

Seeing Only Jesus

5) The Tower and The Nations

**Four Great Events
(Chapters 1-11)**

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**CREATION
(1&2)**

**THE FALL
(3)**

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(4-8)**

**THE NATIONS
(9-11)**

After the Flood

'So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth"'
(Gen.9:1)

This was a repetition of the original command to mankind...

'Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth..."'
(Gen.1:28)

**From the three sons of Noah came all the nations
of the world, for example:**

Descendants of Ham

**Japanese, Chinese, Egyptians, Libyans, Ethiopians,
Africans, Hittites, Phoenicians, Canaanites, South
Sea Islanders and the Sumerians**

Descendants of Japheth

The name Japheth means enlargement, wide-spreading

The Europeans came from Japheth and spread west, dominating the whole of the western hemisphere

The Anglo-Saxon people occupy more territory than any other people

Descendants of Shem

The Jews came from Shem

'And children were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber' (see 10:21)

The name 'Hebrew' probably came from Eber

Also the Arabs, Syrians, Assyrians and Babylonians came from Shem

- ✓ **God willed for the people of the earth to fill the earth, i.e. to spread out in manageable groups, while contributing to the whole human race**
- ✓ **This plan met with resistance under Nimrod. He led an attempted one-world, centrally governed system designed to be independent of God**
- ✓ **The root of this rebellion was pride, '*Let us make a name for ourselves...*' (Gen.11:4)**
- ✓ **Its purpose was defiance of God's command to fill the earth, '*...lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth*' (Gen.11:4)**
- ✓ **At the centre of this organization was to be a tower, based at Babel, or Babylon**

- ✓ **At the top of the tower was a temple (ziggurat)**
- ✓ **This Satanically inspired movement had a religious base, i.e. idol worship, strengthened by astrology through the worship of the 'hosts of heaven'**
- ✓ **Nimrod was not an atheist, but a religionist**
- ✓ **Babylon introduced many false teachings and mixed these with the true faith, e.g. mother/child worship, bowing down to idols and images, etc.**
- ✓ **Babylon is the root of all religion. Pantheism and polytheism began at Babel (gate of God)**

- ✓ **The counterfeit religious system commenced by Nimrod, and his wife Semiramis, at Babylon is the fountain-head of all man-made religions which have been propagated on earth, 'And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH' (Rev.17:5)**
- ✓ **Babylon builds for man's glory, 'The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"' (Dan.4:30)**
- ✓ **The Babylon spirit is to build *up* and make a name for itself. God's purpose is to spread *out* with the good news of the gospel**

- ✓ **God dealt with this rebellion by confounding the language of the people (Gen.11:5-9)**
- ✓ **Communication broke down, resulting in total chaos. The people assembled into language groupings. Thus, the nations were formed, *'These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood'* (Gen.10:32)**
- ✓ **God's intention was not for diverse languages but for different nations**
- ✓ **We know that Satan will try to unite all nations again in a one-world confederacy, with a strong religious base under the Antichrist. His aim is to draw humanity away from God to give allegiance to him**

- ✓ **After the human race was scattered and formed into separate nations, God called Abraham and set His program for worldwide redemption into place**
- ✓ **He gave Abraham this promise, *'...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed'* (Gen.12:3)**
- ✓ ***'And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed"'* (Gal. 3:8)**

- ✓ **As it is in the natural, so it is in the spiritual. God wants us to not only grow, but also to spread out and multiply (Matt.28:18-20)**
- ✓ **But sometimes the church's focus has been to keep growing bigger. Missions vs magnetism. Go vs come**
- ✓ ***'But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth' (Acts 1:8)***
- ✓ **Tongues were given at Babel and the people were 'scattered.' Tongues were given at Pentecost, and the message was 'go'**

But they stayed in Jerusalem, until...

*'At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all **scattered** throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles...Therefore those who were **scattered** went everywhere preaching the word'*

(Acts 8:1&4)

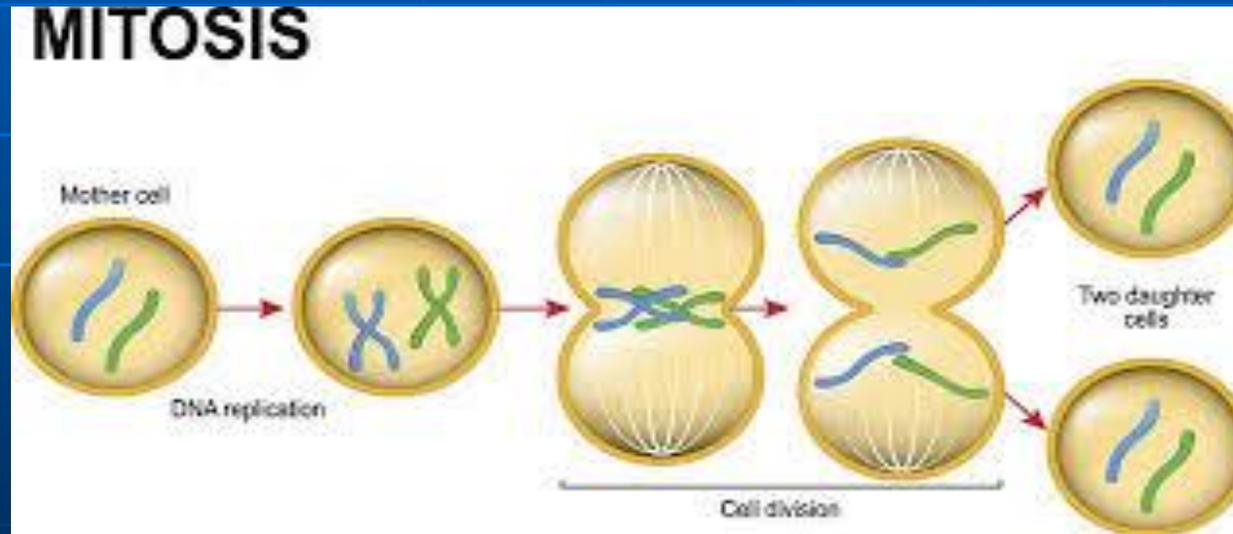
- ✓ **God's plan is to reach the world with the gospel, nation by nation (Matt.24:14; 28:18-20; Rev.7:9-10)**
- ✓ **The Greek word for 'nation' is *ethnos*, i.e. any group of people who have their own culture, language or customs. Whilst there are approximately 200 nations, there are approximately 12,000 ethnic groups**
- ✓ **This is one of the reasons God has purposed that the world be divided into nations, that we might reach the whole world by nations, 'He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us' (Acts 17:26-27)**

- ✓ **Everything God has created has an inherent ability to do two things – to be fruitful and to multiply**
- ✓ **Around the time a life form has reached its growth potential, it begins the next process of multiplication. *'And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food"' (Gen.1:29)***
- ✓ **Every form of life contains within itself seed for reproduction. 'After its kind'. Oranges, apples, dogs, trees, mankind**

- ✓ **This is the principle of life. The human body is made up of millions of cells which grow, divide and multiply**
- ✓ **Each time a cell grows to a certain size it divides into two cells half the original size. These in turn grow to the size of the original and divide again to create four. 4 cells split into 8, 8 into 16, etc., etc. This is life**
- ✓ **The two cells that spring from the original cell are, at first, only each half the size of the first cell. They are smaller, but they have grown. Divided, yet multiplied. Stagnation, disease, death occur if cell reproduction ceases**



**During this process a cell duplicates all of its contents, including its chromosomes, and splits to form two identical daughter cells
This is called mitosis**



- ✓ **Reproduction through multiplication is a vital God-given principle for sustaining and expanding every form of life**
- ✓ **Generally speaking, if every piece of fruit were eaten without taking out some seeds for future planting there would be no fruit**
- ✓ **If every human grew but stopped procreating, humanity would be wiped out in a generation**
- ✓ **God wants us to have both a growth mentality, and also a multiplication mentality. A long-term vision in a short-term world**

The church at Thessalonica was an example of this:

'And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything'

(1 Thes.1:6-8)