelisk at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. For a moment turn to 1 Kings 16:32-33 and see that there were obelisk built in the land of Israel and at least one still stands today. 1 Kings 16:32-33, 32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him. (NKJV) The following is taken from Wikipedia. The Caesarea obelisk is a red granite Obelisk 12 meters high, which was erected in the hippodrome of Herod the Great's newly built Roman city of Caesarea Maritima, now Israel. The obelisk seems to have been erected after Herod's time, in the 2nd century CE.

Now, allow me to provide you with one more fact. The tallest obelisk in the world is in Washington, D. C. It is the Washington Monument. Its height is 555.5 feet (that equals 6,666 inches for its height), and its base is 55.5 feet (that equals 666 inches wide).

Do you now have some idea why God is upset with the United States? Can you see why God is allowing this apparent freefall into spiritual warfare to happen? You can make a difference. You can pray, repent and follow the Commands and Laws that God established with our forefathers a long, long time ago.

Much of my discussion has been toward the Ten Commandments. For this portion of my presentation, and to help prove my viewpoint, a great amount of this current work has been on the fourth Commandment pertaining to the Sabbath. That is not the only Commandment that the people of America are violating. We are violating the first three by our outright rebellion against God with our fascination of building monuments and statues after false gods and goddesses. We are violating the fifth Commandment by not honoring our parents as we are told to do. Do you realize that this is the only Commandment that contains a promise? Look once again, at verse 12 in Exodus 20. 12(5) "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you. We violate the sixth Commandment by the sheer number of abortions performed on a daily basis, and dare call it a medical procedure for women's health and their right to such a procedure. Turn back a page to the top of page 11 and read verse 17 one more time. Sorry, it is my practice to place the scripture directly after my statements which prove my words. Here is verse 17. 17 And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger. That's the shedding of innocent blood, the taking of life or, to put it as blunt as I can, that is MURDER! We will address this further shortly! We violate the seventh Commandment through our fornications, immoral sex acts and just about everything the LGBT community embraces as their right to do so. Hey, this isn't my policy, it is God's policy to call these acts an abomination. I'm only a Watchman attempting to fulfill my duty to warn people of the great danger they are in if they do not repent and change their ways. It is God, the Father, who inspired His Prophets, and His Son, to address these issues and to place these instructions in His Word. We violate the eighth Commandment every time we short change something, or take something that doesn't belong to us. That would include engineering obsolescence into a product your company is selling. Take for an example a major appliance such as a washer, dryer or refrigerator. In the past, they lasted for 15 to 20 years. Now you can go to Lowe's and they tell you they have a life cycle of 5 to 8 years. Another example is our 2008 Mercedes. The original battery lasted until last year, 2023, indicating the battery was 15 years old. The new replacement battery has a three (3) year warranty. It may also be viewed as the modified weights that can be used to cheat in order to gain more profit. For example, the manufacturer will decrease the size of the package but charge the same price for the product. We also call this inflation. We violate the ninth Commandment every time we tell a falsehood or an out and out lie. The media now does this on a daily basis. There are those whose job it is to change the meaning to that which suits the Woke, or left side of the situation. It doesn't necessacerily have to be the truth. Finally, we violate the tenth Commandment every time we allow our envy to enter our minds, and we

want to have what someone else has or to gain what is someone else's without having to follow laws to transfer it. Sounds, like we would have to violate several other Commandments just to have our way with this one. America has taken prayer and the pledge of Allegience out of our schools. We have removed the Ten Commandments from all our government buildings. We have approved abortions and we have indorsed same sex marriages. God is upset and angry with us. I wonder why?

I have mentioned that the current day media has the tendency to change statements and world news just to suit certain people and certain ideologies. They seem to desire to lean toward the left in their presentations of the news. Some days, it even seems more important to tell about an abandoned dog instead of the war situation in Israel, Ukraine or the persecutions of Christians in China. They do not seem to be interested in the CCP's pressures on religious viewpoints in China, or the freedom that Hong Kong once had or the threats against Taiwan and the Philippines. Anti-Semitism seems to be the theme of the world's view pertaining to Israel. Let's overlook the brutal acts of Hamas on October 7, 2023. Now, as we near the first anniversary of the black Sabbath day, we see the ring of fire against Israel only becoming more aggressive. Yet, God is still protecting that nation and allowing them to win battles, and to do so in a most humane manner for a wartime action. In an attempt to find more timely and more accurate news of world affairs, my wife and I have turned to TBN and the Erick Stakelbeck Tonight program.

With the 2024 Presidential election only a month away, there are major discussions concerning Democracy, Abortions and the Economy. The left seems to persistently present their view of Democracy as being something which they have a major control over. I cannot say that I support their viewpoint. My parents were registered Democrates, I was a Democrate at the age of 18, But, todays Democrates are not the same and their viewpoints are not the same. Today, they seem to have a desire to destroy everything that was meaningful to being an American. Because of this election, God has led me, over the past few months to write booklets about the Constitution and America's Declaration of Independence. I have also felt the need to stress the Ten Commandments and God's ordained feast days. I can no longer go along with the manmade holidays of Easter and Christmas. Both of these are something man has come up with and not by the direction of God. Many New Testament churches have stated that Christ (Yeshua or Jesus) discarded the Ten Commandments and the requirement to worship on the Sabbath. They do not preach and teach that Satan is a for real force of the spirit world. Some denominations even teach that the Great Day of the Lord is a time of one hundred years when everyone who had not heard about Jesus would have the chance to accept Jesus as their Lord. I do not believe that either! Why would Yeshua state that He had a small flock and that there would be few to find the narrow gate? He stated that most were on the broad highway that leads to destruction. Matthew 7:13-14, 13 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. (ESV)

Most likely, the issue of abortions is the greatest point of argument pertaining to this election. I guess a person could say either you are for it or against it, and your vote will follow the one side or the other. It seems the Democrates are in favor of legal abortions and the Republicans favor pro-life. I've already shown that abortions are the taking of innocent life and onve were a pagan practice of offering your children to Marduk (also known as Merodach and also Molech). I'm inserting three verse references to shown these three names for the same pagan god. The first reference in found in Jeremiah 32:34-35 in the ESV Bible. <sup>34</sup> They set up their abominations in the house that is called by my name, to defile it. <sup>35</sup> They built the high places of Baal in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, though I did not command them, nor did it enter into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. (ESV) The second reference is in Jeremiah 50:2 from the NKJV Bible. <sup>2</sup> "Declare among the nations, Proclaim, and set up a standard; Proclaim—do not conceal

it—Say, 'Babylon is taken, Bel is shamed. <u>Merodach</u> is broken in pieces; Her idols are humiliated, Her images are broken in pieces.' (NKJV) The third reference is the same verse from the NLT Bible. <sup>2</sup> This is what the Lord says: "Tell the whole world, and keep nothing back. Raise a signal flag to tell everyone that Babylon will fall! Her images and idols will be shattered. Her gods Bel and <u>Marduk</u> will be utterly disgraced. (NLT)

On one of the recent programs broadcast on Stakelbeck Tonight, was guest speaker, Seth Gruber, who presented his recently published book, *The 1916 Project*. He introduces to the audience Margaret Higgins Sanger as the founder of Planned Parenthood. Along with the book is a documentary movie and tells some of how eugenics and abortions were introduced to the poor communities in New York City. Following is a definition from Wikipedia on what eugenics is. Eugenics is a set of beliefs and practices that aim to improve the genetic quality of a human population. Historically, eugenicists have altered various human gene frequencies by inhibiting the fertility of people and groups purported to be inferior or promoting that of those purported to be superior. Wikipedia

Being a person who desires to be honest and factual, I also went to Wikipedia to see what they have recorded pertaining to Margaret Sanger. If the truth of the matter is that Margaret Sanger, as a nurse, worked to inform women that through contraceptives they could control when they would have a pregnancy and a child. If that was all she was teaching, I could go along with her program. The Wikipedia article says that Margaret Sanger was against abortions, she was only trying to improve the understanding and use of contraceptives, which were banned in the United States at that time.

The information presented by Seth Gruber paints a different picture. Statements concerning the view that poor minorities were below Margaret's standards, and that she even met with Hitler in Germany to discuss euthanasia just doesn't seem correct. I will make two statements. First, you are not going to stop people, no matter which race or from which country, from fornicating. Yes, that remains as a sin against God's laws, but you are not murdering the unborn. Secondly, if the modern Planned Parenthood facilities were there to teach and train women how to use contraceptives, without the murdering of the unborn, I wouldn't be against their marching and protesting over abortion rights or their demand for a national law for the right to an abortion on demand. There wouldn't be the need for abortions on demand or the taking of innocent life. There also wouldn't be the need for a national law reinstating abortions on demand as a woman's right to such a procedure.

The third area of concern, as we get closer to this election, is the economy. What I'm going to say is this. We need to have a States' gathering for the procedure of making an amendment change under Article V of our Constitution with at least three amendments presented.

First, we need to have an established term limit for our elected politicians just as we have for the position of President.

Second, we need to have an amendment at the Federal level, as most States have at their level of a balanced budget. This concept that you can print all the money you want, for whatever project or situation, is just not fair to any State of the Union or toward any person who is a citizen of this nation.

Third, let's stop playing games with this fourth section or branch of our government which has never been made a part or entity of our form of government. I'm speaking of the branch called Civil Service. These are the most corrupt bureaucrats that are in our form of government. They were not a part of the framers Constitution. They have far too much control over the operation of the government and they most certainly should have a term limit established for their particular service. I would suggest that this term limit meet with that of the President of two terms or eight years of service. In regard to the Senate and House of Representatives, I suggest a three term limit of 12 years, and for the Supreme Court Judges, I suggest a set limit of service of 25 years.



No matter what you think of this booklet or of what I have said, I believe in my God and what is presented on these few pages. The bottom line is that you need to pray and ask God to lead you in your choice for the President of the United States. You must VOTE above all else.

Remember, Pray, Repent, VOTE and change your ways to meet the instructions of Yeshua.

### Maranatha



