

THE TOWER OF BABEL

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After the flood, Noah, his family, and the animals left the ark. God gave them a commandment, "...Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." {Genesis 9:1} A new earth was Noah's and now the earth had to be replenished. A perfect world of peace and harmony with God would be possible.

Not long after this, man began to think he knew better than God once more.

"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.' {Genesis 11:4}

God's plan for man to be scattered and replenish the earth was put aside for a "nobler project." Man had decided he needed to "**make a name for himself**." So they began to build, but God short circuited their plans. He wanted His original commandment to be obeyed. "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. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. 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." {Genesis 11:6-9}

Now they were scattered throughout the earth. This is the birth of the different nations under heaven. Man would never have been able to build anything to reach where God dwells. It seems to be man's lot in this life to try and get "**one step ahead**" of God. We think we know what God wants better than He does! God created man and gave him everything needed to sustain his life. Yet, not being content, he has always wanted to do things his own way. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts." {Isaiah 55:8,9} Can man out smart his Creator? Does man really think he can somehow make God's plans better than He designed them? Sadly, many in our day are building their own "**Tower of Babel**." They are seeking to make a name for themselves by the wonders of their imagination. Sorry, it's been tried and failed! ***