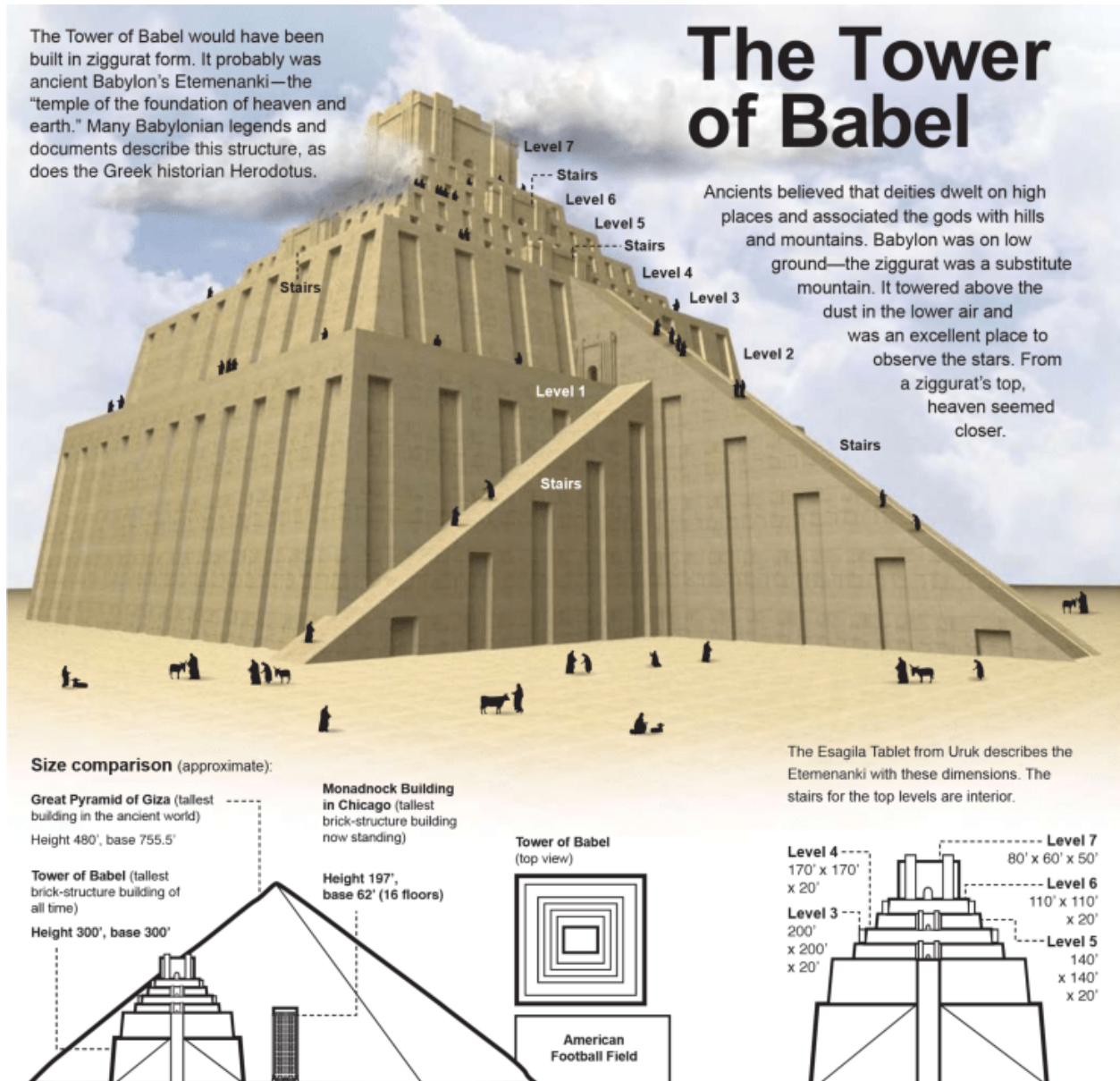


The Tower of Babel - Part 1

Title: Confusion and Dispersement



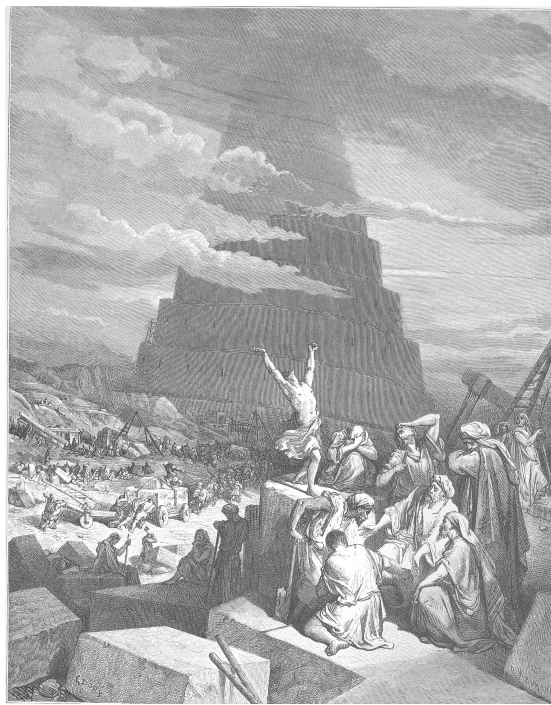
Introduction:

Babel

(confusion), Babylon (Greek form of Babel), is properly the capital city of the country which is called in Genesis Shinar, and in the later books Chaldea, or the land of the Chaldeans.

The first rise of the Chaldean power was in the region close upon the Persian Gulf; thence the nation spread northward up the course of the rivers, and the seat of government moved in the same direction, being finally fixed at Babylon, perhaps not earlier than B.C, 1700.





The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9 NIV:

1Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.

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

3They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.

4Then 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."

5But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.

6The 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.

7Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

8So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

9That 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.

This narrative explains the origin of different languages and the dispersion of humanity across the earth.

The account is set in the post-Flood world and highlights themes of human pride, divine intervention, and the establishment of diverse nations.



Biblical Account:

The account begins with humanity speaking a single language and migrating eastward, where they settle in the land of Shinar.

Genesis 11:3-4 NIV:

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.

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 people's desire to build a tower "that reaches to the heavens" reflects their ambition to achieve greatness and autonomy apart from God.

Genesis 9:1 NIV:

God’s Covenant With Noah

1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.

This verse, demonstrates humanity's inclination towards self-reliance and pride.



Divine Intervention:

In response to their actions, the Lord observes the city and the tower.

Genesis 11:6-7 NIV, records God's reaction:

6The 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.

7Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

God's decision to confuse their language serves as a corrective measure to curb human pride and prevent further rebellion. By introducing multiple languages, God effectively halts the construction of the tower and scatters the people across the earth, as described in, **Genesis 11:8-9 NIV:**

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

9That is why it is called Babel, for there the LORD confused the language of the whole world, and from that place the LORD scattered them over the face of all the earth."

Theological Significance:

The Tower of Babel narrative underscores the futility of human efforts to achieve unity and greatness apart from God. It serves as a reminder of the limitations of human ambition and the sovereignty of God over the affairs of humanity. The confusion of languages and the subsequent dispersion highlight God's authority to intervene in human history to fulfill His divine purposes.

Historical and Cultural Context:

The land of Shinar, where the Tower of Babel was constructed, is traditionally identified with ancient Mesopotamia, a region known for its early urbanization and architectural achievements, including the construction of ziggurats.

These stepped towers, often dedicated to deities, provide a cultural backdrop for understanding the ambition behind the Tower of Babel.



Legacy and Influence:

The Tower of Babel has left a lasting impact on cultural and religious thought.

It is often cited as an explanation for the diversity of languages and the spread of different cultures across the globe.

The term "Babel" has become synonymous with confusion and disorder, reflecting the outcome of humanity's attempt to challenge divine authority.

Conclusion:

The Tower of Babel narrative remains a powerful illustration of the consequences of human pride and the necessity of aligning with God's will.

It serves as a foundational account in understanding the development of nations and languages, as well as the ongoing relationship between humanity and the divine.

Moreover, the Tower of Babel, is an account of how man, wanted to assert, their own means and ways, to reach heaven on their terms and not by God's terms.

Today, we can see the similarities in that some groups of man, want to assert the same means and ways of reaching Heaven and by, attempting to by-passing, the tenets as promulgated in the bible, and by relying on their unbiblical terms, cultural rites, and matrimonial LGBTQ+ ceremonies, erroneous false beliefs, that their believes that their antithetical behavior MUST be accepted by God.

Sadly, friends, our Lord will not acquiesce, to these pagan means and ways, to reach Heaven.

As, His means and ways, are clearly depicted in the Bible.



How do we obtain the Forgiveness of our Sins?



How do we get right with God, regardless of our individual sins?

Just say this Prayer and all of your sins will be forgotten, and you will have Eternal life, with Christ Jesus, in Heaven:

Lord Jesus, I repent of all my sins, and I ask you to come into my life and be my Lord and Savior.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and you have ever lasting life, get in a good bible teaching church, and may you keep growing, in the Lord, and may HE use you to help save many souls for His Kingdom !

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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