



Tower of Babel

“Let Us Make a Name for Ourselves”

Civilizations' Monuments

Genesis 9:1 - “Fill the Earth”

God has said to be fruitful and multiply. Man was to steward the entire Earth. Instead, they tried to make the Garden again, through their own effort. They sought

- A) Numerical Security
- B) Fame and Reputation
- C) Identity through Land

God Comes Down

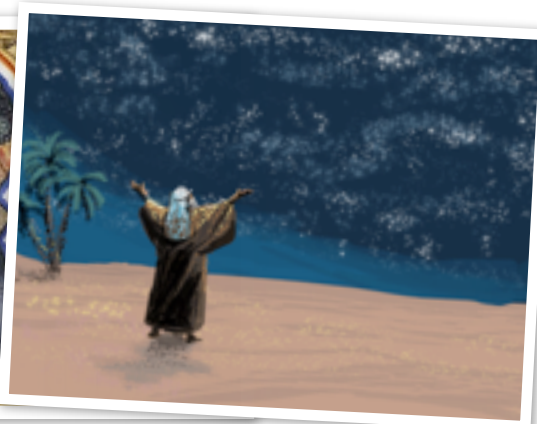
At the middle of the story, God has to come down (i.e. bend over and stoop *way* down!) to see their puny tower which was to stretch to the heavens. Eventually, God would overcome the barriers of language (Acts 2) and make all tongues sing His praises (Revelation 7).

The Whole Earth One (1)	All the Earth Confused (9)
Settled on the plain of Shinar (2)	Dispersed from There over All (8)
“Come, Let Us” (3,4)	“Come, Let Us” (6,7)
God Comes Down (5)	

God's Chosen Man - A Chosen Race

God Gives What Babel Tried to Take

In Genesis 12, God promises to Abram all the things that the Babelites has tried to engineer for themselves apart from God: numerical size, greatness of name and a secure land. But Abram had to wait. No sooner is it promised then Abram flees to Egypt and jeopardizes the line by putting his wife in Pharaoh's haram. Later, he is impatient again and tries to conceive by Hagar, his wife's servant.



Saved

“I Am Your Shield; Your Very Great Reward”

First and foremost, the covenant is to be saved, to know God, to be His people. These are all different ways of saying the same thing. God is not just the means of salvation, He is the end as well.

Righteousness

Abram believed and it was counted to him as righteousness. This is the cornerstone of NT theology, as in Romans 4 and Galatians 3 (even James 2, which points ahead to Genesis 22 as the proof of the invisible faith).

Seed

Stars - “So shall Your offspring Be”

We are all the children of Abraham if we believe. He is the father of Faith for both the Jew and the Gentile. The promise is fulfilled in Deuteronomy 1:10 where it says the people were as numerous as the stars. Jesus is the true seed of Abraham (twice in Luke 2)



Land

“From the Nile to the Euphrates”

Psalms 72, written by Solomon, tells us that at the start of the Kingdom, in the time of David and Solomon, God fulfilled His promise of the Land.

Abram Wanted Proof

God condescended to meet Abram within his culture, in a way that he was used to. In the Ancient Near East, treaties would be sealed by the killing of animals. This gave rise to the expression, “to *cut* a covenant.” The two parties would pass between the pieces, speaking through action “May I be cut like these animals if I break this vow.” Abram did not walk between the pieces, only God did.

