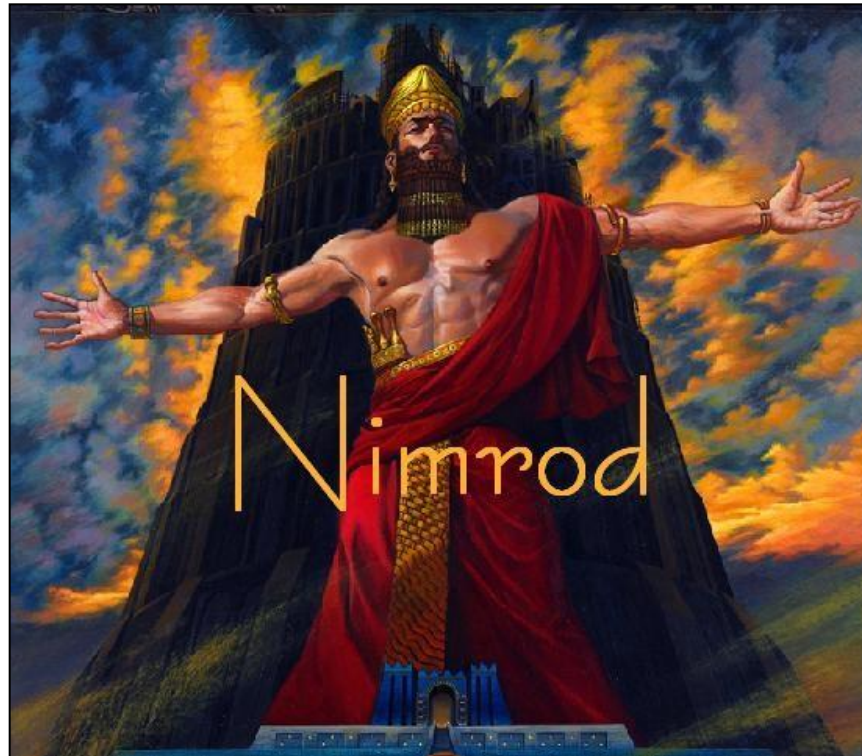


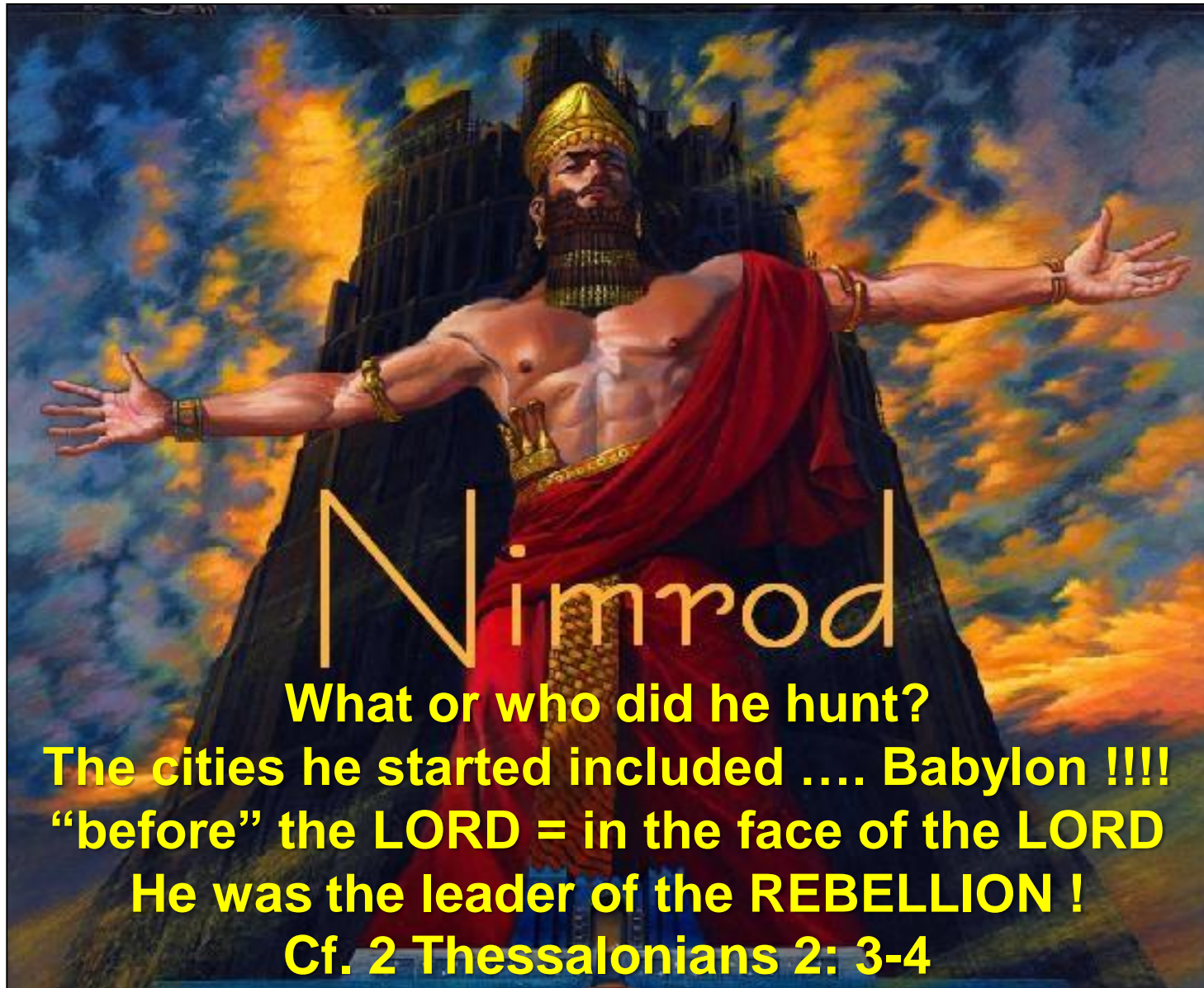
The man who became a proverb

Cush was the father of Nimrod (Rebel), who became a mighty warrior on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; that is why it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD." The first centres of his kingdom were Babylon, Uruk, Akkad and Kalneh, in Shinar.

Genesis 10:8-10



It is said "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD."
Genesis 10: 9



What or who did he hunt?

The cities he started included Babylon !!!!

“before” the LORD = in the face of the LORD

He was the leader of the REBELLION !

Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2: 3-4

Peleg

It happened during his lifetime (100+ yrs. after the flood)

Two sons were born to Eber: One was named Peleg, because in his time the (population of the) earth was divided; his brother was named Joktan.

Genesis 10:25



Genesis 11:1

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.



Genesis 11:2
As people moved eastward,
they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.



Genesis 11:3

They said to each other,
"Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly."
They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.



“instead of stone”
(more easily handled,
not available on the plain)
also instead of unbaked clay

Genesis 11:4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

The Lord said, "Go!" and they said, "No!"

Pride and rebellion !



Genesis 11:5

But the LORD came down to see the city
and the tower the people were building.

An anthropomorphism



Genesis 11:6

The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them."

What humans can do if they put their mind to it together!



for good or ill !

What do sinners do best ?

Genesis 11:6

then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

**Here we see the danger of a “One World Government”
without Jesus in charge**

For example



Genesis 11:7
"Come, let us go down"

What is unusual about this sentence?

Why is it plural ?

It's also an anthropomorphism – again.



Genesis 11:7

"Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

The origin of different languages -- a blessing or a curse ?



Genesis 11:8

So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth,
and they stopped building the city.



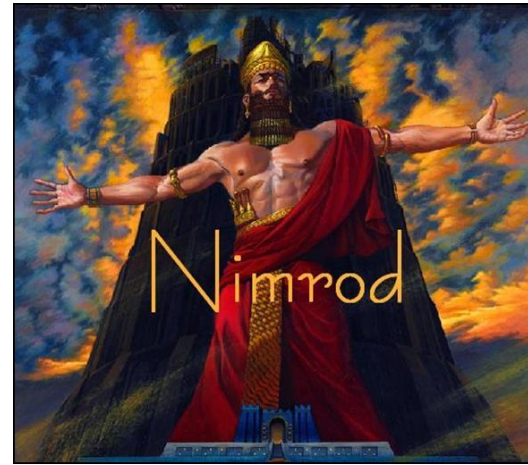
Genesis 11:9 That is why it was called Babel--because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

God's plan --- Confusion – Protection ?



The Place of Babylon in God's works

It was founded in rebellion.



God's instrument to chasten his people in their rebellion.

The final focus of rebellion against the Lord.



The beginning of a new united people under God



On the day of Pentecost Acts 2

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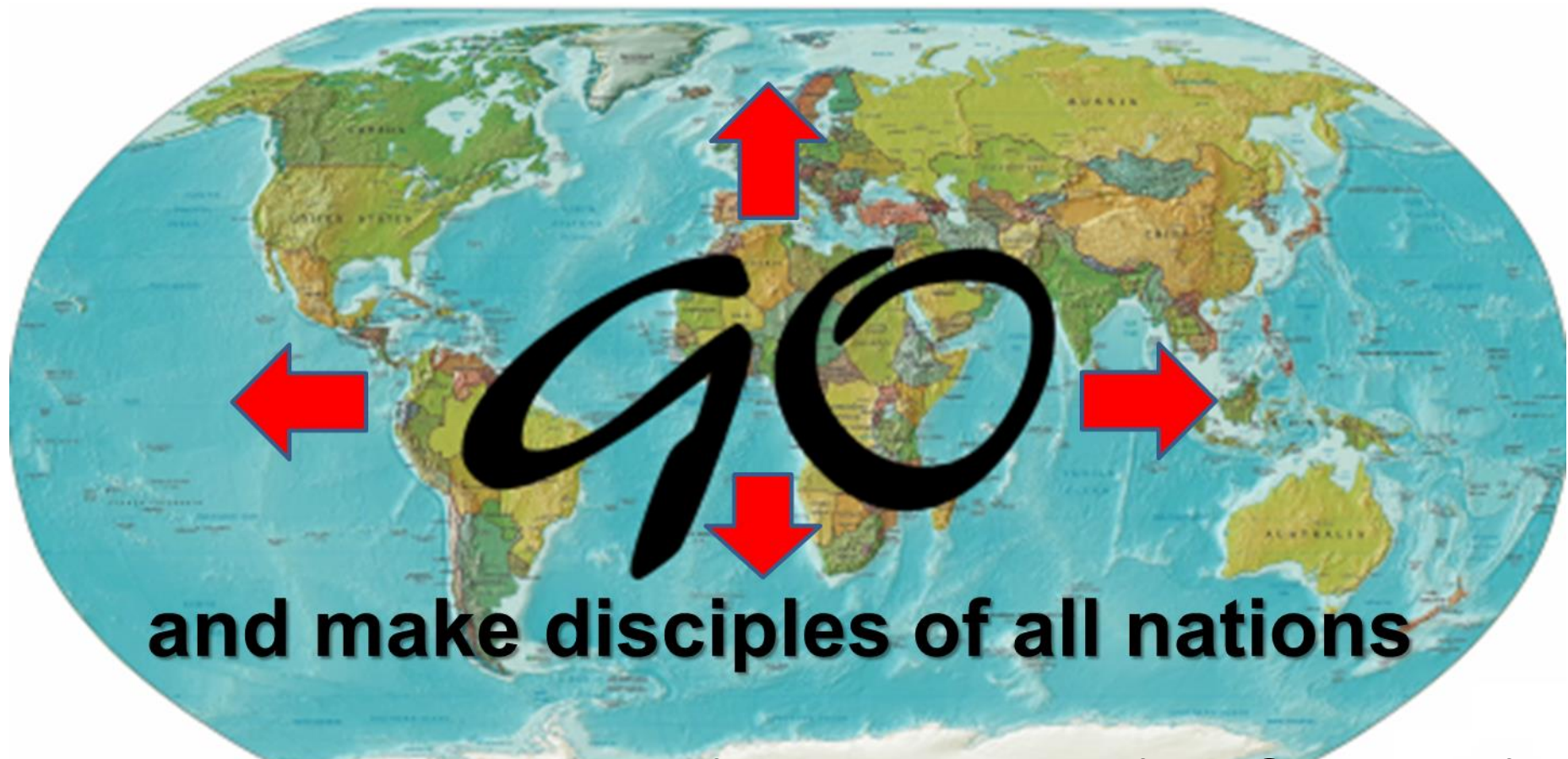
**Jesus said:
on this Rock I will build My church**

Matthew 16:18



and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore



and make disciples of all nations

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18 - 20