

## [Genesis 10:8-10](#)

(8) Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. (9) He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.” (10) And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

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After the Flood, human society apart from [God](#) began when Nimrod, a grandson of Ham, organized the first secular government in the city of Babel ([Genesis 10:8-10](#)) and expanded it to Nineveh and other cities ([Micah 5:5-6](#)). He instituted a system whereby one or a few at the top profit from the labor of the majority under them. Soon there were many cities, each ruled by a self-willed king. Not content with one city, ambitious rulers, seeking greater wealth and power, armed a portion of their manpower and by aggression subjugated adjoining cities. Thus nations were born and then empires.

This grasping, enslaving principle of government, intertwined with economic manipulation, has dominated [the world](#) ever since. Whatever form human governments take, they display the same Babylonian style of rule. Governments have risen and fallen, but their basic principles have remained—competition and strife based on greed and pride ([Psalm 10:2-11](#)).

Regardless of form, human government is based on exploitation of people and resources, power, aggression, and deception. The entire system began and continues with the idea of cramming people together into cities. As a world order built on strife and competition, each of the four phases of human civilization—political, economic, religious, and social—has tried to dominate the others. In ancient Rome, politicians ruled over religion, business, and society. After AD 554, the Roman Catholic church dominated

the others. In America, where self-rule is enshrined in the Constitution, big business and avaricious politicians have constantly struggled for dominance. Communism, as with all forms of socialism, induces the laboring class to support a suppressive government for the benefit of the elite.

Regardless of the particular form of administration, the civilization that now holds the entire world under its sway is the same Babylonian system initially established by Nimrod. *Babylon* means “confusion.” Competition and strife have produced confusion throughout the world ([James 3:16](#)), but “God is not the author of confusion” ([I Corinthians 14:33](#)). Therefore, this world's system of government is *not* God's.

— Martin G. Collins

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