

# The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

with Rockey's Thoughts, October 27, 2020

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## The Story of the Tower of Babel

**11:1** 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. **3** 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."

**5** But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. **6** And the LORD 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 scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. **9** Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

## Rockey's Thoughts

The story of the Tower of Babel is the sequel to the story of [Noah and the Flood](#). The bridge from Noah to the Tower of Babel is the genealogy of Noah's descendants contained in [Genesis 10:1-32](#). This genealogy is commonly known as the catalog of nations because at the end of the genealogy of each of Noah's three sons it says they were divided by their language and nation. That begs the question: "If they were all one family, descendants of a single ancestor, then why do they speak different languages and why are they divided into different nations?" The story of the Tower of Babel answers that question. The Jews have traditionally held the idea that there are seventy gentile ethnos or nations. I did some searches for a list of these seventy nations. I found several different lists, but none that seemed to be the definitive list. As an exercise I put all of the names from the genealogy in Genesis chapter ten into a [spreadsheet](#). There are seventy-four different names. Then I excluded the three sons of Noah and Selah, who seemed to be no more than a bridge from Arphaxad to Eber, and came up with a list of seventy. I'm not suggesting in any way that this is a definitive list. I do wonder if the number seventy for the number of gentile nations comes from the number of Noah's descendants families at the time of the Tower of Babel.

In the story of the tower of Babel, Noah's descendants settle on the plain of Shinar, which is later known as Babylon. They are one large family and they all speak the same language. Noah's descendants build a city with a tower to keep themselves together. Many believe the tower would have been for religious purposes. Could it also have been for protection from another flood? When the Lord God sees what the descendants of Noah are doing, He is not pleased. So He confuses their language and scatters them abroad. This is a summary of the traditional view concerning the tower of Babel.

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If we consider the alternate explanation that was shared in [Noah and the Flood](#), some other possible motivations become evident. First, a quick summary of the alternate explanation:

- The creation stories in Genesis Chapter one and two are unique creations.
- They produce two races of people, the race created on the sixth day and the Adam race.
- Intermarriage of the two races produced a race of hybrids.
- The Adam race had a life expectancy greater than nine hundred years.
- The sixth day race had a life expectancy less than one hundred years.
- The flood was to eliminate the Adam race, with the exception of Noah.
- Noah was the the last descendant of Adam who had perfect lineage back to Adam.
- The flood covered the entire portion of the Earth inhabited by the Adam race, their world.
- People who lived outside the flood area were not affected by the flood.

The story of Noah told how God would shorten the lifespan of Noah's descendants from more than nine hundred years down to one hundred and twenty years. We see this occurring in the genealogy of Shem's family in [Genesis 11:10-26](#) as their lifespans decline with each succeeding generation. If the alternate explanation given in the story of Noah and the Flood is true, then could Noah's descendants desire to stay together be an attempt to slow or stop the decrease in their family's life expectancy? Could God's motivation to separate them have been to complete His design to shorten their life expectancy to one hundred and twenty years?

Whichever explanation is correct, it is obvious that this is a manifestation of [racism](#), empowered by [ethnocentrism](#). The descendants of Noah at Babel are the [archetype](#) for the [Basalisk/Haman](#) branch of Satan's kingdom. For this act of racism, God places a [curse of separation](#) on them. It is one of the five curses that gives Satan the legal right to bedevil mankind, as documented in the [Area Indoctrination Briefing](#).

In the [genealogy of Noah's descendants](#) that provides our bridge from Noah and the flood to the tower of Babel, there is one person who stands out. It is Nimrod and of him it says in Genesis 10:8-12,

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. 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).

We see that Nimrod was a builder of cities and he is thought to be the first world ruler. His first city was Babel. This ties Nimrod tightly to the tower of Babel story, even though he is not mentioned in it. The terms "mighty one on the earth" and "mighty hunter before the LORD" are generally considered to be idioms that indicate Nimrod began human government in defiance of the theocracy of God that had previously existed. This made Nimrod the [archetype](#) for the [Behemoth/Goliath](#) branch of Satan's kingdom. For this original sin of defying God, a [curse of servitude](#) was placed on mankind.

The Behemoth branch of Satan's kingdom manifests in the world as all manner of [caste systems](#). They slice mankind vertically into different classes. In the Basalisk branch of Satan's kingdom, the power of ethnocentrism that manifests as racism dices mankind horizontally into all manner of races, nations, denominations and cliques. If you have ever wondered why people are sliced and diced into so many different competing and bickering groups, it all comes back to Nimrod and the tower of Babel.