

Heaven is Shaking the Bear Part 18b – Dr Hollisa Alewine

The prophetic *types* of the Four Kings arising from the Beast empires, just as Iran [IRGC], Lebanon [Hezbollah], Yemen [Houthi], Gaza [Hamas, et al.]: 

Amraphel = "sayer of darkness: fall of the sayer"
the king of Shinar (Babylon)

Chedorlaomer = king of Elam. Elam = Babylon. Kudar-Laga[mar]
(Lagamaru = proper name, of divinity)

Arioch = "lion-like" the ancient king of Ellasar, the chief of the executioners for Nebuchadnezzar. Ellasar = "God is chastener" a town in Babylonia, c. 28 miles East of Ur.

Tidal = "great son" chief of various nomadic tribes. Perhaps from H1763; fearfulness; Tidal, a Canaanite. H1763: לִדְחַל, dehkhāl'; (Aramaic) corresponding to H2119; to slink, i.e. (by implication) to fear, or (causatively) be formidable:—make afraid, dreadful, fear, terrible. Goyim = "nations" The KJV translates Strong's H1471 in the following manner: nation (374x), heathen (143x), Gentiles (30x), people (11x).

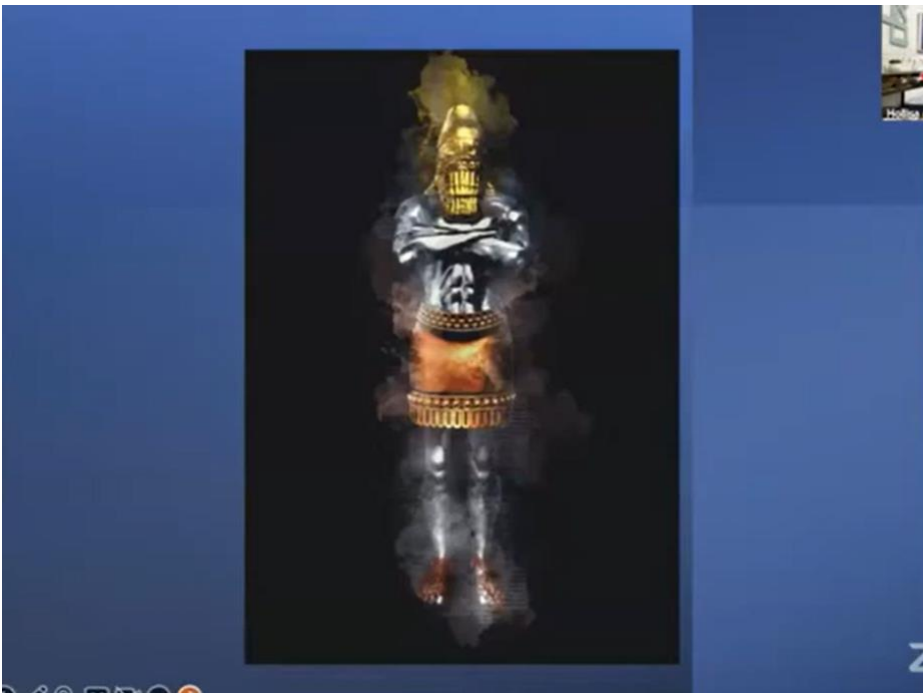
Let's look at the names and the regions of these kings and see if there's any sort of pattern here. If it is working in reverse here, if a nation comes to a point where they say, "We will no longer pay you for our hostages, we will no longer allow you to simply take life without paying a huge cost in return," then it seems as though Israel has somehow been linked to the United States in this particular cycle of the pattern. If we look, we had four nations launching missiles to Israel.

Iran not necessarily the greatest in number, but probably the most powerful and least "legal" missiles, came from the IRGC in Iran. That is one regime, but also their little minions. You had Hezbollah also firing missiles from Lebanon. You had the Houthis firing missiles and drones from Yemen. It was actually the little one Gaza, Hamas, who started it all off by taking hostages, by terrorizing, by killing and unleashing rockets at the very same time. We know that because we were trying to fly out as the rockets were flying in.

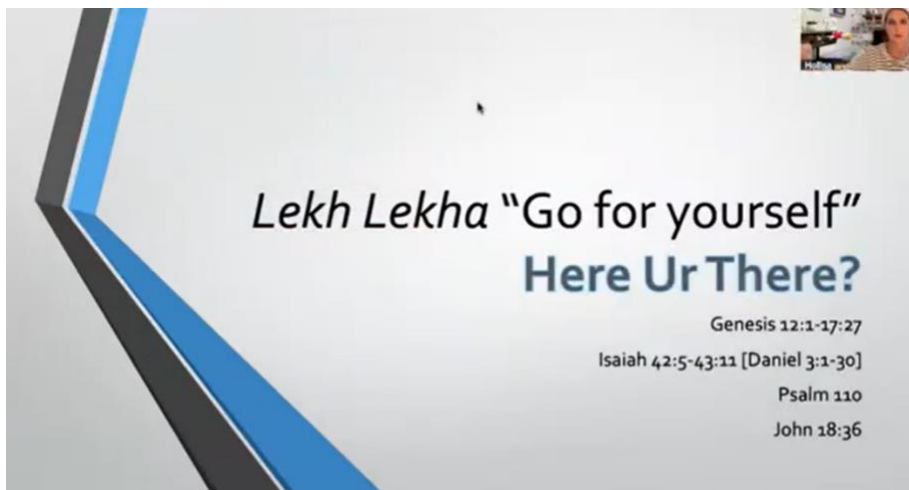
Let's look at these four kings. We have Amraphel, which means a sayer of darkness or fall of the sayer. Remember, the bear is a talker. The bear talks a big game even though he works slow. And it is all about death to Israel, death to America. And so Amraphel is definitely a death talker. He was the king of Shinar, which would have been associated later with Babylon. This is the paleo-prophecy. This is before there is a Babylon. The next one, Chadorlaomer, who is the king of Elam, also merged with the Babylonian empire. In fact, some of the prophecies that you'll read in the Prophets are directed at Elam. Elam is also Persia, same area. Elam is an equivalency to Babylon.

The other king was Arioch, who was the king of Ellasar. Ellasar was only 28 miles east of Ur where Abraham started out. Arioch means lion-like. It made me think of Daniel in the lion's den. It is definitely the empire of the lion and the bear. And then the fourth king is Tidal, which means great son. He was the chief of various nomadic tribes. His name might mean fearfulness. He's believed to have been a Canaanite. Strong's #1763 *dehkhah*, they believe it has something to do here with his name, which is not only great son, but perhaps having to do with fearfulness. Then Strong's #2119 *zachah*, to slink, to fear, to be formidable, to make afraid dreadful. In other words, a terrorist. *Tidal* is a terrorist and he is king of the Goim. He was king of the nations.

So what would be his aim? To terrorize the nations. *Goyim* means nations. It can mean other things too, but you have to look at the context. It is not necessarily a pejorative. Sometimes nations just means people who aren't Jewish, or people who aren't physically Israel. You have to know the context to know whether it is an insult or not.



And so that is going to take us back to the forerunner of what Daniel saw. When Daniel sees the four, no five kingdoms, there was something that preceded it in the place where king Nebuchadnezzar raises the image of himself, the golden image of himself, which is the image of the beast. That is why we want to go back and look at Lech Lecha where Abram fights these kings of the east. That will give us a good context.



Go for Yourself Here Ur There. I'm not going to go through all of this because this is from a previous year's Torah portion lesson. We are going to get to some things that I think are important as far as decoding these kings of the east in terms of representing what we might be looking at in the book of Revelation



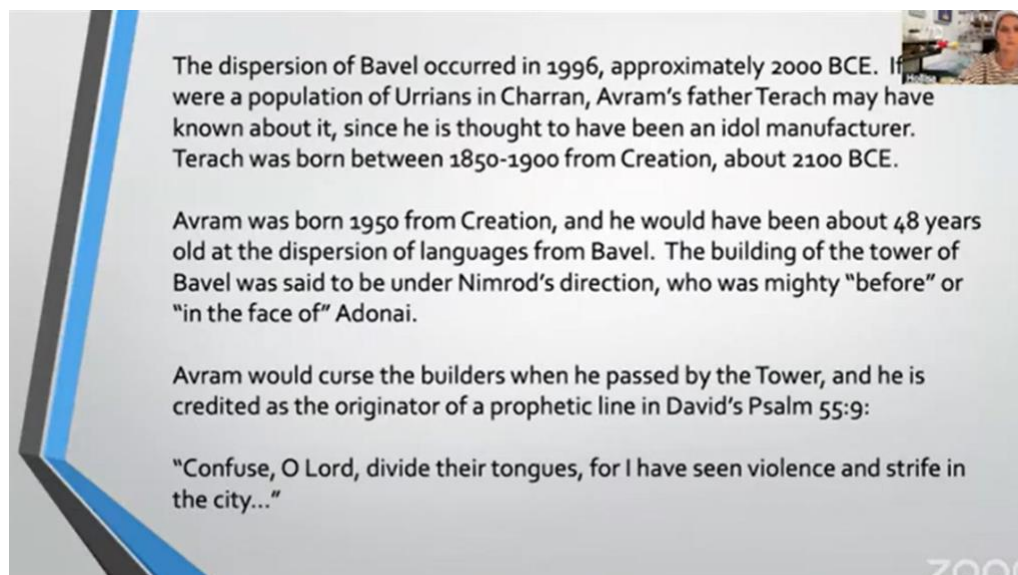
What you have here is the ziggurat of Ur where Abram was from. He was called out of Ur. The reason I'm showing the picture of it is so you would have an idea of what the Tower of Babel looked like. The reason that they were sloped inward was because bottom layer is made of mud brick. They don't have enough rock in this area or the right type of rock that will bear the weight of a tower that large.

What they would do is they would engineer it where it would gradually slope inward so that the bigger bottom layers can bear the weight of the mud bricks. The Tower of Babel was not likely something they literally thought could reach all the way to heaven, but we know heaven's not that far away to begin with. Number two, the Garden of Eden really does hover right above the land of Israel. It is no higher than the height of dove would fly.

It wasn't so much a matter of building to try to touch heaven with the physical structure, it was what was going to take place on that tower. They were invoking these spiritual entities, these powers over the principalities. And so if we look the prince of Persia, since we've been looking at Dobiel, they are spiritual beings. They don't necessarily have birthdays and death days dates. They don't function like we do. These entities were around when human beings abdicated from the Garden. So they've always been present in some degree as angelic majesties to rule.

And of course, some of them are bad actors. Like you say there's rulies and there's unrulies. And I can only imagine that the rulies, when they see mankind trying to tap into their power to try to sway them in some way to do their own will rather than to serve the One who created them, that causes them a bit of stress. I don't know that I'd ever want to just sit in the break room with these guys. They don't seem like people you'd want to be around or things you would want to be around, but they are out there.

And you can see also that the inspiration for these towers is all over the earth. It doesn't matter whether you are in North America, Central America, South America, these mound type towers are not unique to the Near East or the Middle East. We have found remains of some sorts of towers all over the earth, not just the pyramids. So, there's something that the families of mankind knew about before they got split apart.



The dispersion of Babel occurred in 1996, approximately 2000 BCE. If there were a population of Urrians in Charran, Avram's father Terach may have known about it, since he is thought to have been an idol manufacturer. Terach was born between 1850-1900 from Creation, about 2100 BCE.

Avram was born 1950 from Creation, and he would have been about 48 years old at the dispersion of languages from Babel. The building of the tower of Babel was said to be under Nimrod's direction, who was mighty "before" or "in the face of" Adonai.

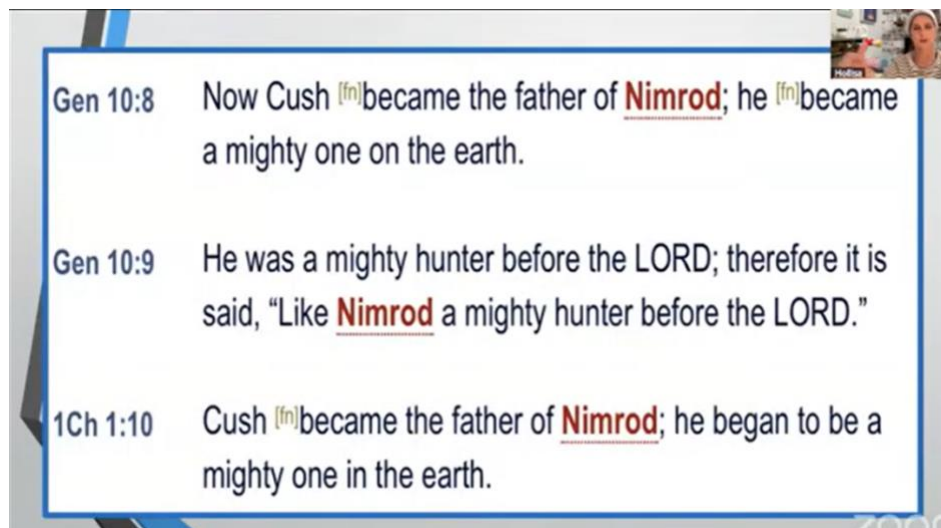
Avram would curse the builders when he passed by the Tower, and he is credited as the originator of a prophetic line in David's Psalm 55:9:

"Confuse, O Lord, divide their tongues, for I have seen violence and strife in the city..."

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So, a little bit about Abram and his background. We know that he was born in the year 1950 from creation, from zero. He would have been about 48 years old at the time of the dispersion of the languages from the Tower of Babel and the building of the Tower of Babel. Babel was said to be under Nimrod's direction. He was the one who was described as a mighty hunter before, or in the face of, Adonai. And the Midrash tells us that Abram would go by as the

builders were building the tower of Babel and he would curse them. And he's actually credited with a line in Psalm 55:9, which is "confuse O Lord, divide their tongues for I have seen violence and strife in the city." So Abram, even though he didn't yet have a real relationship with the Holy One, with El Shaddai, even as a younger man, he recognized that this stuff was evil, that there was violence and strife associated with it.



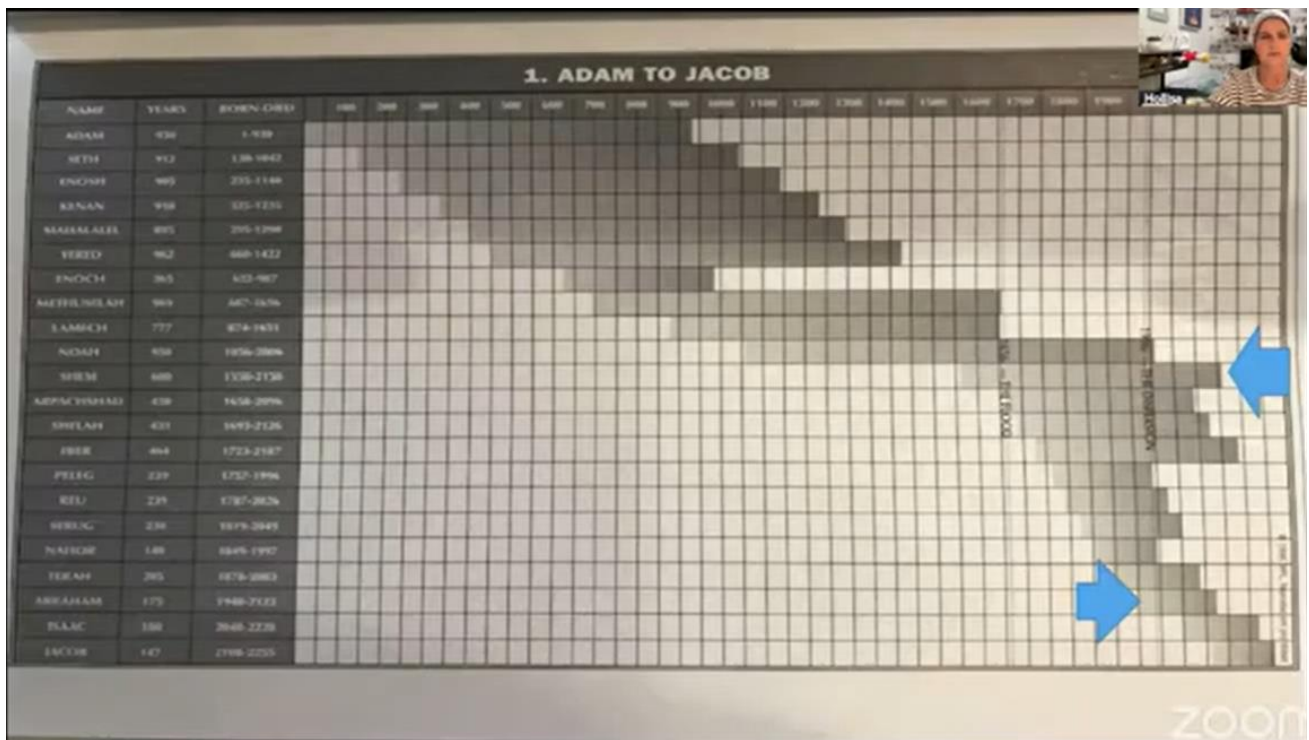
The screenshot shows a Zoom window with a woman's video feed in the top right corner. The main area displays a list of Bible verses about Nimrod, with the name "Nimrod" highlighted in red in each verse.

Gen 10:8 Now Cush ^[fn]became the father of Nimrod; he ^[fn]became a mighty one on the earth.

Gen 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD."

1Ch 1:10 Cush ^[fn]became the father of Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

And so this was thought to be Nimrod, controlling, with the power to call people in to build this tower. And so he's referenced in Genesis 10:8, 10:9, and then 1 Chronicles 1:10. And in each one, he is described as a mighty one. In Genesis 10:9, he's described as a mighty hunter. In a lot of the Jewish sources, they don't translate it into English as hunter, they'll say a trapper. He was a mighty trapper. And where it says *before the LORD*, it is in other words, "up in his face." I'm going to get out in front of You and do these things. I'm not going to do what You tell me to do. I'm going to get out in front of You. And so, of course, Nimrod wasn't a great guy.



Here you are seeing a timeline of ages so that you can see who would have been contemporary to Abram and Nimrod, that our flood guys are still alive at that point.

Now back to the mighty hunter and some "grain of salt" Mid traditions about how Nimrod came to power...

1. Cham stole Adam's garments from Noach, which were handed down to Nimrod. This allowed him to subdue animals, which gave him the reputation as being a fearless and powerful hunter, when it was really the Divine coat.
2. Nimrod waged war against the Yafetites, conquered them, and took slaves. His followers crowned him as king, and Nimrod began to claim Divine power and for human beings to prostrate themselves to him. He became the second "world ruler,"* for all nations had gathered at Bavel, "the beginning" [ראשית] of Nimrod's kingdom (Ge 10:10).

*Elohim, Nimrod, Joseph, Shlomo, Achav, Nevuchadnetzar, Koresh, Alexander, Messiah, YHVH

So, how did Nimrod get this kind of power and why is he the forerunner to Nebuchadnezzar? Why is he associated with the kings of the east? Nimrod waged war against the descendants of Yafet or Japheth in English; he conquered them and he took slaves. His followers crowned him a king and Nimrod began to claim divine power and for human beings to prostrate

themselves to him. So he became a world ruler because the nations had gathered at Babel, and this was considered to be the *reshyit*, the beginning of Nimrod's kingdom. He was seen in this list of world rulers. And of course they are referencing Genesis 10:10 here.

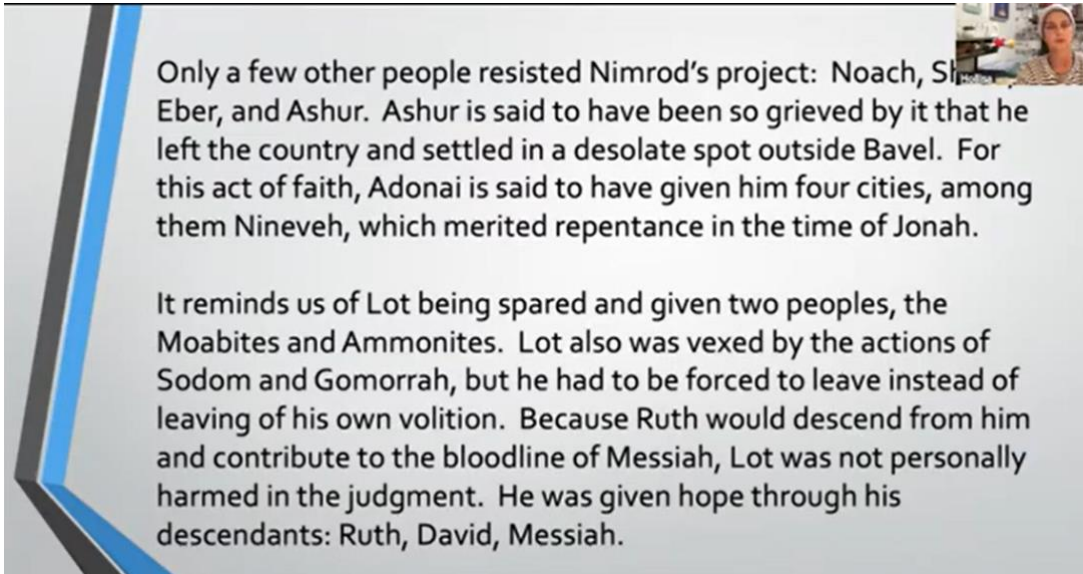
What else do the sources tell us about Nimrod? The nations agreed, and they gathered, so that through their gathering together they could prevent another flood. And we see that as Revelation opens, the seven memos at the beginning of Revelation are two gatherings of people. When you do things together, you are much more powerful.

If you are going to repent, it is great to also have national repentance. That is what Yom Kippur is. You are going to be judged as an individual on the Feast of Trumpets, but you'll be judged with your nation on Yom Kippur. So the nations agreed, they gathered, and at the root of it was a memory of the floods. Gilgamesh, I think, is the oldest recorded flood story. Doesn't mean it is the oldest story. It means the first one somebody wrote down.

You've got pyramids all over the world, mounds built all over the world. All over the world, the cultures have a flood story. So they are still very traumatized by the flood. The idea that you know if the Creator gets mad, He'll just wipe you out with a flood. So it was thought there were three groups of people or three types of people who gathered there. There were those who thought a tower would make it impossible for the water to reach them. That a flood was merely a natural event to be countered with science and human ingenuity. So these are the people who might be the atheists of our time, the practical people of our time. Well, if God punished us this way in the past, well, let's just do this and we can circumvent that particular punishment. Last year we went to one of the mounds over by Natchez, Mississippi, where the indigenous people had built mounds. And of course, the archaeologists have speculation like what did this do? Was it for burial? Was it for this or that? But one of the things they believe these mounds did, at least in this area, it did elevate you out of the floods. If the Mississippi were going to flood, then these mounds would be places of refuge where you could go up there and escape the flood. So, it is it is not out of the question that they think, well, if the mountains got covered, then we are actually going to build something higher than a mountain that is going to save us. But science kind of has that blind spot. If it is supernatural, you probably won't be able to build anything that is going to stop that.

They said there were also people who wanted to assemble to worship idols at that top level to make a name for themselves. Which again it goes into tapping into the power of these angelic majesties. It is an act of self-will. It is just seeing yourself in the mirror and wanting to worship that. And then the third group, those who said, We will set up an idol at the top of the tower, put a sword in his

hand, and just show YHVH that war is being declared against Him and taking possession of the upper realms. So these are the people who really did want to take over the Garden of Eden. They wanted to ascend to immortality without obedience. Not by obeying YHVH, but by making war against Him and prevailing over death that way. I don't know how they thought that would work. But human beings since we fell out of the Garden tend not to be as smart as we could be.



Only a few other people resisted Nimrod's project: Noach, Shem, Eber, and Ashur. Ashur is said to have been so grieved by it that he left the country and settled in a desolate spot outside Babel. For this act of faith, Adonai is said to have given him four cities, among them Nineveh, which merited repentance in the time of Jonah.

It reminds us of Lot being spared and given two peoples, the Moabites and Ammonites. Lot also was vexed by the actions of Sodom and Gomorrah, but he had to be forced to leave instead of leaving of his own volition. Because Ruth would descend from him and contribute to the bloodline of Messiah, Lot was not personally harmed in the judgment. He was given hope through his descendants: Ruth, David, Messiah.

Only a few people, it is said, resisted Nimrod's project at the Tower of Babel. It is thought that Noach, Shem, Eber, and Ashur were the four who resisted, which that would give us four kings on the good side. That train's going back and forth. There would be four prominent people who said no. But that also reminds us that there are going to be descendants, and it seems like there's always a remnant and out of that remnant always arises a great person. And so just like Lot was spared in the second judgment on Sodom, the four kings of the east came against it first, and then Adonai Himself came down to destroy it the second time. Lot was spared because from him was going to descend Ruth, David and Messiah.



The three groups of Tower-builders and have suffered three punishments:

- a. Those who gathered to build a flood-refuge were scattered back to every country from which they'd come. Oddly, mound-builders and pyramid-building civilizations are found all over the world.
- b. Those building an assembly-house for idol-worship were confused in their language, and they began wounding and killing one another because of misunderstanding.
- c. The group that wanted to wage war against Hashem and penetrate the heavens were transformed into monkeys, spirits, and demons.



So about these pyramids and things, these mounds that appear all over the earth. In the punishment, the three groups of tower builders are said to have suffered three punishments. Those who gathered to build a flood refuge were scattered back to every country from which they'd come. And oddly we do see this. It is like they took the technology and went back with it. And so we see them continuing to build mounds and pyramids. Those who were building an assembly house for idol worship were confused in their language and they began wounding and killing one another because of misunderstanding. And then the third group that wanted to wage war against HaShem and penetrate into the heavens were transformed into monkeys, spirits, and demons. So take that with a grain of salt. I don't know.

The Midrash (and *Alshich*) says Avram insulted the idols and refused to bow before Nimrod. Nimrod tried to convince Avram to bow to him and worship idols. Finally, Avram taunted Nimrod by saying he wasn't immortal and couldn't save anyone from death. **He was imprisoned ten years.** When Avram still wouldn't comply, Nimrod declared that he'd destroy Avram with fire. They prepared a kiln with wood stacked five *amot* high (approx 8'). YHVH descended personally to save Avram, and "Nimrod's slaves opened the door and behold-Avram was moving around in the midst of the fire as if in a palace garden, and angels were keeping him company. Only the ropes holding him were burned." When Nimrod ordered Avram to be removed, "flames sprang up and burned them alive."



The Midrash says that Abram insulted these idols and his father was an idol maker. But Abram refused to bow before Nimrod, and he insulted his idols. The

idols were actually a religious system that Nimrod used to control people. Nimrod tried to convince Abram to bow to him and worship the idols. And finally, Abram taunted Nimrod by saying he wasn't immortal and he couldn't save anyone from death. So he was imprisoned for 10 years. And when Abram still wouldn't comply, Nimrod declared that he'd destroy Abram with fire. They prepared a kiln with wood stacked five *amot* high, which is probably 8 ft. It is said YHVH Himself descended personally to save Abram, and Nimrod's slaves opened the door, and behold, Abram was moving around in the midst of the fire as if in a palace garden and angels were keeping him company. Only the ropes holding him were burned. When Nimrod ordered Abram to be removed, flames sprang up and burned them alive.

So, you recognize that story from the book of Daniel. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and then there's a fourth guy in the fire, and they are not even singed, but it kills the people who were close to the furnace. Well, this is a very similar story, but when we think of drying up the Euphrates to lure the kings of the east in of whom Nimrod was the prototype, we can see working with water the story we have here with fire. Dry up the water, you'll lure Pharaoh in. Dry up the water, you'll lure the kings of the east in. Throw Abram into the fire. Throw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the fire. It is only going to kill the people who throw them in there.



And this is a picture of the gates of Abraham and Tel Dan. Abram chased these four kings of the east as far as Dan, which it wouldn't have been Dan at that time. It would have been later when the Israelites settled, that it would have been known as that area. But you can visit this very ancient town where the gates are sealed up at this point, and they've got it covered to protect it. But you can see how cool it would be just to look at the city gates that Abraham would have passed through pursuing Lot. The Midrash says when Abraham

reached this particular location you are looking at, he grieved because he knew that his descendants would worship idols in Dan. That is kind of a sad thing.

Because they did, and while we were in that area we went and looked at the altar there that was set up for the golden calf. But nearby here is Nimrod's fortress. That mountain guards this part of Israel. And now we can understand why Nimrod is described as a trapper not a hunter in a lot of the Jewish translations in the English because Nimrod thought he was luring Abraham to his fortress to kill him.



There again is Nimrod's fortress. And you can see how from there you are you are looking out and you can see anyone approaching. So if Abraham were approaching with his 318 trained men plus-who was it-Aner, Mamre there was one other that he took with him to go recover Lot and the citizens of Sodom. Genesis 14:14. *When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men born in his house, 318, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.*



There are several key locations within only several miles of one another. Tel Dan, the site of later Luz, Nimrod's fortress, the "gates of hell" later developed into Caesarea Phillipi by the Romans, and the Banias Falls, the headwaters of the Galilee.

From Nimrod's Fortress, anyone could monitor the traffic moving through those areas, initiate an attack, or repel one. Because of its strategic location, the fortress has been used by successive occupiers and the ruins of the medieval fort are still well-preserved. "When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan." (Ge 14:14)



Scripture goes to great trouble to explain how the bricks for the Tower be man-made. The reason for this is that there are no building stones in that region. The few stones available could reinforce a small building foundation, but there was not enough to support a huge tower.

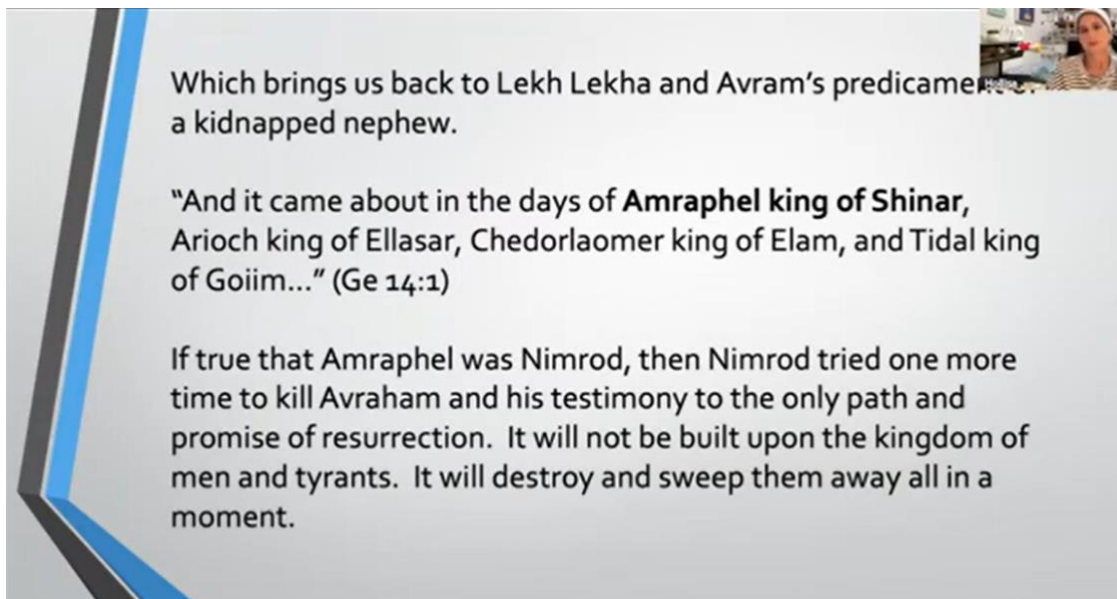
This is something to keep in mind when we read about Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a great stone smashing the previous kingdoms of gold, silver, bronze, iron, and clay.

Nebuchadnezzar II, however, built his golden image many hundreds of years after Nimrod attempted the Tower of Babel. Historians often draw anachronistic conclusions about the two different events...but which may have occurred in exactly the same place! Near the Euphrates River, the natural counterpart to the Perat above, which flowed from the Throne of Upper Eden.

So Nimrod being the builder of the tower of Babel, being unable to force Abram to bow down to him and to submit to his religion...I hope that is ringing a bell right now...Abram refused to bow down and submit to his religion, which is how Nimrod maintained control over the nations. That caused the problem. And so Nimrod had to do something with Abraham or he would always be a testimony to the one true Creator, to the only God that should ever be bowed to.

That is something to keep in mind, because later as Nebuchadnezzar builds his image, which we know he built it all of gold, but then Daniel saw the different metals of the beast kingdoms, gold, silver, bronze, iron, clay. It is something to keep in mind. What has happened before in this particular location is happening again in that particular location. But it is near the Euphrates River, and we know that there's an a Euphrates River that flows into the Garden of Eden above. You can see how building that tower really was a rebellion, where Adonai had a plan to restore people to the Garden of Eden and that plan involved obedience. Nimrod's plan was to take it by force. And he has figured out organizations,

enslaving people through a religion, enslaving people through war. To him, this was the way to go. Nothing much has changed today.

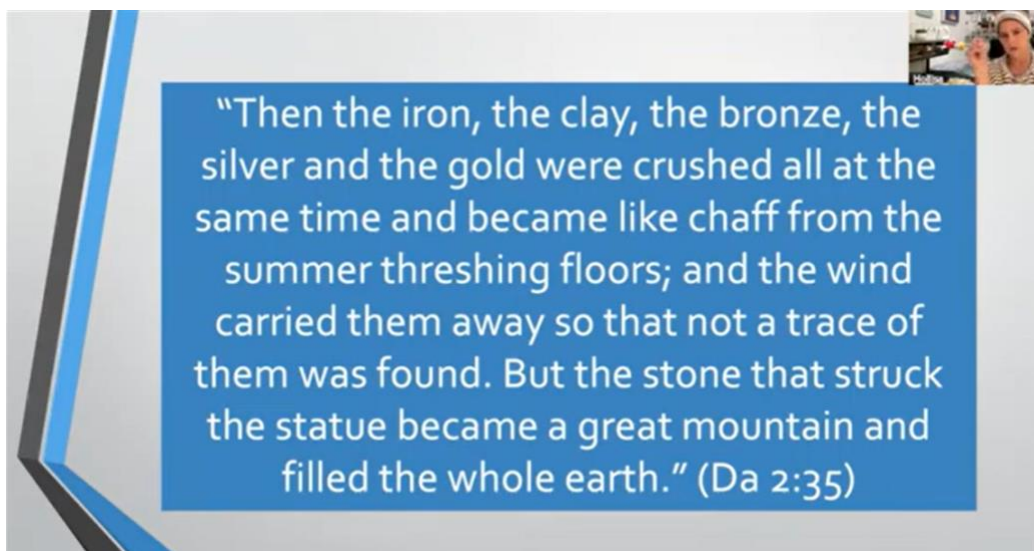


Which brings us back to Lekh Lekha and Avram's predicament with a kidnapped nephew.

"And it came about in the days of **Amraphel king of Shinar**, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim..." (Ge 14:1)

If true that Amraphel was Nimrod, then Nimrod tried one more time to kill Avraham and his testimony to the only path and promise of resurrection. It will not be built upon the kingdom of men and tyrants. It will destroy and sweep them away all in a moment.

So if it is true that Amraphel the king of Shinar was actually Nimrod, who was trying one more time to kill Abraham and to kill the testimony with him that there's only one path to the promise of resurrection, Yeshua says I'm the way. I'm the gate. I'm the one that controls the gate. Abraham's giving this testimony of who controls the gate. Nimrod doesn't want people to hear this testimony. That kingdom is not built upon the kingdom of human beings and tyrants. They will be destroyed and swept away. And so by kidnapping Lot, Abraham's nephew, Nimrod thinks he can lure him in and destroy him, the four kings.

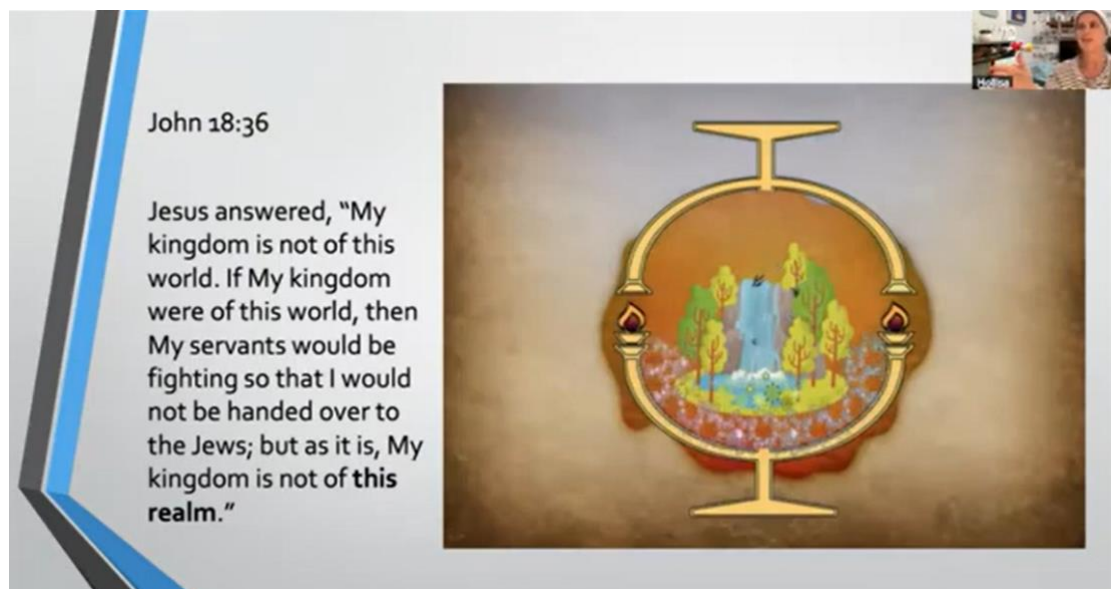


"Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." (Da 2:35)

And so Daniel when he sees this image and this place Shinar, the plain of Dura, in Daniel 2:35, it says, *Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at the same time.* All at the same time. We tend to think

of these empires as coming down one by one. They are all still standing. They are present within the successive kingdom. So they were all crushed at the same time *and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors. And the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.*

So what Nimrod, Nebuchadnezzar, the successive beast kingdoms, the IRGC, Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, whatever they think they are doing with their submissive religion organization, it is a fallacy because it is going to be destroyed. Yeshua is the stone. He is the Rock. When He came the first time, He said, My kingdom is not of this world. When you look at the beast's kingdom, That is exactly what they think. My kingdom *is* this world.



Yeshua says, "If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." He was willing to wait until it was handed to Him properly. He came first as a servant to serve. His palace is in the Garden. But a time is coming where rule over the earth will be handed to Him properly. He will be handed all authority. He is the One worthy to open the scroll. So no matter what system the beast is using to try to wield authority on this earth, it is a counterfeit.



Amraphel, thought to be another name for Nimrod, is believed to have had an ulterior motive in taking Lot. Avram had exposed the gods of Ur and Babel as impotent, and Nimrod relied on them as part of his governing system and prototypical subjugation of his subjects.

The Midrash speaks of how Avram survived Nimrod's fiery furnace. There would be irony if the furnace were a kiln for firing the bricks of the Tower of Babel or Nimrod's idols.

Under King Nebuchadnezzar, who attempted to replicate the unfinished Tower of Babel, the three Hebrews were also thrown into the fire and exposed the false god of Babel. Although separated by many hundreds of years, it's quite possible...

The problem with Abram was he had exposed the gods of Ur and Babel as impotent. Remember the story about Abram going through and smashing all the idols in his father's workshop, and his father comes in and says, "Who did this?" And Abram was like, "Well, Dad they are gods. Nobody could have done that to them." He's like, "They are I made them out of clay." Isn't that the whole point? You made them out of clay. They are not real. They don't have any power of resurrection. They can't resurrect themselves. They can't piece themselves back together. Why not worship the One who made us? And so he exposed these gods as impotent.

But Nimrod was relying on them as part of his governing system. This is how he subjugated people, made them compliant. And so often with these mounds and pyramids and towers that are built around the earth, they were associated with religion, idol worship, and it is how they controlled their people. Nothing has changed. And so king Nebuchadnezzar came along. He just tried to replicate the unfinished Tower of Babel. What happens? Three Hebrews get thrown into the fire. But there's a fourth one in the fire, and it exposed this false god of Babel again. So strange coincidence or just prophecy recycling?

Who was Nebuchadnezzar II?

נְבוּכַדְנֶצַּר

He is named for Nebo or Nebu, a Babylonian god.

He made the golden image of himself 6 x 60 cubits.

- This matches the height of the side pillars of the Temple (Ezek 40:14)
- This matches the number of mighty men of King Shlomo: "Behold, it is the traveling couch of Solomon; sixty mighty men around it, of the mighty men of Israel." (Sng 3:7)
- The image's foundation was said to be supported by the supernaturally strong gold taken from King Shlomo's Temple



The *Talmud* (Sanhedrin 92b) says that on this day, Ezekiel's dry bones resurrected in the plain of Dura. This is the famous two-stick prophecy of the mountains of Israel and Judah:

§ The Sages taught in a *baraita*: At the moment that Nebuchadnezzar the wicked cast Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah into the fiery furnace, the Holy One, Blessed be He, said to Ezekiel: Go and revive the dead in the Dura Valley. Once Ezekiel revived them, the bones came and struck Nebuchadnezzar, that wicked man, in his face. Nebuchadnezzar said: What is the nature of these? His servants said to him: The friend of these three, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, is reviving the dead in the Dura Valley. Nebuchadnezzar began and said: "How great are His signs and how mighty are His wonders; His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and His dominion is from generation to generation" (Daniel 3:33).



That might be a good place for us to stop today so that next week we can get into, more in depth into the kings of the east. And like I say, if you are interested in this particular lesson, which also goes back to Ezekiel's dry bones, you can pull it up and you can see all the slides. I was just running through there to show you the ones I thought that were most important to the pattern. So, you can see the pattern of the kings of the east. What's their motive? What do they think they are doing? And then what's actually happening to them? And so as we look at today and this particular revolution of the pattern, we can see kings of the east, they are not called kings anymore, typically rulers of the east. As we look at the regimes that have used religion to terrorize, say dark sayings, submit, control people, Iran, the Houthis in Yemen, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and Hamas in Gaza. They thought through October 7th by going in there and taking these hostages the way that Nimrod took Lot, they knew Israel would go in there, and they had the world opinion primed. I mean, you think it is an accident that all this anti-zionist stuff just popped out on October 7th instead of people at least taking 24 hours of shock at what happened? No, it was already queued up. These people were ready to go. They are funded by billions of dollars. The lies

are funded. It wasn't an accident that so much anti-Semitic, anti-Israel stuff came out just instantly. They knew by luring Israel into Gaza that the world would cry out, because it always does.

It is okay for the beast kingdom, the four kings, to kill Jews and Israelis anytime, any place, and the world won't even hiccup. It won't blink. But let one of them get killed even by accident, world outcry. There's no logic in it. Nimrod is not logical. Even after Nebuchadnezzar was warned by Daniel, what does he do? He builds it all of gold. He's like, my kingdom will last forever. It is not going to be gold, silver, bronze, and iron. I'll make it all of gold. I'll be the king of Babylon forever. I'll be immortal. You just told me the plan. Now I'll take what you are telling me, and I'll go around it.

No, you won't. They thought by luring Israel in after their hostages, Hamas thought that instantly missiles would start flying from everywhere. And it didn't. It was very controlled. And when it did start happening, it basically destroyed Gaza. It is a ruin. Much of the IRGC's military is in ruins. They are not completely down, but they are pretty ruined. Hezbollah a lot of their...I'll never get over the pagers, that is just brilliant...much of that is in ruins. And I don't even know what the Houthis are doing. Who knows what they are doing.

What happened? Did they really lure the descendants of Abraham into the trap, or did they lure themselves in? In this cycle, they miscalculated because in all these things, somehow Israel survives. It survives. Abram became Abraham. Israel...are they being chastened? I'm sure they are. Are we being chastened? I'm sure we are we are also being vexed, but it is so that we can learn in spite of the furnace to remember who we believe in.

Forget the idols. Organizations are not what we depend upon. Violence is not what we depend upon. Terror is not what we depend upon. We don't have to depend upon the things the beast does. We depend on what Abraham depended upon. And we have a covenant because we are children of Abraham and heirs according to the promise given to him. And so if we are children of Abraham, we need to do the deeds of Abraham. Don't be afraid of the beast. Try to find and rescue, even if they are a little lukewarm, those like Lot was, you know what? Scripture still called him righteous. Look for those. Rescue and ransom as many as you can.

And in the meantime, we are basically sitting here and watching the biblical text cycle in real time for us. And it is amazing to see how it works.