

Identity Wars Part II

The Rise and Development of Tyranny

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What I want to go through now is the development of Satan's system and how it would develop through the Scriptures and what would be the ultimate culmination, which basically culminates in Revelation 13 with the leopard-like beast and the image to that beast which dominates and controls the whole world. It is the spirit of tyranny originating from the lie of the serpent that causes this beast power to arise, and I want to show, as I understand from Scripture, why this beast power must arise, is arising, and will and must dominate the world.

It's because of a philosophy of life built right back on the principle of Satan's lie, "You shall not surely die." That's were we want to go. But we just want to recap briefly and try and pick up a few points along the way. Here's a summary of what we looked at.

(1) Satan attacks the foundation principle of God's kingdom that God is the source of life. He attacks this head-on with his statement, "You will not surely die," and in fact, "You, yourself, will become like God." In other words, having your own life, and God is afraid of you realizing that truth, what He calls truth, that you'll be like Him, you'll be equal to Him in exactly the same way knowing good and evil. But he introduced the concept of the power within, and if you do a quick survey of world religions and world beliefs, [you'll see that] nearly every religion believes that man is either immortal or divine. You survey all of the belief systems or even the New Age beliefs, [they teach] that there is a power within men. Everywhere, this philosophy dominates the world and it all extends from the lie of the serpent, "You shall not surely die."

Now, that does not mean that those of us who believe that when man dies he goes into the earth - that does not mean we are immune from this lie. If we were immune from this lie, we would not experience the difficulties that we have now, if we were immune from this lie. We are not immune from it. It's one thing to believe that when you die you go into the earth, and it's another thing to understand what that belief means and how to fix you in your life. That's something again, that we'll come back to a bit later.

(2) By embracing Satan's lie, Adam and Eve lost their identity and their value. They lost their identity because as children of God we realize that who we are, is exactly that - children of God. That's how we are known, that's how we are defined, and our value as individuals comes from the fact that our Father loves us. We draw our value from no other source. You know that you are being influenced by Satan's philosophy when you are placed in a situation in your life where you can't work, and you are not happy about it. Have you ever been put in a situation where you been laid on your back and you can't work? Are you completely relaxed about it, if you are not being lazy and you are wanting to work, and you are wanting to please, and you are wanting to do what God wants you to do, but you are being laid sick - are you content? Or are you frustrated? What makes you frustrated?

If you get to the end of the day and you haven't achieved anything that you want to achieve, are you angry and frustrated, or are you content? As long as you've done your best, and you've done your best, but people have rung, problems have happened, things have occurred, things have gone wrong, and you haven't achieved anything that you wanted to do that day. Are you content? Or are you frustrated? What draws the frustration? If God is your Father and he loves you, does it matter whether you achieved anything that day? Does it really, really matter? If you pray to God to guide you through that day and to help you do the things that you need to do, do we not trust Him that He will answer that prayer?

These are things that we need to figure out. If we pray, "Lord, guide me today" - that's what I prayed, I said, "Lord let me be efficient in your service today, lead me to someone today to speak about Jesus, give me opportunities, let me be efficient in my work" And if I go through the day and I achieved nothing, then is it not God's will that He's allowed that to happen to me? I'm praying, am acting in good conscience, and then things go wrong. He's testing; do you trust Me? Maybe that day He wanted me to become efficient by learning to trust Him. That's efficient, isn't it? To learn to trust. We could become very efficient if we could just learn to trust.

So these are the two things [so far in our summary and in our second point we see that Adam and Eve lost their] identity, value and family relational models and ended into the cycle, the cycle of fear and pain. There is one problem, one big problem with Satan's kingdom, and I know I experienced this a lot when I played a lot of sports. When you get to the top of the pile and you are better than everybody else, can you relax? Why can't you relax? Because there is always somebody wanting to take your crown. Once you get to the top, the fear actually becomes greater because you have to defend; you have something to defend now, and protect, and you have a lot to lose. When you go in as the underdog - and Australians love underdogs, we love the underdogs - when you go in as an underdog, you've got nothing to lose, so there is no fear. But when you've achieved and you have all these titles after your name, fear kicks in.

I remember reading about the Australian kick boxer. He won the world titles over in Thailand, and I read it with interest, because he said when he got the belt, and he went home with the title belt, and he sat in his hotel room in Thailand, he said, "I felt ripped off, because I still felt as lousy as I did the day before. I didn't feel different. I thought that once I achieved this title that I would feel something, that I'd feel great, that I'd feel good, that I'd feel wonderful, but I didn't. I still felt as lousy as I did the day before." Because now he had to defend that title; it didn't give him that joy. Now always on the expectations, now he had to be the champion and he always had to act that way. Now everyone would be attacking him to get his crown, and now he is someone. [These attackers would say] "Now if we can get him, now we'll be somebody," and then they will find out the same truth in the hotel room that night. It wasn't worth it after all; all this effort and sacrifice, when all he really needed was a Father to put his arms around him and say, "You are my son, I love you, go on and enjoy life, go on and be happy, you don't need to prove anything." All right.

(3) Adam and Eve only lived because Christ became the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. We didn't touch on that point last time, but when Adam and Eve sinned and they ate that fruit, you know, many people read the verse that says "In the day that you eat thereof ye shall surely die." Have you ever heard people say, "Dying you shall die?" That's a lie; that's part of the inherent life source thing. There is no life in men. When Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they were dead. Instant death - but why didn't they die? Have you ever had a laptop where you're connected to the power, and you pull the power out, and it keeps going? Why does it keep going? It's got a battery, another power source. Mankind, on a blink of an eyelid, [with] another power source. Jesus immediately stepped in and, as it were, He put his hand around that broken life cord, and He put His hand on it and He held it together. Jesus is the one that holds the channel of life; He keeps the river flowing through the human race. Through Him and through Him alone that life keeps flowing. That's the only reason our hearts beat; that's the only reason the grass grows; that's the only reason the birds sing. It's because Jesus stepped into the position to keep that life flowing to us.

That's why it says, every loaf of bread is stamped with the cross of Christ; every leaf of grass says from God, "I love you," because Jesus stepped into the gap. He wrapped Himself around that broken life source, and He held it together, in a blink. And of course, it was already prearranged, wasn't it? He was the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. The Father and the Son agreed together in their counsel, that if man should fail, that Jesus would step in and guarantee their lives, to give them probation and time to choose which kingdom they would follow. Beautiful, isn't it, that Jesus would step in and that He would do that for us.

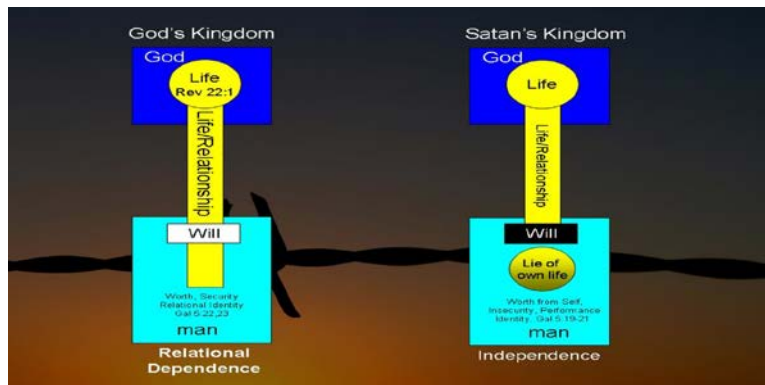
(4) To reclaim a sense of identity and value, the human race embraced a performance and achievement-based system. Gen 10:8-10. We are going to have a look at that in this particular program. But now we weren't receiving - Adam and Eve weren't receiving directly value from being children of God, and they believed that power was coming from within. The only way to get value is to go through a continual process of reminding yourself that you have power. So you achieve things, you do things, you climb up the ladder, you succeed in sports, you do all these things to constantly show yourself, "Yes, I have it, I have it, I have it."

You noticed Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel chapter 4, notice when he speaks about his achievements. He doesn't say it as a statement; he asks it as a question, "Is this not great Babylon which I have built, for the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?" He is asking the question, "Is it enough now? Self, can I rest now, can I have peace now, have I done enough? I have conquered the world, I made the hanging gardens of Babylon, I've done all of these things, and yet, is it enough?" And the resounding answer from self is "No, it's never enough, it's never good enough. You must continue to fight." And that's why the Bible says there is no rest for the wicked. The lack of rest is the lack of peace that comes from knowing that you are loved, knowing that you are cared for by a Father. That's why there is no rest, in that particular case.

We are going to have a look at this performance and achievement-based system that the world operates on. We are going to see how it's developed and how it's grown.

(5) The human race became locked in the cycle of worthlessness. This is why man could not just simply go back to God. See, because man now believes he has life in himself, why would he feel the need to go back to God and ask for help? He doesn't know; God now is a different person from who He was before: God is someone who is a big power source, and I'm a little less power source, so I have to be careful of Him. I'm not coming to him as a Father anymore; I'm coming to Him as an enemy. The carnal mind is enmity or an enemy against God. I either have to make war with Him, or I have to placate Him and do penance, or do all kinds of religious activity to keep Him at bay. Keep Him happy; keep God happy, and then I'll be okay. So this lie completely changed who we understood God was, so there is no going back. We couldn't go back. And in the next session we'll look at what God did to restore our true understanding of who God was, and that, of course, was by sending His Son.

We looked at the two kingdoms, the comparison. We won't spend a lot of time on this again, but basically the difference between the two systems is based on the differences of life source and where life comes from. And we remember again that we said that, as it says in Revelation, in Psalms, all the verses that we looked at, that there is life that flows forth from God, from His throne, and it flows down to us. The key for us is the will. As one author puts it. It's the kingly power of man. It's the will.



Everything depends on the right action of the will. The expulsion of sin is the act of the soul itself through the will, because once the will opens to God, God's life comes into us, and sin is removed. It is taken away, it cannot stand; it is burned up in the fire of God's love. It's God's love that is fire, and we need to be burned up in the fire now before the fires come at the end of time - to burn up our sin now, the refiner's fire that takes away our sin and the lie. And so we have all of the principles here of love, joy, peace, that just simply flow out of us. It is no longer us who live, but who lives in us? Christ, through the life source. But in Satan's kingdom the will is blocked by the lie; it becomes blocked through the lie, "You shall not surely die." It stands with the first Adam, and we have this lie. The stuff comes from here [the center of the human heart], and basically for Christians what that means [is], yes, we still need God because He is a bigger life source, so we can ask Him to help us to do things that He can perfect our program; if we can get God as an ally, if God can be on my side, then I will be undefeatable. It's a different God.

Most Christians serve this God, the God who we placate, the God who we do work for so that we can have His power to achieve my agenda.

That's what Judas did. That's what Peter did. He wanted Jesus to fulfill his agenda and he saw God like this until after the resurrection, then it all changed. A different God emerged, the true God of the Bible, and it all comes from one little lie.

All right... Let's turn to **Genesis 4:8-13**, and we are going to look at the origin of tyranny. The origin of tyranny. While you are turning there, let's just go back a bit to Genesis 3. I want you to notice something. After Adam and Eve had eaten the fruit and God met them in the wilderness, what was the first emotion that Adam experienced when God met him? Fear! Fear is a big part of this whole process. Because remember now, God is a big power source, and I'm only a little power source, and Adam knows he's done the wrong thing, and now because Adam is trying to protect himself, he does what he can to protect himself and sort of keep God at bay. And it says in **Genesis 3, verse 10**, **"I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid."** Can you imagine when God heard Adam utter those words? How do you think God felt? His own child, afraid of Him. Can you imagine your children being afraid of you? They see you, and they run. That's what Adam did. He saw God coming, and he ran. Wouldn't that break the Father's heart? Why are you believing these lies about me? Why are you doing this? It's sad. God knew, of course, but emotionally we ask the question.

So fear, fear becomes a big part. Fear is what drives Satan's kingdom ultimately. Fear, and the converse of that is pride. That's, again, part of the cycle: pride, fear, pride, fear. We stay in the cycle. It's fear which drives us. The Bible tells us in Luke, chapter 1 that Jesus came to deliver us from fear. That is one big reason why He came. But notice now, we'll have a look at Cain.

Genesis 4:8-13 **"Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; (5) and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against his brother and killed him."** I'd like to spend a whole lot of time on this story, but we've got to cover a number of points, and of course, everyone has to eat today. Why did Cain rise up and kill his brother? Any ideas? [Response from congregation about Abel not willing to join Cain in his rebellion]

Yeah, I like what you say there, but he wasn't willing to join in his coalition, the coalition of *the willing against God*¹, because God had given the sacrifice of the lamb to symbolize what Jesus would do when He would come. Cain said no. And again, there is the audacity to say, "Well, Lord, I recognize that You are there, and I need to deal with You because You are in my life, so I can't get rid of You, so okay, I got a plan. I'll bring my fruits and vegetables, and I'll offer that to You." That was his plan. "You do it my way, I'll meet you half way." The audacity to even suggest something like that comes from the lie that

¹ The word *coalition* denotes Cain's attempt to draw others into his rebellion, and when they refuse, to kill them. *Coalition of the willing* is a reference to George Bush who said, "You are either with us, or with our enemies." He became the leader of the *Coalition of the "Willing,"* as it was termed at the time.

he must have believed he had some kind of bargaining power. We don't have any bargaining power with God. We've got nothing, except to trust, that's all there is to do. But Cain starts to bargain with God, and he changed the worship of God. He brought a sacrifice without blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. There is no forgiveness; there is no acknowledgment of the lamb. Every time Cain saw the lamb being slain, he's saying, "You are saying I'm that bad that I have to kill a lamb? I'm not that bad, I'm all right. I'm okay. Don't tell me I'm bad."

But every time Abel sacrificed the lamb, and God consumed his sacrifice, and Cain is standing there with his fruits and his vegetables and nothing but flies, the anger starts to rise up in him, and the fear starts to rise up in him. "God is not accepting what I'm doing. He's accepting my brother, but He is not accepting me." And he starts to stew and he starts to think about what's going on, and each time his brother is sacrificing and praying to God, it reminds him of the path that he has trodden, and eventually Satan leads him to the point where he would do the unimaginable - because when a person kills another person, that is a moment of insanity, isn't it? It's insane. It's Satan taking full possession of a person to kill another person. What you have to overcome, what you have to suppress, to be able to do that! And you'll hear, I guess also when you hear war stories about what men have had to overcome the first time they looked down the barrel of a gun, and they shot someone and saw them fall to the ground, what they went through, the trauma that they went through of having killed someone. What they had to suppress! It's not a natural thing to kill people. And then eventually, after killing second, third, fourth, it becomes second nature. Their nature becomes hardened, it becomes callous, to survive. And that's why they often say that people that work in an abattoir where they're cutting up the beast - after a while they have to move them into another area, because they've become so callous and so heartless, that they're just ripping up animals, killing them; they don't care anymore. And that's what happens.

But we see here that Cain rose up and killed his brother. And it says, **"Then the Lord said to him, 'Cain, where is Abel your brother?'" He said, "I do not know."** Is that true? It's a lie. He is telling God a lie. He is going to convince God. **"Am I my brother's keeper?"** It's a whole story, I'm tempted to go in, but... **And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground it shall no longer yield its strength to you."**

The life, the symbol of taking a life out of Abel, was in symbolizing the taking of the power out of the soil. Because it's God's life that grows the fruit and the vegetables and everything, and that taking of life was also symbolized in the taking of the power to produce food. And then it says, **"A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."** I just want to spend a bit of time looking at these words: "a fugitive and a vagabond." And then it goes on: **"And Cain said to the Lord, 'My punishment is greater than I can bear!'"** I want to come back to that, but let's look at a fugitive and vagabond.

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A fugitive means to waver, to stagger, to shake, to be up and down. Because of what Cain had done, and you think about it for a moment. As Cain saw his brother dead on the ground - this is his brother, this is the one that he had played with growing up, this is his parents' son, and he's killed him. Do you think Cain felt good about himself? Do you think so? Do you think he really felt good about himself? Satan would be saying to him, "You are a murderer, you are a killer, you just killed your brother." And he'd just filled him up with all of these things so that he begins to waver. His insecurity begins to grow. [He begins to] stagger, to shake up and down. This is what sin does to us. It makes us insecure. It makes us shaky, it makes us unstable. We can't make clear decisions. And a vagabond, again: to waver, to wonder, to flee. To flee the conviction of God's Spirit. To disappear, to deplore, or tossing of the head in scorn. It's got the pride aspect to it, as well. "Ahh! It doesn't matter." To bemoan, to flee, to get, mourn, to make to move, to take pity. We might say to patronize, "Oh, poor, poor thing, you'll get over it." Remove, shake, skip for joy. Interesting. That's what all of those words mean - to be sorry.

This is the mind set of Cain, and it's this mind set and Abel's mind set that are in the great controversy. We are either one of two people; we are either in the spirit of Abel or in the spirit of Cain. The spirit of Cain and Abel are symbolized all through the Scriptures through the two covenants, the two women. All the way through we see the two, two, two - the two that are seeking for position, and it's representative of the two systems. Abel believed in God's life source system, and trusted that life came from God alone; his sacrifice of the lamb was an acknowledgement of his dependence on God.

Cain bringing his fruits and offering his fruits and vegetables and whatever he grew was not a symbol of death but was a symbol of life. In other words, he did not want to die to self. He brought that which he had produced. "Take this, God, it's the best I can do. Here is your talent, I preserved it in the earth, have it back." He didn't grow it, he didn't develop it in any way.

And this is the curse of the serpent's lie. This is why there is no rest for the wicked. Those who continue to believe this lie will constantly be cursed by a desire to rule, a desire to compare oneself, a sense of depression, up and down, feeling up and down all the time, constantly seeking for approval from other people. This is what it means to be a fugitive and a vagabond. This is the curse of the serpent that falls upon us, and Cain manifested the spirit. We can say a lot more, but it's also interesting that Cain was the first one to go and build a city. He built a city. He was scared, fearful that someone might come and kill him, so he had to put people around him. People live in cities. It's a funny thing: people live in cities because they're afraid to go out in the bush. Yet, where is the most dangerous place to live? In the city where people would take your things or destroy your house or be killed. Cities are very dangerous places.

Particularly, a couple of years ago I was over in Los Angeles. That is a dangerous city. I never want to go there, not at all. But this is the curse of the serpent. We want to take it to the next level now. Obviously Cain, his spirit lived on, and of course, Cain had children, didn't he? I want you to look at **Genesis 6:1-4**, and I want to show you a formula for tyranny. And it lays it out very clearly for us. And this leads out to the destruction around

the time of the flood. It gives us a very good outline of exactly how this took place, so that we can see it happening again in these last days.

Gen 6:1-4 “Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God...” and the sons of God were those who believe in the principles of God’s kingdom, that life comes from God and they engaged in the sacrifice of the lamb. These were the sons of God. It says: “...**They saw that the daughters of men...**” The daughters of men are those who were born to men who were followers of Cain and rejected God’s principles, but, “...**they were beautiful, and they took wives for themselves of all they chose.**” And, why does it say that the wives of the daughters of men were beautiful? What’s the point being made here? You know it says in **1 Peter 3:6-7**, it says that the women, they should seek to have a meek and... what does it say? We better have a look at it. Can anyone quote it? “**A meek and quiet spirit, focused on the inward.**” The daughters that were born to men who followed Satan’s principles, would they feel good about themselves? Would their fathers be blessing them? Would their fathers be encouraging them and nurturing them? No, they wouldn’t. So the daughters of men became insecure, how do you compensate for insecurity? You try and make yourself look beautiful on the outside.

When you are in the channel of blessing, you are covered; you have a symbol of covering, Okay? But when you are not able to be in that channel and you are not covered with a blessing, you are uncovered, and let me say this, but particularly for women; the more uncovered they are, the more evidence they show that they are cursed. Does that make sense? So we shouldn’t scorn women who are in that situation, we should pray for them, because they are manifesting that they don’t - really, inside, they don’t feel that they’re worth anything; they feel worthless, they feel empty, and they feel that they can gain attention from someone by undressing, because when women undress, men will look. It’s human nature, but ladies, it’s no different. It’s just animal nature; it’s just like a dog. There is nothing special about it in that human nature element; you think that’s special. Well, it’s not that special. When you uncover like that, men will look, but it doesn’t make you important. It’s really sad, and we are seeing more and more today as our society continues to go downhill. You see the women uncovering more and more and more and more. Because their families are being destroyed, they are being pulled apart, the curse is coming upon the daughters of men, and they are uncovering, showing that they are cursed, not blessed. It’s interesting.

And the most prominent women in the world are those that are the dancers, and the movie stars who undress. That’s what they do. You know, people, poor people, I feel really sorry for them, people like Britney Spears and Paris Hilton. These poor ladies - you can see that they are so worthless, so lacking in any kind of value in themselves, that they have to act in such an unfortunate way. It’s terrible. But this is what happens to the daughters of men, and this is part of the curse. Another whole presentation, we won’t go there. So we see a combining of the sons of God with the daughters of men. A marriage that is made in hell, unequally yoked. We cannot be unequally yoked. And we are going to spend a lot more time on this in presentations tomorrow.

“...that they were beautiful; and they took for themselves of all whom they chose. And the Lord said, ‘My spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh.’” Notice that as soon as God’s sons married the daughters of men, immediately God says it’s going to finish. It’s doomed. Within 120 years, it’ll be over. It says, **“Yet his days shall be 120 years.”** And then it says, **“There were giants...”** Now, that word giant, if you look it up, a lot of people talk about big, physically big men, and I’m sure they were physically big, but the word in the Hebrew is actually “tyrants.” There were tyrants on the earth in those days. Also afterwards: **“When the sons of God came into the daughters of men, they bore children to them, those were the mighty...”** - and that means powerful, warrior, tyrant - **“...men who were of old, men of renown”** - and that word means “memorial of individuality” - men that were seeking to be known by what they did. See the combination: a marriage that is forged incorrectly produces children without blessing. Without the blessing of heaven, it produces tyrants. That’s what it produces. When a man is not blessed by God through - and we are going to look at the family system, how God set up the family system to do this - when he is not blessed, he will become on the road to tyranny. Because the desire, the need to be valued, the need to be recognized by people, becomes so great they will do anything to achieve it. They will, as it were, sell their souls to the devil, so that they can attain positions.

Those who attained the highest positions in this world in many cases have sold their souls to achieve those positions, and that’s why it says in the book of Daniel, Daniel chapter 4, that God sets over the kingdoms the basest or the lowest of men. It is the lowest to the most worthless individuals that occupy often the highest positions, and that’s not true in every case because God has his men in different places, but in many cases we see this to be the case. And we know this to be the case when you look at all the financial troubles that are going on in the world today. Men are working evil to bring populations under control and to dominate them, because of their need to be valued because of their lack of blessing. And so, this is the formula for tyranny: a bad family relationship that produces insecure children that then desire power through the lie of the serpent. This is how tyranny arises. Okay.

Notice what it says in **Genesis 6:5, 6:**

Genesis 6:5 “Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Now, when the thoughts are only evil continually - now, think about this - where do good thoughts come from? That means that the channel of God’s love has been blocked completely, completely cut off! No good thoughts are coming into the minds of these men, because good thoughts come from God. They have completely embraced the lie of the serpent, no good thoughts, and their thoughts are only evil continually. Okay? And it says, **(6) “And the Lord was sorry that he had made men on the earth and the Lord was grieved.”** This process that happened in the antediluvian world is happening again. It’s happening again. We are coming to a time period where the tyrants of this world are soon to grasp for themselves all the treasures that they believe exist on the earth. That’s

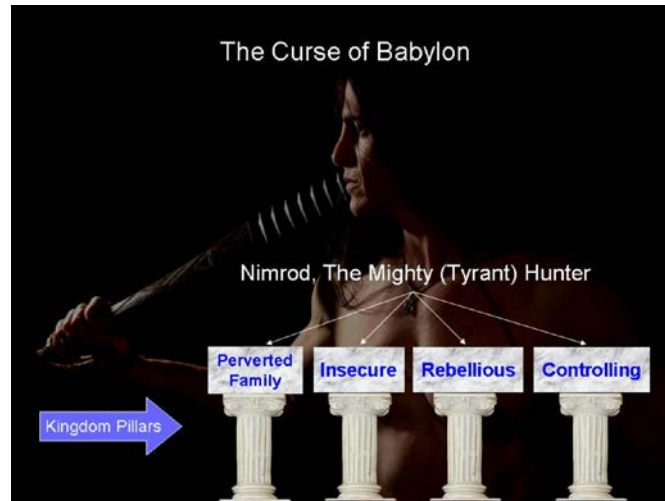
what is about to take place. And that spirit of tyranny has originated from bad family relationships and from the lie of the serpent.

Now we come to Nimrod [**Genesis 10:8**]. Nimrod is an interesting character. Notice again, the words are important, study the words. This is Nimrod, it says, **“Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty...”** - and that word “mighty” means warrior, tyrant, a self-willed person - **“...he began to be a mighty one on the earth.”** He was a mighty, or a warrior tyrant, a hunter - that means to chase, he is constantly chasing power, he is chasing men to control them and to subjugate them. It says, **“He was a mighty hunter before...”** - and that word [“before”] is better translated “against” anger that word can be translated “against the Lord;” therefore it says, **“Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord,”** or against the Lord. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Babel, or Babylon. I want you to notice that this is the first place in the Bible where the word kingdom is used. First time, and it’s whose kingdom? Nimrod’s kingdom. It’s his own kingdom. This is the first time a man has come to the place where he no longer recognizes God in any kind of capacity of sovereignty. He completely rejects His leadership.

And I want to show you what Nimrod taught those who were under him. We’ll come to that statement a bit later. I’ll just come back a bit to that statement here. Who was Nimrod in terms of genealogy? Let’s go back a little bit. He was the son of Cush, he was the son of Noah, and then Ham. And what happened to Ham? Why was Ham cursed? He did something very evil. It tries to be discrete in the Bible: it says that he saw his father’s nakedness. The sad part is, it says that when his father awoke, he said he knew what his younger son had done to him. So what his son did was not very nice at all. And in doing what he did, he had carried over the evil thought processes from before the flood, and he had violated his relationship with his father. And it so violated that relationship that it brought a curse upon him and his children that would never leave. Terrible.

This is what happened in that family. Because you have to wonder, did Noah just... he was upset and angry and so he damns his son Ham and his children for the rest of their life just because he was angry? That he was embarrassed he got caught at because he was uncovered? There is a lot more to it than that. That curse was an inherent curse that came with what Ham had done to his father. He had rejected his father’s authority, he had acted toward him in a way that was completely inappropriate and he bore the curse of that, and that is, not having a father, the assent of his father’s love anymore, and feeling what he did was completely vile, and I’d like to - and this is slightly aside, but just pigeon hole this thought.

Most of the men who are the movers and shakers on this planet are part of a group called the Bohemian Grove. Most of those men are homosexual. It’s the shame of what they do that binds them to evil. It’s the shame of their wickedness that completely breaks the curse, it breaks the blessing of God. It smashes the blessing of God. It breaks it completely. That’s why the basest of men rule in this world. Satan binds them and he holds them to himself through shame. This is what happens. If you do the study and do the research, these are the ones who rule the world in most cases.



So if we look at the foundation of Babylon, the curse of Babylon, he came from a perverted family. If you study history, it actually indicates that Nimrod married his mother after his father died. He is a bit of a sick puppy, isn't it? He married his mother. Why? Because she was beautiful and she was powerful, and in Satan's kingdom that's all that matters. If you have beauty and you have power, from a man's point of view, does it matter? In those days they were living a bit longer than they do today, so he married his mother. Perverted family relationships. With the mother/son relationship is the dominant relationship. It's the mother/son relationship. Do we see mother/son relationship being pushed heavily on us today? Mary and Jesus, uh, we could go into that, couldn't we?

A mother/son relationship is a relationship that Satan pushes most heavily, and that's why we see the Madonna and child in many, many places. The other thing is that Nimrod was insecure, because it [the Scriptures] called him a tyrant. A tyrant is always insecure. If you need to yell and rant, and jump up and down and scream, you are insecure. That's basically what it is. He was rebellious, because he says "his kingdom;" he formed his own kingdom, he rebelled against God, and he was controlling because it says that he went and started dominating other nations. This is the spirit of Babylon, and it is this spirit that is well alive today. And this is the spirit that is going to bring about Revelation 13 to its culmination, to its finish.

And this is from Josephus; this is what Josephus says about Nimrod and his beliefs:

“Now it was Nimrod who excited them to such an affront and contempt of God. He was the grandson of Ham, the son of Noah, a bold man, and of great strength of hand. He persuaded them not to ascribe it [Strength] to God, as if it was through his means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. Do you see the lie of the serpent coming from within yourself? He also gradually changed the government into tyranny, seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence on his power.” (Josephus, *Antiquities*, Book 1, Chapter 4, paragraph 2).

He had to control them, and see, this attitude must be reproduced today. Those men who are in control, who have the spirit of Nimrod - they can't stand people worshipping,

obeying, free. I just want you to think for a moment, just think about this. A man who has a loving wife and loving children has his own kingdom in this world. Amen. I want you to think about that. We'll come back to this. When you have a loving family, with the husband at the head of his home, and his position is respected and honoured by his family, and his wife, in submission to her husband, and the wife is respected and loved by her children, you have a kingdom which no man can touch. He can take your body, he can kill you, but he can't take your kingdom.

And this kingdom Satan hates. Wherever families arise where there is love, where there is respect for the husband, where there is appreciation for the wife, and where their children are in submission to their parents, there is a kingdom that Satan cannot overtake. This is the demonstration of God's kingdom, and Satan hates it, and if you read the literature, you read what the bankers say, you read what Rockefeller says. They hate families who are like this, because they can't control them. They have to break families. The whole feminist movement was orchestrated by the Rockefellers to destroy families, and we sit and watch television, and we just suck in all this rubbish that these men are putting out, and our families are being ripped to shreds. Our sovereignty as families is being completely eroded in western nations particularly. Anyway, you can see I'm pretty fired up about that subject. This is Nimrod and his system.

I want you to notice this statement; this is from an author, A. T. Jones.

“With the setting up of Nimrod’s kingdom, the entire ancient world entered a new historical phase. The oriental tradition which makes that warrior the first man who wore a kingly crown, points to a fact more significant than the assumption of a new ornament of dress, or even the conquest of a province. His reign introduced to the world a new system of relations between the governor and the governed.”

A new relationship was introduced when Nimrod came between the governor and the governed. This is Satan's kingdom taking place, taking shape:

“The authority of former rulers had rested upon the feeling of kindred, [between father, mother, and children] and the ascendancy of the chief was an image of parental control. Nimrod on the contrary was a sovereign of territory, and of men just so far as they were its inhabitants, and irrespective of personal ties. Hitherto there had been tribes – enlarged families – Society; now there was a nation, a political community – the State.” A. T. Jones, *Empires of the Bible*. 1904, page 51.

That is a very telling statement, because that is the situation that we are in today. I have no personal affiliation with Kevin Rudd, yet he is the leader of our country. I submit to the laws of the land, because that's what God requires me to do, as long as they don't conflict with the laws of God. But his leadership has nothing to do - he is not my uncle, he is not my relative, he is not. But he is the leader of this country, the state of Australia. Now, we are told to respect these men in leadership, but this is not the way God originally designed it. Many people think that because this is not the way God originally designed it, we should overthrow these governments. Not so, this is not the way God

wants us to operate. But we need to recognize what power is operating in these governments, in these systems.

All right, just to get on this covering here briefly, that the foundations of Babylon, and the spirit of Babylon:

1. Perverted family relationships: *Ham's act toward his father resulted in cursing his genealogy and laid the seeds for Nimrod's perverted family structure.*

Because Ham had nothing to give his son, and his son had nothing to give Nimrod, Nimrod became insecure.

2. Rejection of family blessing and authority structure: *Dominion ruled by territory rather than the affection of family ties, which you just read. The forming of his own kingdom apart from God.*

3. Insecurity, worthlessness and confused identity: *The loss of the family blessing caused Nimrod to seek worship by becoming a mighty one. The name Babylon means confusion.*

He became confused in his identity. He saw himself as the one that should be worshipped, rather than the God of heaven [being the One who should be worshipped].

4. Controlling: *The attribute of tyranny is the spirit of the need to control others by force, since there is no connection via family ties to cause respect. The desire for empire is reflected in the list of territories attributed to his ownership.*

The attribute of tyranny is the spirit of the need to control, because when you are fearful, the only way to stop that fear, in a human sense, is not to be surprised. Stop any surprises - and the way to stop surprises is to keep everybody else under control. Then you have no surprises. That's the way most operate. No surprises, then I'm in control. But if you get surprised, then you will look like you are out of control. There can be no surprises, so everyone must be controlled. And that's what the leaders of this world, the men of this world, the kings of this world, are planning to do, but they're going to get a big surprise from God's people in their family kingdom. All right.

So we see that the principle of Nimrod leads to this. The spirit of Nimrod, the spirit of desire for rulership, the insecurity, the perverted family relationships - those are the four key elements - the rebelliousness, the tyranny; they lead to someone who wants to dominate the world, and we see that everywhere today. As it says in Titus 2, notice what it says:

Tit 2:3-5 “The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine...” or wine “...teachers of good things (4) that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children (5) to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

Isn't it interesting that the beast in Revelation 13 speaks words - of what? Blasphemy! Where does blasphemy come from? It comes from a home environment that has not done what God has asked them to do. That the word of God be not blasphemed, because when children are raised in a home where family principles are not followed, insecurity is developed in the heart of that child so that they become a blasphemer, that they do not acknowledge the God of heaven as the source of all life. They see themselves as the center of the universe and they, *they* then must then rule.

Do we understand the importance of this verse? The importance of husbands and wives, the way they conduct themselves in their families, to prevent blasphemy from occurring. The only reason that the beast power can arise in the last days is because of failed families. Does that make sense? It's the failure of the family that allows the beast of Revelation 13 to arise. Do you think it's an accident that the church of the Middle Ages wanted their nuns and priests celibate? That was no accident; that was part of the plan. That was the way it was meant to be. And the primary relationship of the church at that time was a mother and a son, not a husband and a wife; a mother and a son. This was all part of a planning. Satan has planned this from the beginning, [so] that he would have his kingdom in this world.

Study that verse, **Titus chapter 2: "...that the word of God be not blasphemed."** Blasphemy comes when homes fail, when divorce occurs. Now, there are times when we can't avoid these situations from happening. We are not always in control of what's happening. But when it happens, the children that come out of that relationship - their exposure to tyranny is immense. This is the thing we really need to think about.

This tyranny grows under the king of Babylon in the time of Nebuchadnezzar. Notice what it says. I'll just mention the point - it says there was a vision concerning Nebuchadnezzar, that he was a great tree:

World Dominion Under Babylon:

Dan 4:20-22 "The tree that you saw, which grew and become strong, whose height reached to the heavens and which could be seen by all the earth, (21) whose leaves were lovely and its fruit abundant, in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heaven had their home (22) It is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to..." where? **"...the ends of the earth."**

By the time we come to Nebuchadnezzar we come to the point where a single man is able to dominate, and his influence reaches to the entire world. And so we enter into the period of world dominion, and this all comes from the lie of the serpent through bad family relationships where tyranny occurs, [and] rejection of God as a true life source. This is what's going to happen every time.

And we see - this is the verse I mentioned before - in Daniel 4, and verse 30.

Daniel 4:30 “The king spoke, saying, ‘Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?’”

He is asking the question. This is his kingdom.

I want you to briefly notice the images of Daniel 2. Have you ever thought about the ruling families of these kingdoms, what they were like and how they ruled? You look at Nimrod, the founder: he married his mother. Babylon and sun worship required prostitution. Part of the worship service was to go down and consort with one of the temple prostitutes. That was part of the religion. That was your duty, to do that. That’s perverted; this is all designed to destroy the family. We see Cyrus from Medo-Persia. He had to be hidden from his father who wanted to kill him. Is that a good family relationship situation? Yeah, really good (?).

Phillip of Macedon told his son at age twelve to get his own kingdom, as there was not enough room for both of them. And you know what the story was? Because Phillip of Macedon - this is Alexander the Great’s father - and there is nothing great about Alexander, because he was a tyrant. But Alexander’s father was trying to break in a horse, and he couldn’t do it. And so Alexander broke the horse in, and his father was so angry that his son made him look bad he said, “Go away, go and find your own kingdom, there is not enough room for both of us.” I mean, how insecure is that? He sent his son away, because he felt that his son made him look bad. These are the ruling men of the world.

Alexander, himself - he was bisexual. He slept with male and female. After the death of his wife Roxanna and the child of both were all murdered, Alexander’s mother was murdered. You study the annals of history, and you see the families of these ruling men and women. It’s tragic! Tragic! Terrible family relationships, and the reason these men reached for these heights is because their insecurity drives them to control, drives them to leadership. Someone who has his own family already has his own kingdom. He has nothing else to conquer. No need to conquer anything because he is happy in his family.

You go on to the times of the Grecians and just have a look at some of these. The king of the North Antiochus Theos after having been defeated by Ptolemy Philadelphus made peace by putting away his family and promising to marry Philadelphus’s daughter Berenice. “No worries; we’ll make a pact. I’ll get rid of my family and marry your daughter. No worries.” I mean, what kind of despot is that? Doing away with his family. After Philadelphus died, Antiochus Theos put away his new wife, because the other guy died, so he could get rid of her, and he recalled his former wife, Laodice. Laodice, having learned well from her husband, murdered him. So, “I’ll teach you, husband!” - bang! Knocked him off. Having learned well from her husband, [she] murdered him to make sure she’ll not be put away again and that her son would rule the kingdom. She also murdered Berenice and her son just for good measure. This is the family relationship system of Daniel chapter 2. These are the ruling families. This is how they operate.

Rome - I mentioned this before - Rome was founded by Romulus, who murdered his brother by smashing his skull with a rock. We wouldn’t go over that story again, down to

this point here. As you read the annals of Roman leaders, you study about Julius Cesar, and you read their stories as families: Brutus, Cleopatra - a complete and utter mess! And then you have the so-called Christian Constantine who drowned his wife in a hot bath - went a bit overboard with the baptism thing, I think, and he murdered his son, he murdered his own sons to prevent them from succeeding him, he was so afraid of his sons taking over that he murdered them. This is what Satan's kingdom does to people.

The medieval church did little to represent families - having their priests celibate and presenting the model relationship as Madonna and child rather than husband and wife. This is what that statue is all about. I don't know if you've ever thought of that statue in that light, but that statue is an image to a smashing of the family system. That's what it represents: a total destruction of the family. And it's this system that rules the world. Is there any wonder we have families being torn apart? These are the butchers that rule the planet. They come from this kind of families.

And as it says in **Daniel 4:17**:

Worthlessness rises

Daniel 4:17 This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.

God sees what men will do when they reject him. He knows that they're going to rise to the surface, and these are the ones that rule the earth today.

Now we come to the final rise of blasphemy in **Revelation 13:11**:

Rev 13:11-16 "Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke as a dragon (12) and he exercised all the authority of the first beast..."



And when you're reading this passage, think about the family background that these people have come from. What causes them to act like this, because this thing here I got it like a beast here, I got him in his true colors, not a lamb's; I got him looking like a beast breathing fire. This is made up of people, isn't it? Individuals from broken families - that's what that beast represents. Tyrannical families. Okay.

(12) "And he exercised all the authority of the first beast in his presence and cause the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed (13) he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men."

And that's another whole presentation, but we know from the Bible that when fire came down on the earth, that was a symbol of the true God. This beast power will try and confuse people as to who the true God is and makes some kind of sign that the whole world believes it's the true God, so that this beast power can take worship for itself.

(14) "And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast..."

Notice how it says, **"...he was granted to do."** Who grants the power to the beast to do what it's doing? Where does our life come from? God has allowed this to occur, so that we can see the fruits of Satan's lie, **"You shall not surely die."** There is no other way for us to learn. Wouldn't it have been good if we'd just accepted God and said, "Yes, we believe it, you are right, we are not going to do this?" No we have to learn the hard way. That's why we're going into this situation of the last days. We have to see what happens when Satan's lie is allowed to prosper. This is what happens.

(15) "He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed."

There is the tyranny again: “You don’t do what I tell you? I’m going to kill you.”

(16) “He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads.”

And boy, are we seeing this come together, aren’t we? This is coming together - this whole system. But I want you to think about this, just as we close this part – we’d better finish off. Think about the spirit that drives this kind of system. What is the spirit that drives it? The dragon drives it, but what’s causing this to come about? Broken family relationships coming from a misunderstanding of who God is. That’s what’s causing this to come about.

Those who want to be representatives of God need to have their families in order, need to follow family-based principles. If we are living in homes, and we are yelling and screaming at each other in our family situation, we’re going to become part of this system. It doesn’t matter what you believe. If your spirit is like this, if you are yelling and screaming at one another, if we are manipulating one another to get control, we are going to become part of this. It doesn’t matter what you believe. Is that right? You can profess whatever you like, but it’s what you do at home that says what kind of Christian you are.

Now, this grace, there is always grace; we make mistakes. A righteous man falls seven times, but we need to always keep in the back of our minds, *Lord it’s my family that’s most important. It’s my family relationships that are most important.* Nothing is more important than this. Not even your job is more important than this. That’s a big statement. It’s a big statement, but if your family is not more important, if your job causes you to send a message to your family that they’re not important, change your job, because if a man loses his wife and children, he is nothing. He has absolutely nothing and he is cannon fodder for the beast power.

And that’s what’s happening to families today. Families being torn apart, divorce everywhere. And it just becomes cannon fodder for the beast power, because I’ve talked to so many men when they split up with their wives, and they’re wandering around, “Who am I? What am I? What do I do? Where do I go?” It’s such a terrible situation! And there is no blame attributed to anybody who’s been through this situation, but it’s good that we be aware that this is not an accident. This is on purpose, from Satan, and those who want to rule this world.

I’d better leave it there. Thank you for listening. Let’s just bow our heads and we’ll pray.

Father in heaven, Lord we looked at the rise of tyranny and how it occurs. It occurs with the breakdown of the family. And Lord, I just pray for our families here today. We pray that You would protect us, that You’d put Your arms, Your loving arms around us and protect their families. Lord draw us near to you, so that we can allow Your Spirit to flow through us. Let us love one another. Our first missionary station is our own home: our husband, our wife, our children. Are we showing to them the love of Jesus? It doesn’t

matter if we show the love of Jesus to people. That's out of the home. If we are not showing it in the home, it means nothing, it's hypocrisy. Lord, let us be like this. It's so much harder to be loving in the home, when no one else is watching. But Lord, we need to become like You. Help us to draw our value from You, dear Father, and allow Your mercy to flow through us so we can occupy the family values that You have given us. We thank You in Jesus' name. Amen.