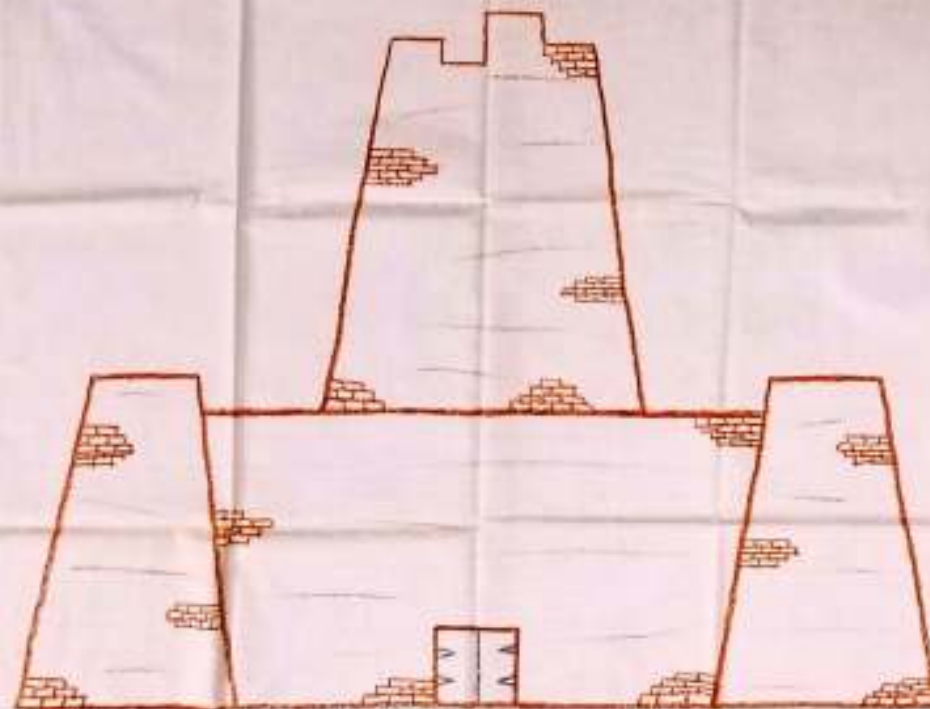


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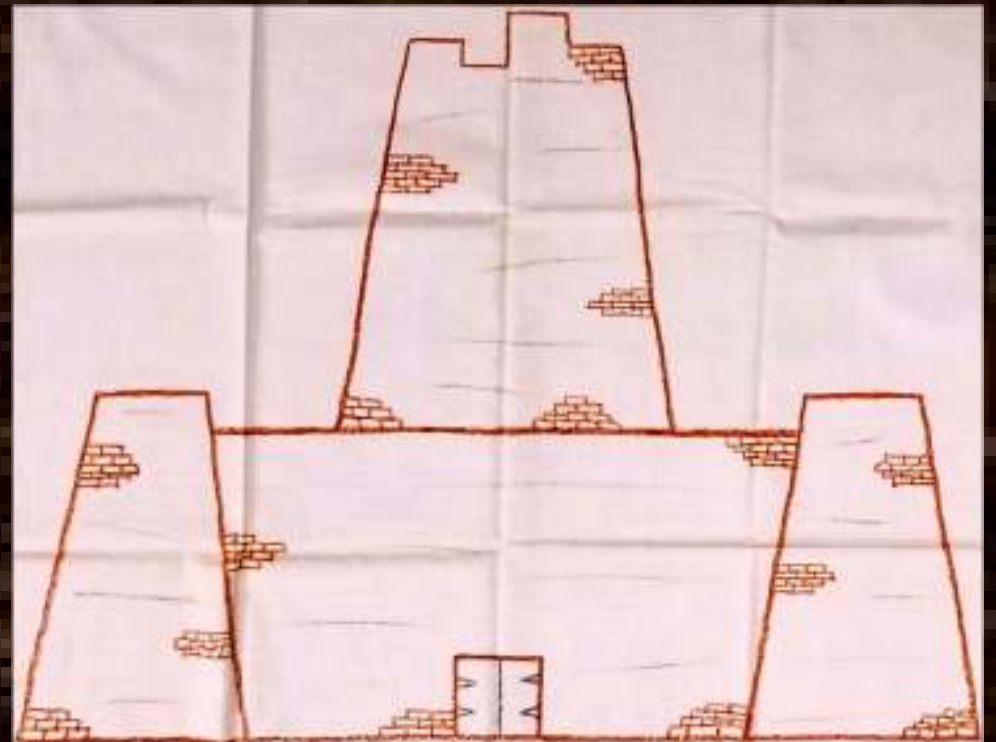
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The City Whose Builders and Makers Were Men

- The account of the building of the Tower of Babel - Gen. 11:1-9



The City Whose Builders and Makers Were Men

- Gen. 11:1-4 - “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.’”

They Wanted To Make A Name

- Gen. 11:4 - "...Let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."
 - What hubris! God said of Adam and said to Noah that man was made by God in His image.
- What is the first commandment God gave Noah when he descended from the ark?
 - Gen. 9:1, 7 - "So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth... 7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it.'"

They Wanted A City

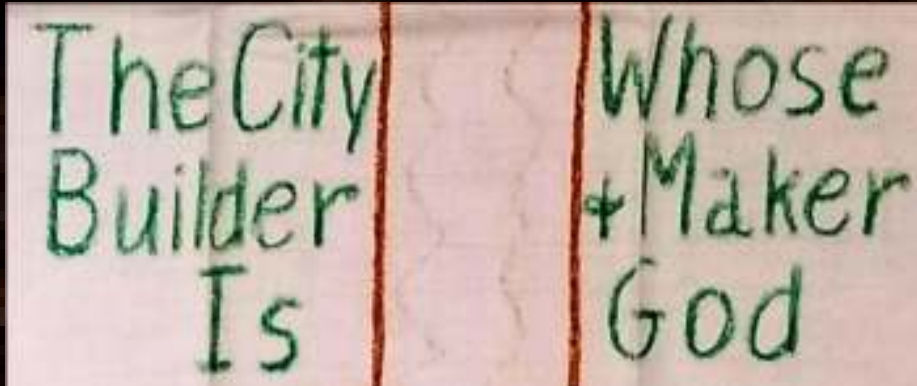
- Gen. 11:4 - “And they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city’”
- Cain built a city and his descendants lived there, and all of Cain’s descendants died in the flood.
- God said to scatter and fill the earth, not build a city.
- Foreshadows men trying to preempt God by doing what He has planned for humankind.

They Wanted To Reach Heaven

- Gen. 11:3-4 - “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...’”
- Created a focal point to gather people to their city instead of filling the earth.
- Created a structure as a visible testimony of their arrogance.

God Confused Them And Scattered Them

- Gen. 11:5-9 - “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.”



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- It is not an accident that the next thing discussed in Genesis is God preparing Abraham to be the first seeker of the “City Whose Builder and Maker is God.”
- Heb. 11:8-10 - “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

God Will Build The City

- God will build a city with a tower to draw the people together
 - John 12:32 - “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself”
 - Heb. 12:22-23 - “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven...”

God Will Give Them A Name

- God will give them a name for themselves
 - Isa. 62:2 - “...You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name”
 - Acts 11:26 - “...And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch”

Lessons

- Where people gather in large numbers for their own purposes, the potential for sin increases
 - Sin is the constant problem of man
 - Rom. 3:23 - “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
 - Men must purpose to do God’s will
 - Heb. 13:16 - “But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

Lessons

- God's will is to be obeyed regardless of circumstances.
 - We don't know why they didn't initially want to separate.
 - Perhaps they loved their families.
 - Perhaps they wanted to be a great people.
 - Perhaps they wanted the easy life.
 - Whatever the reason, God's will was not obeyed.
 - Heb. 5:9 - “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him”

Lessons

- Pride will always cause us to think more highly of ourselves than we ought.
 - The people together increased a foolhardy kind of confidence
 - They didn't think that there was anything they couldn't or shouldn't do.
 - They wanted to make a name for themselves
- Pride causes us to behave in ways that we normally would not.
 - Rom. 12:3 - "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith."

Lessons

- God's plans will not be stopped.
 - 1Cor. 1:20-21 - “Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.”

Lessons

- No society is so great that it can undo God's will. Where is:
 - The Nation of Babel?
 - Sodom and Gomorrah?
 - Babylon?
 - Persia?
 - Greece?
 - The Roman Empire?
 - The former Soviet Union?

Lessons

- A society that opposes God is a society that will not exist for very long
 - Dan. 4:34-35 - “And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation. 35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, What have You done?”

Lessons

- God's punishments are just
 - By changing their languages, the people were dispersed; which was what God wanted all along
 - Gen. 18:25 - “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

Lessons

- The people of God came from the tower of Babel
 - Eber, from whom the Hebrews descended, lived the longest of anyone born after the flood, perhaps the reward for careful adherence to the will of God.
 - Gen. 11:14-17 - “Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. 15 After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. 16 Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg. 17 After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters.”
- Righteous men can exist in wicked environments
 - Noah, Abraham

We Need To Look For And Enter Into The City Whose Builder And Maker Is God

- Heb. 11:13-16 - “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”