

Politics & Mysticism in the Weekly Torah Portion ***Parshat (Portion) Noah***

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This week...

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- * *The Evil Insanity of Those Who Break Cell-Phones under the False Guise of Religion.*

Shalom & welcome all.

This week's Torah portion is called Noah (Genesis 6:9-11:32).

There are some very important lessons that we need to learn from the stories of Noah, Nimrod and the Tower of Babel.

Lesson One. When bad times are a comin', it's time to hunker down, and to build one's personal "ark" of protection and survival. Noah's Ark was built by the Will of God, but was the power of one man's determination that saved the human race. God commanded Noah to build the Ark, but Noah had to build it. It must have taken a lot of time, effort and cost on his part. But as a man of faith, he acted on what he knew what was a comin' even though he might not have seen any physical signs of it at the moment. Noah is our role model for preparedness and faith.

Lesson Two. *"And God said, They are one people, and they all have one language, and this is what they have commenced to do. Now, it not be withheld from them, all that they have planned to do?"* (Genesis 11:6).

The Tower of Babel teaches us that there is power in numbers. And when determined people gather to build a determined project, even Heaven looks down with interest, to observe, and to judge if their intentions are indeed honorable. If such an endeavor is not in accordance to Heaven's Will, the Heaven will sow discord, to cause it to crumble.

But on the other hand, if indeed the determination and the determined are acting for the sake of Heaven, then indeed Heaven will bless their endeavors and one way or another, the project will be fulfilled. This is an important lesson for the righteous. If evildoers gain strength and power in numbers, so too do the righteous. It is a good thing to gather together and to strengthen one another.

The builders of the Tower of Babel had no good intentions. They sought to deny God, and to defy Him as well.

Now, let's focus on the world's first dictator, the hunter of the souls of men, Nimrod. *"He was a mighty hunter before God, therefore it is said: 'Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before God,"* (Gen. 10:9). Nimrod stood before God and defied Him openly and with intent. He was the first link in a chain of evil demigods who seek to enslave both the minds and bodies of his fellow human beings.

*"Nimrod began to be a mighty one in the earth by bold and daring deeds. His rebellion is associated with the beginning of his kingdom and suggests that his hunting and mighty deeds were related primarily to hunting men by tyranny and force. He lorded it over others, hunting and destroying all who opposed him in his despotic rule over men. This is the meaning understood by Josephus and writers of the Targums. Josephus says that Nimrod persuaded men not to ascribe their happiness to God, but to him as the cause of it. He became a great leader, taught men to centralize, and defied God to send another flood.... He established... the first great universal false religion opposing God... openly, in the Presence of God, with all defiance."*¹

Nimrod is portrayed as the one who first centralizes urbanization and attempts to use it to distance the populace from living naturally on the land. Nimrod organized the first big centralized government with himself as its king, ruler and dictator. Nimrod's main purpose in doing all this, as the Tower of Babel suggests, is to rebel against Heaven. Not only to turn his back of Heaven, Nimrod wanted to actually assault Heaven and to overthrow God!

As wise Solomon said so long ago, there is nothing new under the sun. Mad dictators of this kind have risen in every century. In the last century we had to deal with the likes of Hitler, who truly embraced the evil spirit of Nimrod and walked in his path. Who is waiting to arise now in the 21st century? This is indeed a frightening thought.

The spirit of Nimrod was later embodied in the government of Rome, and thus, in Torah legend, the enemy of God and his messiah is called in Hebrew, Armilus, which is derived from the name Romulus, founder of Rome. Romulus and Rome thus represent the spirit of Nimrod, the active spirit of rebellion against all things natural, sacred, moral and righteous.

Armilus is referred to in the Christian tradition as the Anti-Christ and as Al-Dajjal in Islam. This is why Islam today looks at secular western society as being the Armilus, Anti-Christ, Al-Dajjal. The Muslims see a mechanized terror of secularism rolling over them like a monster. Their resort, to what we in the west call terrorism, is simply a

¹ Dake's Annotated Reference Bible. Genesis 10:9. page 9. This is a quote from a classical Christian Bible commentary, which, as can be seen, is referencing authentic Jewish sources. I chose this source, as opposed to a classical Torah source, because I know some of my non-Jewish readers feel little association with Jewish literature. ***The point here about Nimrod is far too important to become clouded by prejudice or bias.*** The truth of the words spoken here clearly echo the Torah point of view, and I am thankful that this truth is recognized beyond the confines of Judaism.

historically Islamic way of how they have always dealt with what they consider to be *kafir* (apostates), and, in their opinion,² there is no greater *kafir/dajjal* society today than the west, led by America. One just needs to study Islamic history to recognize just how consistent they are between their past and their present. *"It is the nature of Islam to dominate, not to be dominated, to impose its law on all nations and to extend its power to the entire planet."* (Hassan al-Banna, founded the Muslim Brotherhood).³

As long as we continue to build our modern day Babel's we will incur the attention and possibly the wrath of Heaven. While there is nothing wrong and everything right with modernization and the advancement and usage of technology, still, these advances do not have to disconnect human beings from the natural world, which is our mother. God gave humanity wisdom and understanding to enable us to discover the wonders of His creation and to use them wisely. Yet, how wisely are we using what we have when we tolerate all types of human social, political and economic depravity all around us. When we tolerate the spirit of Nimrod, we essentially become the spiritual slaves of his dominions.

We find this same Nimrod-like confusion that leads the call for gun-control. Take away guns and we take away crime, the misguided fools cry. More laws and less crime, the fools cry. Yet common sense cries out that criminals do not obey laws, not present laws, and not future laws. When we remove the ability of law abiding people to rightfully defend themselves against the lawless, then we create an avalanche of crime and criminals. Gun control creates the opposite of what it tries to bring about. And those who promote it are the blind followers of modern-day Nimrods, who defy both God and common sense, as they seek to strip their fellow human beings of their natural, inalienable human rights!⁴

Then there are the deceived servants of Nimrod, those who superficially appear to be resisting him, whereas at the same time, they are actually embracing him (whether knowingly or not). These are the extremist fringe element in the religious world who foolishly seek to band the tools of Nimrod thinking that this will remove his presence from among their numbers. This direction is so foolish and stupid that it really needs no rebuttal, but nevertheless, let me give an example to prove my point.

We all know that for reasons of physical health, obesity is a bad thing. Yet, why do some people become obese? The answer is simple. They overeat. Now, think about this, why do they over eat? The answer is equally clear. It is because there is an overwhelming amount of junk food readily available to be consumed. We all love ice cream. In order to have some, we reach for a bowl and spoon. We all love cake. In order to have some, we reach for the plate and fork. With bowl and spoon, and plate and fork in hand, we overindulge, we then get obese. This leads to sickness and this leads to death. So then, what is at fault here? Why are people dying? It is clear! The

2 Dajjal, the AntiChrist by Ahmad Thomson, Ta-Ha Publishers, London U.K.

3 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jihad>

4 <http://clashdaily.com/2012/07/gun-control-stats-and-stupidity/>

fault lies with the bowls and spoons and plates and forks! Ban them and we can remove this evil scourge of obesity from our midst! Yes, it is the fault of evil bowls and plates, spoons and forks that is causing our downfall. Let us then ban them, break them and burn them, and only then shall we be healed, Hallelujah, Barukh HaShem!

Now, this is the thinking of Nimrod. He is the confuser of the mind, and thus the trappers of human souls! He gets you to pull a mental “bait and switch” to deceive you into thinking the exact opposite of the truth.

Needless to say, the problem of obesity will never be addressed by banning bowls and plates and spoons and forks. These are all only tools. They are not responsible for how people use them. Removing these tools will only make people find and use other tools, but their underlying problem of a lack of discipline will continue, until it kills them.

Tools are not the problem. Misuse of tools is the problem. The tool is not the problem, the operator is the problem. Tools do not need to be fixed. It is the attitudes of the users of tools that needs to be fixed.

In the real world, we see a small number of mindless religious fanatics blaming the morality bankruptcy of their followers on the cell-phones and smart-phones that they use. They call upon their followers to break the phones and thereby break the evil they contain. Anyone with intelligence can see the clear insanity in such thinking and the moral bankruptcy of those who provoke such actions.

Cell phones are a tool. They do not cause any problems, any more than bowls and plates, spoons and forks cause obesity. Only blind fools cannot see this. And yes, we have our share of brilliant academic scholars or who moral blind fools. And we wonder how is it that we have fallen again into the clutches of a modern day Nimrod, trapper of souls.

Noah and Nimrod are not just men of history or legend, they are psychological archetypal figures. They are role models, Noah for wise preparedness, Nimrod for the subtle of man's freedoms. Noah worked unceasingly to save life. Nimrod works equally unceasingly to control life, to steal it and dominate it.

We see that these Biblical lessons very much have relevant and important messages for us today. As long as we today can unite in the spirit of unity then we can build together, not a tower with its heights in the Heavens to affront God, but rather we can together build a building of righteous human beings. Together we can prepare our personal Arks before the coming flood.

Let's put religion and religious differences aside and work together to bring about change.

And this conclude my weekly Torah portion lesson in politics and mysticism.

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