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Renewal

Autumn Series

“Starting Again – Noah and Nimrod”

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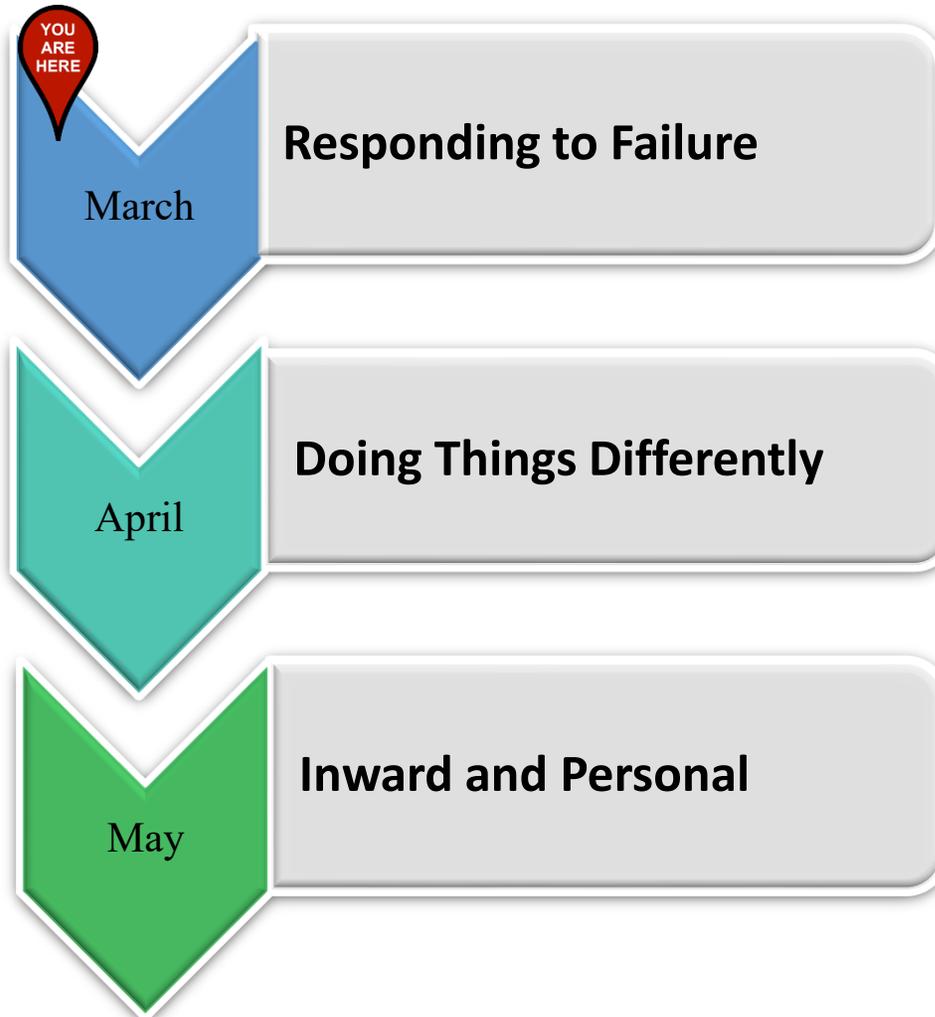
Welcome to Church

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ONE DAY

More than I could hope or dream
of
You have poured Your favour on
me
One day in the house of God is
Better than a thousand days in the
world

So blessed, I can't contain it...
So much, I've got to give it away,
Your love taught me to live now...
You are more than enough for me.

Lord, You're more than enough for
me
Lord, You're more than enough for
me

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling
down in worship

To sing the song of ages to the
Lamb

And all who've gone before us
and all who will believe

Will sing the song of ages to the
Lamb

[Pre-chorus]

Your name is the highest

Your name is the greatest

Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions

All powers and positions

Your name stands above them all

[Chorus]

And the angels cry: "Ho-o-ly"

All creation cries: "Ho-o-ly"

You are lifted high, ho-o-ly

Holy fore - ver

[Verse 2]

If you've been forgiven and if
you've been redeemed

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom and if you
bear His name

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

We'll sing the song forever and
amen

[Chorus 2]

And the angels cry: "Ho-o-ly"

All creation cries: "Ho-o-ly"

You are lifted high: "Ho-o-ly"

Holy fore - ver

Hear your people sing: "Ho-o-ly"

To the King of Kings: "Ho-o-ly"

You will always be ho-o-ly

Holy fore - ver

[Pre-chorus 2]

Jesus, Your name is the highest

Your name is the greatest

Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions

All powers and positions

Your name stands above them all

[Chorus 2]

And the angels cry: "Ho-o-ly"

All creation cries: "Ho-o-ly"

You are lifted high: "Ho-o-ly"

Holy fore - ver

[Tag]

You will always be ho-o-ly

Holy fore - ver

Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my hands and let them
move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Take my love, my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee
Ever, only, all for Thee

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Every power as You will choose
Take my will, and make it thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart, it is thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my hands and let them
move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
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At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee
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Repeat



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Renewing – Responding to Failure

Starting Again – Noah & Nimrod

“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”

Hebrews 11:7.

8th
March

Starting Again Noah & Nimrod -

Noah sought to God, but Nimrod sought to his own abilities. Despite the lessons that should have been learnt, mankind continued to sin.

YOU
ARE
HERE

15th
March

Rebuilding the Temple - Nehemiah & Ezra

The first Temple was destroyed because of disobedience – the renewed Temple was launched on understanding the Laws of God.

22nd
March

Identifying the Need for renewal- The process of Change

Renewal requires change, and most people don't like change. Sometimes our circumstances dictate the need.

29th
March

Palm Sunday - Prepare for Renewal

Palm Sunday demonstrated that the need for renewal was felt, and many recognised God's Power to make it happen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

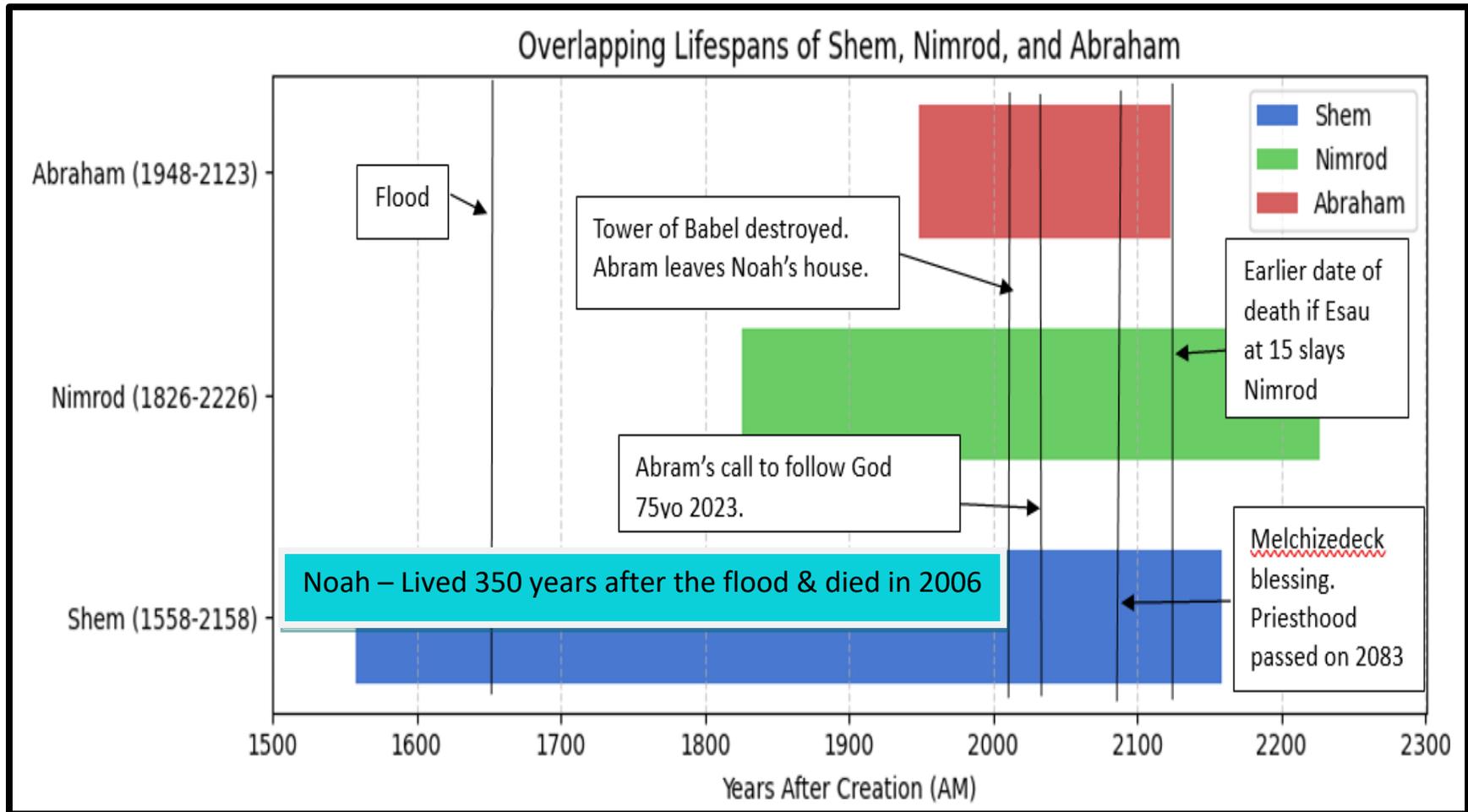
Luke 11: 2-4

Where are We?

- Last week we looked at prophecy and how it seeks to remind us of the potential of the 'new beginning' of a relationship with God.
- Man's relationship with God is like a cycle of decay, tragedy then a new beginning and faith. Like a plant – seed – plant cycle.
- “And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: **should not a people seek unto their God?** for the living to the dead?” Isa 8:19
- How do we determine accurate, God based prophecy:
 - Prophecy agrees with scripture
 - Meets biblical purpose
 - Future predictions must come true
 - There is a price to pay for false prophecy Duet 18:20-22

Today's Lesson

- Both Noah and Nimrod were both post flood leaders who showed very different attitudes in their relationship with God.
- Remember Jesus' words in Matthew:
 - ¹⁴ ... strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. ¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶ Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? **Matthew 7:14-16.**
- Enmity was already sown when Canaan, Ham's son was cursed after he discovered his father's drunkenness:
 - ²⁵ And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. ²⁶ And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.”
Genesis 8:25&26.



- Shem's long life allowed him to mentor Abraham and later Jacob (as Jasher claims) and possibly appear as Melchizedek (as rabbinic tradition suggests)
- Nimrod's reign overlaps with Abraham's early life, supporting traditions of their confrontation.

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The Bible only says a little about Nimrod so we have to build a picture of him from other historical sources.

- **Genesis** gives the skeleton.
- **Jasher** gives the legend.
- **Jubilees** gives the calendar.
- **Josephus** gives the political psychology.
- **Banished from Babel** gives the archaeological hypothesis.

Together, they build the character of Nimrod as:

- the first king when God didn't want rulers.
- the founder of cities when God wanted people to spread out.
- the archetype of rebellion when God wanted people to obey him.
- the catalyst for dispersion following God's judgement.
- the memory behind ancient Mesopotamian rulers.

Source	Nimrod's Identity	Nimrod's Character	Role in Cities	Tower of Babel	Theological Agenda
Genesis Gen 9-11	Mighty hunter, first king	Ambiguous but powerful	Founder of Babel, Erech, Akkad, Calneh	Implied but not named	Origins of nations; human pride
Jasher Medieval source, Hebrew traditions.	Tyrant-king, violent ruler	Wicked, oppressive	Expands cities; centralizes power	Direct builder; rebellion	Moral warning; narrative expansion
Jubilees Date 160-140BC, 2 nd Temple Period	Powerful ruler in Shinar	Negative but less dramatic	City-builder	Tower built by people; Nimrod not central	Chronology, covenant, angelic oversight
Josephus 1 st Century Jewish Historian	Founder of tyranny	Arrogant, manipulative	Builds cities to control people	Instigator of tower; defies God	Explains dispersion; moralizes history
Banished from Babel Historical book Nelson, Pub 2025	Historical post-Flood emperor (Sargon/Gilgamesh type)	Ambitious, empire-builder	Founder of earliest cities	Architect of first world government	Archaeological harmonization; dispersion model

The Tower of Babel – A Figure of Rebellion

Genesis - Tower story is separate; Nimrod is not named but implied as the ruler of Babel.

Jasher - Nimrod is the architect and instigator of the Tower.
- He leads the rebellion against God.

Jubilees - The people build the Tower; Nimrod is not central.
- Angels intervene.

Josephus - Nimrod initiates the Tower to:
- Challenge God
- Prevent another flood
- Keep people unified under his tyranny

The Tower of Babel – A Figure of Rebellion (ctd.)

The Book, *Banished from Babel*, by Nelson

- Nimrod is the political and religious leader behind the Tower.
- The Tower is interpreted as a massive ziggurat.
- The project represents the first world government.

According to *Banished from Babel*, Nimrod was:

- A real post-Flood king
- Founder of the first cities
- Builder or instigator of the Tower of Babel
- A powerful, possibly tyrannical ruler
- The figure whose empire God disrupted at Babel
- The historical root behind many ancient king legends

The book uses archaeology, linguistics, and comparative mythology to argue that Nimrod's story is historically grounded and globally influential.

The Bible says much more about Noah than Nimrod.

- We all know the story of Noah and the flood. He had faith to build the ark as he was commanded.

“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” **Hebrews 11:7.**

- He preached the message of imminent destruction and offer of salvation to all of mankind.

“... saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly” **2 Peter 2:5**

- Noah, by his survival and, through his faith and obedience became the leader of the post flood world.

God's Leadership Style

Micah 4:1-5 ¹But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

² And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and **he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths**: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

³ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁴ But **they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree**; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

⁵ **For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.**

Years before Nimrod was born Noah was assigned a special mission because of his dedication and character.

Genesis 6:7-9 & 12-14 ⁷ And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹ These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

¹² And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. ¹³ And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

¹⁴ Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

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THE light of life is flowing
 The darkness to dispel,
 And is in truth revealing
 The myst'ries of the fall ;
 All Isr'el it is bringing
 From ev'ry distant shore,
 No more will they be mourning,
 Their blindness to deplore.

The laws from Zion coming
 All Isr'el will obey,
 The gospel light all shining
 Will lead to perfect day :
 On th' earth they will be reigning,
 The Bridegroom and the Bride,
 And in their light, all shining,
 The nations shall reside.

That tree of life, once guarded
 By swords of flaming fire,
 Is now to Isr'el offer'd,—
 Its fruit they do desire.
 The nations will be healed
 Throughout this earthly ball,
 The man of sin revealed,
 And truth receiv'd by all.

Noah and his family entered the ark, were saved from the flood, and God established a new covenant with mankind.

Genesis 7:1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for **thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.**

Genesis 8:14-18 ¹⁴ And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

¹⁵ And **I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.** ¹⁶ And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

¹⁷ And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

¹⁸ And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. ¹⁹ These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

In this passage Ezekiel's message from God is how each person must stand for themselves before him, even though Noah, Daniel and Job are examples of who we can be and in their own way have helped to save mankind. Peter also has more to say on this topic.

Ezekiel 14:13-14&19-20¹³ Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

¹⁴ Though these three men, Noah **[known for faith]**, Daniel **[known for wisdom]**, and Job **[known for patience]**, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD. ...

¹⁹ Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

²⁰ Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

2 Peter 2:4-5 & 9 ⁴ For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

⁵ And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

⁹ The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Noah's example of faith.

Hebrews 11:6-8 ⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he

condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

The power of Christ to remedy our situation.

1 Peter 3:18-21 ¹⁸ For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

¹⁹ **By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;**

²⁰ Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

²¹ **The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Message;

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PEOPLE of every race,
 Of every tribe and tongue,
 Receive Jehovah's grace,
 And lift the voice in song ;
 And live on earth a thousand years,
 Quite free from pain, and sighs, and tears. Repeat
 Array'd in robes of white,
 Prepared by the Lamb,
 They walk within the light
 Of new Jerusalem :
 Their honour and their glory bring
 Into the city of their King. Repeat
 The King they wish to see,
 'Tis He for whom they long ;
 Desire of nations He,
 The subject of their song :
 To fill His house with glory bright,
 That they may walk within the light. Repeat
 All these believe in Christ,
 As in the Scripture said,
 And in their faith persist,
 Until the end is made ;
 When they will perfect men be made,
 When they've the holy law obey'd. Repeat