

Tower of Babel

Babel is the second major battle. Again all mankind is to be involved in this titanic struggle. Satan, as soon as the ark hits dry ground begins his destructive work. The seeds of destruction, buried deep in the minds of men, have taken root in the hearts of men. God has ordained several changes in the structure of things after the flood. To inhibit the quick grow of evil, among other things, He establishes authority upon the earth. Fear of man is introduced with the animals toward man, and fear of governing rulers is introduced along with governmental rule.

Noah makes the mistake of making an alcoholic product. Drunkenness results and is quickly followed by expressions of rebellion and hostility by Ham towards his father.

Utilizing the governmental structures instituted by God, Satan corrupts mankind, Nimrod being a chief source for the new rebellion. Nimrod becomes a very powerful character and scripture says he was very wicked. Apparently Nimrod sets up a military dictatorship, within the context of religion. The government is established in the area of Babylonian. The source of all corrupt worship past and present seems to have its seeds in this rebellion. John in Revelation 17 calls it the mother of harlots and abominations on earth.

The center of this new religion and government was the tower of Babel. Its chief purpose in contrast to God's direction was to prevent the scattering abroad of all peoples. It wanted to make a name for itself. Again the Lord conducts reconnaissance to determine what the enemy is doing. Once ascertained the Lord strikes quickly and decisively wiping out the most important element in warfare; the ability to communicate.

The battle is over and mankind must learn new methods of communication. Communication is all important in any battle. The Lord strikes at this nerve center. The lesson is clear, for all who desire to be military commanders; take out the enemy's ability to communicate.

Lessons learned

Much can be learned by this battle. First, the crowd is usually wrong. Sly Satan works with the masses deluding them into believing the unbelievable. The chief, fixed, false belief is that one finds happiness by following Satan's rules.

Jesus tells us that happiness is the by-product of how we live our lives and whom we serve. Satan tells us to live each day like there is no tomorrow. Jesus tells us to let the evil of the day be sufficient for the day. The Tower of Babel stood for materialism.