

Gen. 10:9-10 ***“He was a mighty hunter before Adonai; therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before Adonai.” And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. Nimrod was considered to be a great hunter and killer and was rebellious before Adonai like his father and grandfather who were cursed by Noah,”*** (Gen 9:25).

Nimrod appeared on the scene about 300-400 years after the flood, he became a mighty hunter and protected the people from the wild beasts. ***“Mighty hunter before Adonai”*** meant he was against Adonai. Because of this he became respected above all others. Nimrod became a government type leader and a religious leader among his people. He had great knowledge. He devised a plan to gather the people together in groups and built gigantic walls surrounding these groups then called them cities, protecting the people from the wild animals. Nimrod created the first Kingdom of people, as stated in Genesis. He established the “Tower of Babel”, and “Babylon”, also called Shinar, and other great cities of those days, including Ninevah. The kingdom of Nimrod is the first mentioned in our Bible (Gen 10:16). Nimrod created a government of tyranny that surpassed the peoples fear of Yahveh. The people did what he said and he ruled over the land. He became a self appointed god and his wife Semiramis was called the “Queen of heaven”. Semiramis was worshipped as a “mother and child” deity and he was worshipped as Baal (the Sun god).

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