

Prophetic Perspectives: Nothing Withheld

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And this is what they begin to do;
Now nothing that they propose to do
Will be withheld from them."
Genesis 11:6

Technological development is currently increasing at an astounding rate. What was science fiction just a few years ago is becoming reality today. Some important questions for students of prophecy are: What role will advanced technology play in the establishment of the False Messiah (the Antichrist)? How can a Believer know when technology is going too far astray and when should one make use of it?

~ Looking Back ~

As a young boy, I (Dean) remember well my grandfather's farm in northern Wisconsin. My parents lived in a small village and we had all the "modern" conveniences of the day -- indoor plumbing (although many of our neighbors still used outhouses), central heat, electricity, etc. But the farm (only 22 miles away) was like a different

Editor's Note: The purpose of the *Prophetic Prospective Series* is not to postulate exactly how the *End Time* scenario will come down in this century -- for nobody really knows. Rather, it is to open up different viewpoints, so the Believer in Messiah *Y'shua* can be fully armed with understanding should developments not occur as the mainstream prophetic teachers expect.

For this reason, what is included here involves a fair amount of speculation, both historic and prophetic. Please do not take it all as gospel truth but, rather, be like the Bereans:

"These [Bereans] were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." (Acts 17:11)

world. No electricity (they used kerosene lamps for light), no furnace (they had a wood fired cookstove in the kitchen and another wood and coal burner in the dining room). They used an outhouse and chamber pot for toilet needs. No refrigerator -- rather an icebox which required blocks of ice to be cut from a local lake in the winter and stored in the "icehouse," where the ice was deeply covered with sawdust so the bottom blocks would last through the summer heat. They pumped water with a one cylinder gasoline engine located in a pump house. That meant they had to carry water in buckets for household use.

My grandfather never owned a tractor (he farmed all his life with horses). Their eight or ten dairy cows were all milked by hand twice a day, seven days a week (no milking machines).

One thing the farm did have in abundance, for the three grandsons, was lots of love.

It was not until the late 1940s that electric lines came down the road where my grandparents lived. That gave them electric lights, an electric washing machine, a refrigerator, and an electric radio -- rather than their old battery powered one (no television in those days).

The phones were only "smart" if you were able to get a knowledgeable operator to connect you to the party with whom you wished to speak. If you were calling long distance it could take awhile, as the operator had to route the call through different exchanges in order to contact your party. My grandparents (and my parents as well) were on a party-line with their neighbors. Everyone on the line could hear when their number was rung (each home had their own special ring, such as -- 1 long,

2 shorts, etc.). Then, when you picked up the phone to talk to the caller, the volume sometimes diminished as others on the line picked up their phones so they could listen in on the conversation. So much for privacy.

Many of our older readers will remember living under the conditions just described (and perhaps even more primitive ones) when they were young. My mother used to reminisce that she was born in the horse and buggy age and lived to see a man walk on the moon -- all within sixty-five years. Now that is rapid change, but it pales when compared to the speed at which technological change is taking place today.

~ The Rise of Technology ~

It should come as no surprise that technology has increased rapidly during the 20th and early 21st centuries -- for it was prophesied to be so:

"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." (Dan. 12:4)

Today, all types of knowledge are being increased at a rapid rate. This includes, but is not limited to, biblical, intellectual, and scientific knowledge. However, what many do not realize is that all of these new "marvels" of science and technology (as well as religious understanding) could well have developed millennia ago, if God had not intervened to prevent it from happening before it was time.

~ Interrupting Progress ~

God made a most interesting statement concerning what took place, after the Flood, at the time of the building of the *Tower of Babel* מִגְדַּל בָּבֶל (meeg-dahl' = tower #4026, plus *Bah-vehl'* = *Babel* or *Babylon* - #894):

"Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.

¹³ Then they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and bake

them thoroughly.' They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

"⁴ And they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower [migdal] whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name [shem] for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.'"

(Gen. 11:1-4)

To us today, the building of a tower out of bricks and mortar does not seem to be all that big a deal -- given the enormous skyscrapers that exist around the world. However, this was only a technological entry point which, if it had not been interrupted, would have led, much sooner in time, to precisely the scientific and technological marvels which are extant today. Baked bricks and mortar were a definite technological advancement over the simple mud huts being used at that time. It was a "beginning."

Most Bible teachers agree that God's original *Master Plan* called for a 6000 year timeline, for the span of mankind's rule on earth, prior to the 1000 year reign of Messiah. This 6000 year period includes the time spent in *Gan Eden* גַּן עֵדֶן (Gahn Ehdehn = Garden of Eden - #1588 & 5731) up to the final redemption at the coming of the *Messiah*. For modern technology to have been developed too soon, would have disrupted this master timeline. Therefore God, in His infinite wisdom, intervened early, at the *Tower of Babel*. This action, by God, occurred during the construction of both the tower and the city itself:

"**But the LORD [YHVH] came down to see the city and the tower [migdol] which the sons of men had built [banah = to build or were building].**

"⁶ And the LORD [YHVH] said, 'Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.' ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.'

"⁸ So the LORD [YHVH] scattered them abroad from there

over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹Therefore its name is called Babel [*Bavel* = *confusion*], because there the LORD [YHVH] confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD [YHVH] scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth."

(Gen. 11:5-9)

Lacking a common language, the scientific community of that day could no longer easily collaborate in the development of the technology needed to complete the city and tower and all that would have followed. In addition, to make sure they would not be able to restart everything too soon, God scattered them over all "the face of the earth."

By this act of God, technological and scientific development was interrupted for many centuries, although slow progress continued to be made during the intervening time. It was not until the 19th century CE when modern technology really began to increase. Even more rapid development occurred in the 20th century. Now it is multiplying so quickly (like a geometric progression) that no single human being can keep up with what is taking place in all of the various fields.

Along with the rapid development of technology has come an equally rapid decline in morality. This is happening despite the recognition, by some, that much of what is currently being developed has the potential for human disaster. Yet, there is no moral outrage from the general public, but rather a general attitude of indifference if not outright support.

~ The Ultimate Goal ~

The ultimate goal of the builders of the *Tower of Babel* was rebellion against God. This also was the original goal of *HaSatan* הַשָּׂטָן (Hah Sah-tahn' = the Adversary or *Satan* the Devil - #7854). Therefore, he enticed *Adam* אָדָם (Ah-dahm' - #120) and *Chava* חַוָּה (Chah-vah' = Eve - #2332) to disobey. Their disobedience was an act of rebellion against God -- thereby destroying the intimate relationship they originally had with their Creator:

"Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'" (Gen. 3:4-5)

Along with becoming like God, the great human desire has also been to gain immortal life and live forever. These were the driving issues that led *Chava* to partake of the fruit of the wrong tree and to entice her husband to do the same:

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, ..." (Gen. 3:6-7)

Today, the basic goal of carnal man remains unchanged from that sad beginning. Mankind generally still wants to be like God and live forever, but most do not want to follow God's program to achieve that lofty goal.

~ The Rise of the Nephilim ~

In Scripture, the moral degeneration of mankind before the Flood, is linked to the rise of a race of giants called *Nephilim* נְפִילִים (neh-pee-leem' = giants - #5303). Their emergence, in turn, led to the development of ancient mythology and the idolatrous worship of literally thousands of different pagan gods -- worship of which is strongly denounced by God in the *Torah*:

"**When you come into the land which the LORD [YHVH] your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations.** ¹⁰ There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹ or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. ¹² For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD [YHVH], and because of these abominations the LORD [YHVH] your God

drives them out from before you."
(Deut. 18:9-12)

Scripture gives very little information as to the origin and rise of the *Nephilim* (the ancient giants) and the consequent beginning of the worship of pagan deities and myths. For that reason, several different theories have developed -- of which we will examine three in some detail (see below).

~ Pre-Flood Corruption ~

Prior to the Flood, the earth became totally corrupt -- except for one man and his family:

"Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God [*Benei Elohim*] saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

³ And the LORD [*YHVH*] said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.'

⁴ There were giants [*Nephilim*] on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God [*Benei Elohim*] came in to the daughters of men and they bore [*yalad* = bring forth] to them. Those were the mighty men [*gibborim*] who were of old, men of renown [*shem* = men of name]."
(Gen. 6:1-4)

Young's Literal Translation gives a little different rendering of verse 4:

"The fallen ones [*Nephilim*] were in the earth in those days, and even afterwards when sons of God [*Benei Elohim*] come in unto daughters of men, and they have borne [*to bring forth*] to them -- they are the heroes [*gibborim*], who, from of old, are the men of name [*shem*]."
(Gen. 6:4 YLT)

Notice that Young identifies the *Nephilim* as already being "fallen ones," who are not in accord with God's will.

~ The Sons of God ~

Who were these "Sons of God" (*Ben Elohim*) mentioned in Gen. 6:2 -- בְּנֵי אֱלֹהִים (*Ben* = son - #1121 plus *Eh-loh-heem'* = gods - #430) who were instrumental in the appearance of the "mighty men" or (as the YLT puts it) "heroes" of old?

There are three basic interpretations for this passage which will be examined:

- ◆ The *Sons of God* were descended from the physical male line of *Seth*.
- ◆ The *Sons of God* were fallen angels (demons) who sexually cohabited with human women producing a race of giants.
- ◆ The *Sons of God* were fallen angels (demons) who genetically engineered a super race of giants -- thereby perverting the human DNA of many (if not most) of the pre-Flood humans.

A fourth interpretation is that the *Nephilim* were physical aliens from another world. While there seems to be archaeological evidence of aliens visiting earth in prehistoric times, these may have been the visits of fallen angels (demons) -- not a race of physical beings from another planet.

~ #1 The Descendants of Seth ~

This first interpretation teaches that the *Sons of God* were the descendants of the line of *Shet* שֵׁט (Shayt' = Adam's third son - #8352). It is said that *Shet's* descendants were the men who did their best to follow God's way of life after the fall, despite the corruption that was developing all around them:

"And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth."
(Gen. 5:3)

The Stone Edition Chumash comments on this verse:

"The verse ... indicate[s] that God gave Adam, who himself was created in God's likeness, the

capacity to reproduce offspring who were also in this noble likeness." (p. 25)

Noach נֹחַ (*Noh-akh'* = Noah - #5146), a righteous man, was descended from *Shet*. It was only this one man (and his family) that were brought through the Flood alive -- the rest of mankind perished.

Meanwhile, the *Daughters of Men* are said to be the women who were descended from evil *Kayin* קַיִן (*Kah-yeen'* = Cain - #7014) -- the one who committed the first murder against his brother *Hevel* הֵבֶל (*Heh-vehl'* = Abel - #1893). As a result of this crime, *Kayin* was cursed -- presumably along with his descendants:

"So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."
(Gen. 4:11-12)

Through the process of intermarriage, the righteous *Sons of God* (sons of *Seth*) were brought down to the level of the unrighteous *Daughters of Men* (descended from *Kayin*). It is a natural phenomenon that, in an unequal relationship, the unrighteous usually prevail -- for it is easier (in both a physical and moral sense) to drag someone down than it is to lift someone up:

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?"
(II Cor. 6:14)

This theory does not explain how the offspring of the sons of *Shet* and the daughters of *Kayin* were able to produce physical giants.

~ #2 Fallen Angel Cohabitation ~

The popular alternative to this first view, is that fallen angels (demons) actually had physical sexual intercourse with human women causing the resulting offspring to be "giant" creatures

both physically and mentally -- giants who were part human and part demon.

However, does this passage really tell us that fallen angels (demons), referred to here as *Benei Elohim* or *Sons of God*, actually had physical sexual relations with human women which produced offspring? I think not. The reason I do not subscribe to this theory is because, at Creation, God set in place a firm natural law that physical animal species (and therefore physical humans as well) could only procreate after their own kind.

For this reason, dogs can procreate with other canines and cats with other felines, but dogs and cats together cannot procreate -- unless man interferes with the natural order of things by manipulating their basic physical characteristics. Some similar species -- like horses and donkeys -- can procreate but their offspring is sterile:

"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind [miyn]: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind;' and it was so.

¹²⁵ **And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."** (Gen. 1:24-25)

Only after all of the other creatures had been created did God form man in His own Image:

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'

¹²⁷ **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply.'"**

(Gen. 1:26-28)

God created man in His "own image" -- it does not say that man was created after the "God Kind."

There is no Scriptural record that angels (whether good angels or demons) are themselves capable of procreating with each other -- much less with humans who are of a completely different kind -- for humans are composed of physical flesh rather than spirit like the angels. Perhaps their inability to procreate is one of the reasons why the fallen angels (demons) became jealous of mankind, and so upset with God, that they decided to follow *HaSatan* into rebellion and were forever banished from God's presence:

"And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day."

(Jude 1:6)

There is no indication that the fallen angels (demons) multiplied either before or after they followed *HaSatan* into rebellion and were banished:

"For God did not spare the angels who sinned; on the contrary, he put them in gloomy dungeons lower than Sh'ol to be held for judgment. ⁵ And he did not spare the ancient world; on the contrary, he preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, and brought the Flood upon a world of ungodly people." (II Pet. 2:4-5 CJB)

~ #3 An Alternative Interpretation ~

So, if there was no sexual cohabitation between demons and human woman, how were the "daughters of men" able to give birth to *Gibborim* גִּבּוֹרִים (*Gee-bohr* = a hero or mighty man - #1368)?

Thomas Horn, in his book *Zenith 2016* postulates that what the fallen angels did was to perform DNA manipulation on the human women so the women would give birth to children who had greatly enhanced capabilities from the normal humans whom God had created in "His own image." Horn quotes from the book of *Jasher* -- a non-canonical, historical book mentioned twice in the Hebrew Scriptures (Josh. 10:13 and II Sam. 1:18):

"[Then] the sons of men [began teaching] the mixture of animals of

one species with the other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord." (*Jasher* 4:18) (p. 198 - emphasis his)

Horn goes on to state:

"If, ... the Watchers [a term for fallen angels used in the first book of *Enoch*] were crossing species boundaries by mixing incompatible animals of one species with the other, such as a horse with a human (a centaur), this ... may cast light on the numerous ancient stories of mythical beings of variant-species manufacturing that fit perfectly within the records of what the Watchers were accomplishing. Understandably, this kind of chimera-making would have 'provoked the Lord' ..." (p. 198 - emphasis his.)

Then Horn adds an important thought:

"Some believe the corruption of antediluvian DNA by Watchers was an effort to cut off the birth line of the Messiah." (p. 199).

To *HaSatan's* way of thinking, messing up the DNA of the human race would presumably make it very difficult for God to find a "purebred" woman to birth the Messiah, since that blessed one was prophesied to come from the "seed of a woman:"

"And I will put enmity Between you [*Ha Satan*] and the woman [*Chava*], And between your [*Ha Satan's*] seed [*the gibborim?*] and her [*the women's*] Seed [*the Messiah*]; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." (Gen. 3:15)

Therefore:

"And the LORD [*YHVH*] was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart." (Gen. 6:6)

Horn sums up with a quote from a quarterly publication called *Mysterious*

World in an article entitled "Giants in the Earth:"

"The Nephilim were genetically manufactured beings created from the genetic material of various pre-existing animal species. ... The fallen angels did not personally interbreed with the daughters of men, but used their godlike intellect to delve into the secrets of YHVH's Creation and manipulate it to their own purposes. And the key to creating or recreating man, as we have (re)discovered in the twentieth century, is the human genome -- DNA." (p. 201)

This brings us to the 20th and 21st centuries, when DNA manipulation was discovered or, more likely, rediscovered.

~ DNA Manipulation ~

Genetic manipulation is one of the technological fields being heavily explored by scientists today. It is now possible to splice DNA from both plants and animals into human DNA (or vice versa), thereby creating creatures that are not fully human. For example, experiments are reportedly being conducted which involve human DNA being spliced into pigs. The hope is that the resulting *pig/human* (a pigman?) creature will develop organs which are human compatible and can be harvested and transplanted into human beings in order to save their lives.

All of this seems to be a worthy cause, until one considers how God looks upon those who have the audacity to tinker with His creation in such a fundamental way. As we have seen, this type of DNA manipulation (the very building blocks of life) may well have been the root cause for the destruction of the Pre-Flood world. If this is true, it has heavy implications for us who are living at the end of the age, for *Y'shua* said:

"And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

"28 'Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

"30 'Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.'"

(Luke 17:26-30)

In the ancient world, given the proper DNA combinations, it may have been possible for the fallen angels to create supermen and superwomen that would seem to be like powerful gods to normal humans. This may have caused many "normal" humans to want to procreate with these new "super men and women" so they could give birth to "super children."

Whatever the case, two Hebrew words show the superiority of those unnatural Pre-Flood creatures:

- ◆ The first is *Nephilim* נפילים (neh-pee-leem' = giants - #5303). There are numerous places in Scripture where giants are mentioned (both pre-Flood and post-Flood) -- usually in a derogatory sense. These creatures could have been giants in either the physical or the intellectual sense (or both).
- ◆ The giants, of the pre-Flood world, became *Gibborim* גבורים (Gee-bohr = a hero or mighty man - #1368) -- the probable source of the ancient mythological gods and goddesses.

Once human DNA had been mutated, it would have been passed down to all of that person's descendants so that, given enough time, all flesh would eventually become contaminated.

~ One Righteous Man ~

Nevertheless, even after generations of Pre-Flood DNA manipulation, God was still able to find at least one man (and his family) who had not been contaminated:

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD [YHVH]. 9 This is

the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just [tzaddik] man, perfect [tamim] in his generations. Noah walked [halak] with God." (Gen. 6:8-9)

There are three important Hebrew words which help us understand the purity of *Noach*, as opposed to the impurity of the *Nephilim*:

- ◆ *Noach* was a *tzaddik* צדיק (tzah-deek' = a man who is just in conduct and character - #6662).
- ◆ He was *tamim* תמים (tah-meen' = complete, without blemish - #8549).
- ◆ *Noach* willingly performed *halak* הלך (hah-lakh' = he walked with God - #1980).

Noach was found by God to be a righteous man who was not just morally upright, but physically perfect as well. That is the sense of the Hebrew word *tamim*. Later on, in Scripture, this same word is used to describe the perfect Passover Lamb, which is a type of Messiah:

"Your lamb shall be without blemish [tamim], a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats." (Ex. 12:5)

In other words, *Noach's* DNA had not become contaminated by the experiments of the fallen angels (demons). Not only was *Noach* physically "perfect," he also "walked" (*halak*) in accordance with God's will.

Because of human genetic manipulation by God's enemies (*HaSatan* and his demons), God chose to cleanse (immerse or baptize) the entirety of the earth with water (of which ritual immersion is symbolic) and start over with *Noach* and his family -- a family that had managed to remain free of corruption -- both physically and spiritually:

"So the LORD [YHVH] said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.'" (Gen. 6:7)

And it was so, except for *Noach* and his family.

~ Post Flood Replay? ~

Shortly after the cleansing of the earth by the Flood, a man named *Nimrod* נִמְרוֹד (Neem'-rohd - #5248) began to become "mighty."

"Cush begot Nimrod; he began [chalal] to be a mighty one [gibbor] on the earth. ' He was a mighty [gibbor] hunter before the LORD [YHVH]; therefore it is said, 'Like Nimrod the mighty [gibbor] hunter before the LORD [YHVH].'"

(Gen. 10:8-9)

A casual reading of the above passage seems to indicate that *Nimrod* was a normal man who had exceptional skills as a hunter of wild game. There is certainly nothing in *Torah* that condemns hunting, as long as the clean animals that are killed are properly bled before being eaten:

"Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust; ¹⁴ for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life." (Lev. 17:13-14)

Hebrew commentators all indicate there is a much deeper meaning to this story than just the fact that *Nimrod* liked to hunt game and happened to be very good at it. For example, Rabbi Ellie Munk, in his commentary *The Call of the Torah* explains it this way:

"Nimrod -- the first conqueror, the first despot, a powerful hunter before God. *Rashi* explains that Nimrod 'captured men's thoughts and incited them to rebel against God. Hence it is said of a man who sins by bravado, who knows his Master and yet is bent on rebelling against Him, that he is "like Nimrod, a mighty hunter, defiant before God.'" (Vol. I - *Bereishis*, p. 139)

In other words, one could say that *Nimrod* was a "mighty hunter" of men in order to draw them away from God and make them his followers -- rather

than a man who merely liked to hunt animals.

Another key to this passage is the Hebrew word *chalal* חָלַל (khah-lahl' - #2490), translated as "began" in Gen. 10:8. It is defined as:

- 1) to profane, defile, pollute, desecrate, begin 1a) (Niphal) 1a1) to profane oneself, defile oneself, pollute oneself 1a1a) ritually 1a1b) sexually 1a2) to be polluted, be defiled 1b) (Piel) 1b1) to profane, make common, defile, pollute 1b2) to violate the honour of, dishonour 1b3) to violate (a covenant) 1b4) to treat as common 1c) (Pual) to profane (name of God) 1d) (Hiphil) 1d1) to let be profaned 1d2) to begin 1e) (Hophal) to be begun.

Yes, the word can be translated as "began" but, as can be seen, the first definition means "to profane, defile, pollute, or desecrate." Thus, we can see that whatever *Nimrod* was doing (or planning to do), it was a post-Flood replay of a man defying God's will, in that *Nimrod* was, from the start, intending to profane or pollute God's way of life, just like the pre-Flood *Nephilim*.

~ A Place to Live ~

Nimrod's followers were looking for a desirable place to live -- one that would support a growing population and be conducive to the development of their newly perverted civilization. They wanted a place where they could learn and develop the new found "knowledge," which *Nimrod* had opened up between himself and the demonic world of *HaSatan*. They found such a place at *Shinar* שִׁנְעָר (Sheen-ahr' - #8152):

"And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there." (Gen. 11:2)

Archaeologist and author David Rohl in his book, *The Lost Testament*, shows (p. 35) that *Shinar* is a variant name for the ancient land of *Sumer* -- which was located in the fertile valley between the *Tigris* and *Euphrates* rivers. *Sumer* is today recognized as mankind's earliest known civilization.

It was in *Sumer* where the ancient city of *Babylon* (the initial city which *Nimrod* is said to have founded) was located.

Nimrod was a great-grandson of *Noach* through *Cush* כּוּשׁ (Koosh - #3568) who was a son of *Ham* חָם (Kahm - #2526), the son of *Noach*. *Nimrod* was, perhaps, the leading citizen of his day -- a world leader if you will.

Nimrod founded a number of cities which, no doubt, drew many people to gather together into those cities and thereby come under his influence:

"And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel [*Babylon*], Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹ From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, ¹² and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city)." (Gen. 10:10-12)

The Jewish sage *Ramban* (*Nachmanides*) made this comment:

"The correct interpretation [of Gen. 10:8-12] appears to me to be that Nimrod began to be a ruler by force over people, and he was the first monarch. Until his era there were no wars and no reigning monarchs; it was he who first prevailed over the people of *Babylon* until they crowned him. After that he went to *Assyria*, and he did according to his will and magnified himself, and there he built fortified cities with his power and with his might." (p. 147-48)

~ A Common Language ~

"Now the whole earth had one language and one speech." (Gen. 11:1)

At that time the entire earth spoke one language -- the language of *Noach* and his family. One great advantage of single language was the ease with which it made the communication of technical information. This allowed for speedy technological development, since no language translators would have been needed and, therefore, misunderstandings would have been reduced.

In addition, because humankind was still not that far removed from Creation, their inherent intelligence capabilities (as a whole) were probably considerably higher than today. Taken together, with easy language communication, this would have made fertile breeding ground for science and technology to develop rapidly. If allowed to continue unchecked, it would have meant that post-Flood technology would have reached an advanced state far sooner than God's timeline allowed.

This idea seems incredible to modern man, who generally believes that human civilization has "evolved" from primitive man (who many suppose spoke in grunts) to the pinnacle of high intelligence found today. Yet, it is very possible that *Adam* and *Chava* were the most naturally intelligent man and woman who every lived and that, because human sin entered the world at *Gan Eden*, man's intellectual and physical capabilities have been decreasing ever since. That would put today's man at the bottom of the intellectual and physical chain, not at the top.

Nevertheless, despite the degeneration of the human species, the passage of time has allowed technological developments to accumulate over the thousands of intervening years, since the time of *Nimrod*, so that today we are finally getting close to the technological place where the *Nephilim* may have been prior to the Flood.

~ Nothing Withheld ~

As the population of Babylon grew, the leadership decided it was time for them to "make a name" for themselves in order to get others to follow them. Thus, human pride and vanity began to rear its ugly head. God did not let this prideful development go unnoticed:

"Then they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.' They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

"⁴ And they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be

scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.'" (Gen. 11:3-4)

Apparently, the leadership suspected that what they were about to do would not be totally agreeable to *Almighty God* -- the God of *Noah* -- because they were already concerned that He would scatter the population over all the earth before they had progressed very far with their tower work. As mentioned, God had a six thousand year plan already laid out for mankind. If the scientists of *Nimrod's* time had been allowed to continue their technological development, as it had begun at the *Tower of Babel*, nothing would have been "withheld" from them and mankind would have destroyed itself a long time ago.

Today, total destruction is becoming increasingly possible, as the modern world races to develop the means to destroy all mankind under the guise of "protecting" their nation and their people:

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²²And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened." (Matt. 24:21-22)

~ Opening Gates ~

Many have speculated on the nature of the *Tower of Babel* and how a physical structure of bricks and mortar could possibly reach into heaven and threaten the rule of God over the earth. Some believe that it was really a type of, what today's science fiction sometimes calls, a "stargate," or "portal" -- where spirit beings and humans can supposedly make passage between the spirit world and the earth, in order to communicate with one another. Maybe it could be more accurately termed a "spiritgate," where demonic spirits are able to gain access to the earth, allowing them to make contact with willing human beings, so they could once again (like before the Flood) influence mankind to oppose God in every imaginable way. We do know that *Satan*, has in the past, been

allowed to pass between heaven and earth:

"Now there was a day when the sons of God [*Benai Elohim*] came to present themselves before the LORD [*YHVH*], and Satan also came among them. ⁷ And the LORD [*YHVH*] said to Satan, 'From where do you come?'

"So Satan answered the LORD [*YHVH*] and said, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.'" (Job 1:6-7)

~ The God of this Age ~

Satan and his demons have always had access to the earth, because *Satan* was designated to be the "god of this world" even prior to the creation of *Adam* and *Chava*.*

The Apostle Paul made it clear, that, in his day, the fallen world's chief spirit being (the god of this present evil age) was none other than *HaSatan*. Some believe the time of the *Tower of Babel* was when *HaSatan* reestablished his earthly rule over humankind, following the spiritual cleansing that occurred as a result of the worldwide Flood -- which had temporarily put him out of commission:

"But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ [*Messiah*], who is the image of God, should shine on them."

(II Cor. 4:3-4)

Today, *HaSatan* does have the power to communicate with men and women who are willing to listen. One of the methods he uses is to project evil spiritual thoughts through the air -- which are, in turn, picked up by those human spirits which are in tune with those Satanic frequencies:

"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we

*See *Hebrew Roots* article: *The King of Creation* in Issue 15-1 for more information on this subject.

all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others." (Eph. 2:1-3)

Today, as in the past, intentional contact with evil spirits is being attempted by people who operate in the world of the occult, witchcraft, and/or various New Age activities. As the Preacher said:

**"That which has been is what will be,
That which is done is what will be done,
And there is nothing new under the sun.
¹⁰ Is there anything of which it may be said,
'See, this is new?'
It has already been in ancient times before us."**
(Eccl. 1:9-10)

~ Satan Reenters the World ~

Thomas Horn is one of those who speculates that it was through *Nimrod*, and the work begun at the *Tower of Babel*, by which *HaSatan* was able to regain a foothold among the human inhabitants of the Post-Flood world. If that is the case, then *Nimrod* becomes the Post-Flood prototype or "ancestor" of ancient mythology.

This is why so many students of mythology have made a clear connection between *Nimrod* and other pagan gods such as *Osiris*, *Apollo*, *Zeus* etc. Horn comments:

"In the study of the Divine Council -- the pantheon of divine beings or angels who currently administer the affairs of heaven and earth -- experts typically agree that, beginning at the Tower of Babel, the world and its inhabitants were disinherited by the sovereign God of Israel and placed under the authority of lesser divine beings that became corrupt and disloyal to God in their administration of those nations (Psalm 82)" (p. 160).

Horn cites *Psalm 82* as an example of the "fallen angel" administration that began just after the Flood and continues down to this day:

**"God stands in the congregation of the mighty [el = god like];
He judges among the [current?] gods [elohim, fallen angels who are in charge of the earth?].
² How long will you [fallen angels?] judge unjustly,
And show partiality to the wicked? Selah
³ Defend the poor and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and needy.
⁴ Deliver the poor and needy;
Free them from the hand of the wicked.
⁵ They [the humans?] do not know, nor do they understand;
They walk about in darkness;
All the foundations of the earth are unstable.
⁶ I said, 'You [humans] are gods [elohim], [John 10:34]
And all of you are children of the Most High.
⁷ But you shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes.'
⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth;
For You shall inherit all nations."** (Psalm 82:1-8)

Horn continues:

"According to the theory, these beings quickly became worshipped on earth as gods following Babel, and because these angels, unlike their human admirers, would continue on earth until the end of time each 'spirit' behind the pagan attributions was known at miscellaneous times in history and to various cultures by different names." (p. 160)

Y'shua quoted *Psalm 82* when He indicated that the term *elohim* can, at times, pertain to humans:

**"Jesus [Y'shua] answered them, 'Is it not written in your law, 'I said, 'You are gods?''" [Psalm 82:6]
³⁵ 'If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),³⁶ do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God?''"**
(John 10:34-36)

~ Pagan Mythology ~

Sumer (or *Sumeria*) was the first known civilization of mankind that arose after the Flood. Likewise, it was in *Sumer* where the first known organized mythology developed. It is said the *Sumerian Pantheon* (a temple dedicated to all the pagan gods) consisted of over 3,000 deities. So the question arises -- What was the origin of these *Sumerian* deities?

Thomas Horn comments in *Zenith 2016*:

"It was as though from out of nowhere the Sumerians sprang onto the scene thousands of years ago, bringing with them the first written language and a corpus of progressive knowledge -- from complicated religious concepts to an advanced understanding of astrology, chemistry, and mathematics." (p. 165)

Out of the *Sumerian* origins developed the later mythologies and technologies of Assyria, Egypt, Greece, Rome, and much of the New Age beliefs practiced today.

It is most probable that "true revelation" of knowledge was first imparted from God directly to *Adam* in *Gan Eden*. This would have most likely included all of the physical sciences as well as instruction in how to live a life in obedience to God's righteous principles:

"And the LORD [YHVH] God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'"
(Gen. 2:16-17)

However, after *Adam* and *Chava* were expelled from the Garden, and their descendants began to multiply, that original "perfect" knowledge began to be lost. This could have occurred because of imperfect communication among the descendants, memory failures, and inattention on the part of the person receiving the information.

Horn believes this "imperfect memory of the divine revelation" resulted in two things happening:

"1) Information from the original revelation became distant and distorted as it was dispersed among the nations and passed from generation to generation; and 2) The realm of Satan seized upon the opportunity to receive worship, and to turn people away from Yahweh, by distorting and counterfeiting the original revelation with pagan ideas and 'gods.'" (p. 163)

Space does not permit a full assessment of all the various mythological "gods" of Assyria, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. For now, suffice it to say that all of the mythology which developed, in the subsequent civilizations of man, are believed to be derived from the story of *Nimrod* and his wife (who according to mythology was named *Semiramis*) and their son *Ninus*. However, in mythology, *Ninus* was sometimes portrayed as the "son" and other times the "husband" of *Semiramis*. Thus, *Ninus* is viewed, by some, as the resurrected *Nimrod* who then marries his own mother.

This incestuous relationship shows up later in other pagan cultures such as the *Osiris/Isis/Horus* myths of Egypt. Later on the story also shows up in the mythologies of Greece and Rome. There the names are again changed, due in part to different languages, but the basic story remains fairly consistent.

~ The New Humans ~

Just as there were "mighty" men and women (who were possibly "manufactured" through DNA manipulation) before the Flood, that appears to be the goal of science today. The technical term to describe all of this is *Transhumanism* and it means:

"... an international and intellectual movement that aims to transform the human condition by developing and creating widely available sophisticated technologies to greatly enhance human intellectual, physical, and psychological capacities." (definition from the Web)

Transhumanism is being accomplished through a number of different

technologies. Space does not allow a comprehensive listing of all the scientific areas where work towards *Transhumanism* is occurring. Perhaps it can best be summarized by the acronym GRIN -- which stands for:

- ◆ G = Genetics - the alteration of DNA.
- ◆ R = Robotics - the development of machines to replace humans at certain tasks and levels.
- ◆ I = Information Technology - the use of computer technology to expand and retrieve increasing amounts of knowledge. It is sometimes called Artificial Intelligence.
- ◆ N = Nano Technology - the application of extremely small things (there are 25,400,000 nanometers in one inch) which can even be implanted within the human body.

These are the primary technological tools scientists are using to transform human beings into *Transhumans* -- beings who, through the above application, are expected to produce far more intelligent and powerful "humans" than anyone who exists on earth today in the natural, God created, human state. This transformation will include not only the enhancement of the human mind, but also human memories and physical stature as well. It is possible that at least some of these mental and physical powers will be able to be passed down to offspring. One writer on this subject believes this new technology will even redesign our souls.

~ The Drivers ~

What drives mankind to want to develop beings which are only part human and are so powerful they could take control over natural humans and rule the world? First of all, there is man's innate curiosity -- the desire to do something just because the challenge is there -- not because there is a real need for it.

However, there is also a demonstrated need that is driving

Transhumanism. We live in a violent world, where nations desire to rule over other nations by any means possible -- lest they, in turn, become losers in the power game. Therefore, there is a great psychological need to become the first nation in the world to have the newest, most advanced, and most powerful military force. Much of modern technology has been developed, not for the welfare of the general population, but because of a fearful need to be first in military capabilities -- and therefore the first and most powerful among the nations of the world. The name of the game is *Power and Control*.

The *Transhuman* genie is already out of the bottle and cannot, at this late date, be recaptured and put back in its place. Therefore we must put our trust in Almighty God to protect us from the development of the evil forms of GRIN technology. Our ultimate goal, as Believers, is for God to bring us to the *Chuppah* חֻפּוּת (Whoo-pah' = the wedding chamber - #2646) to stand before our Betrothed Husband *Y'shua HaMashiach*, the Bride of Messiah:

"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand [in the Chuppah] before the Son of Man."

(Luke 21:34-36)

~ Conclusion ~

It is not the purpose of this article to try and explain all of the inner workings of *Satan* and his demonic realm, or go deep into mythology and the *Mystery Religions*. Suffice it to say that because demons are composed of spirit (not flesh), they are able to permeate all levels of human society and they do their best to exert their evil influence over as many people as possible. Therefore, as Believers we must:

"... be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be

able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.."**

(Eph. 6:10-12)

Demonic activity can influence men and women from all nations, all walks of life, and all religions. No one can escape its deadly grasp without the power of God, the *Ruach HaKodesh* רוּחַ הַקֹּדֶשׁ (Roo'-kahkh - # 7307 plus Hah Koh-dehsh' - #6944 = the Holy Spirit) leading and guiding them every step of the way.

There is so much deception, in this world, that *Satan* and his demons are often able to appear to be the "illuminated" ones who have all the answers. Some of them have even infiltrated the Bride of Messiah:

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, [even] transforming themselves into apostles of Christ [Messiah]. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works."

(II Cor. 11:13-15)

Certainly this should be no great wonder, for originally *HaSatan* (the Adversary) was called *Lucifer*, in our language, but in Hebrew he was known as הַיֵּלָל (Hay-layl' = "light bearer" - #1966).

**"How you are fallen from heaven,
O Lucifer [Haylal - "light bearer"], son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground,
You who weakened the nations!"** (Isa. 14:12)

As God's children, let us become fully clothed with the whole armor of God so that when we see powerful *Transhumans* being developed, we do not desire to accept some aspects of that technology in order to enhance our own intellect or physical power, so as to keep up with society.

As children of the Most High God, we are to be different -- we are to be set-apart -- willing to give up our selfish personal desires in order to help announce the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven to this earth:

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ **Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.**

¹⁷ **And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints -- and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel [the coming Kingdom] for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."** (Eph. 6:13-20)

As Believers, we need not fear the development of *Transhuman* technology -- but we should be aware of it so we can protect ourselves and, hopefully, our loved ones:

**"You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth,
And called from its farthest regions,
And said to you,
"You are My servant,
I have chosen you and have not cast you away:
¹⁰ Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."** (Isa. 41:9-10)

By always following the leading of the *Ruach HaKodesh*, we can avoid finding ourselves trapped in this present

world -- which is becoming totally evil -- just like "the days of Noah:"

"Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." (Luke 21:28)

Be strong! Be strong! Let us be strengthened together!

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: For your light has come!
: And the glory of the LORD
: is risen upon you.
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