

GENESIS Lesson 10 – 1/6/19

The Tower of Babel

11:1: And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

11:2: 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.

11:3: And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

11:4: And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Wikipedia says: The Tower of Babel as told in Genesis 11:1-9 is an origin myth meant to explain why the world's peoples speak different languages. According to the story, a united humanity in the generations following the Great Flood, speaking a single language and migrating eastward, comes to the land of Shinar.

Recently archeologists have found a massive structure near the ancient city of Babylon, that they believe are the ruins of the tower of Babel.

But we know better, the Bible says at this time, at the time of the building of the tower of Babel they all spoke with one language. Total integration, it was the globalist's utopia.

One world government under Nimrod, one religion, one language, and now there were going to reach heaven. This the United Nations in 2200 BC.

How do we know this was Nimrod's doing? He is not mentioned in chapter 11. We know this because of:

Gen. 10:10: And the beginning of **his kingdom** was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. See Gen. 10:9

They journeyed from the east, that is, they settled in the east and then decided to head west and settled in Shinar. This place was in what is now known as Iraq. More exactly in the present-day city of Hillah, Babil Governorate, Iraq, about 53 mi south of Baghdad.

Then we are told that they used bricks instead of stone and slime instead of mortar.

When I read this, as an engineer, I can tell you what is going on. They were in a rush to get it done; it is quicker to put bricks together than to quarry stone. It is quicker to slime it all together than to mix mortar.

Could it be that someone was warning them?

The purpose of this tower was to reach heaven and so that this tower would stand as a memorial in the case they were scattered across the earth.

So we can see that:

1. They had the wrong location
2. They used the wrong building materials
3. They had the wrong attitude toward God
4. They had the wrong motive in building

So what could go wrong? They tried to reach God their own way.

A tower represents man's achievements. What do cities try and do? They try to outdo each other in how tall they can build a building.

The tallest buildings:

- 1 Burj Khalifa in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2,717 ft built in 2010
- 2 Shanghai Tower in Shanghai, China, 2,073 ft built in 2015
- 3 Abraj Al-Bait Clock Tower in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, 1,971 ft built in 2012
- 4 Ping An Finance Centre in Shenzhen, China, 1,965 ft built in 2017
- 5 Lotte World Tower in Seoul, South Korea, 1,819 ft built in 2016
- 6 One World Trade Center in New York City, USA, 1,776 ft built in 2014

China now has 10 of 20 tallest buildings in the world. Sears Tower (now the Willis Tower) at 1,450 ft in Chicago, Illinois was the tallest building in the world until 1998. Do you notice something?

So they left God, disobeyed Him (see 9:1), and started a building program. Nimrod and his followers willingly left the knowledge of the one true God and Creator. Nimrod was Noah's great-grand-son; Noah was still alive while all this was going on. Noah died 1994 BC, less than 2000 years from the birth of Christ. Noah was alive when this tower was being built.

So Nimrod established a false religion which evolved into "Mystery Babylon" (Revelation 17:5). Nimrod's religion led to astrology, spirit worship, pantheism, polytheism, idolatry, reincarnation, the occult and Gnosticism.

After Nimrod's death a religious system grew up claiming that he had been reincarnated through an immaculate conception through the womb of his mother, Semiramis, who became known as "the Queen of Heaven" (Jeremiah 7:18, 44:17-19, 25). Her son's name was "Tammuz" (Ezekiel 8:13-14). Nimrod also became known as the chief god of the Babylonians, "Merodach" (Jeremiah 50:1-2), and he was known by many other names in India, China, Egypt, Greece, Rome, and other nations.

Where do you think the idea of an immaculate conception came from? Genesis 3:15; this is one of the most important verses in the Bible.

And who understood it? Eve did not understand it (see Gen. 4:1). But the devil knew exactly what God prophesied.

I believe he had a lot to do with the establishment of this mother-child worship.

Tradition tells us that the pious God-fearing people of that day abhorred this early Babylonian religion. And tradition also tells us that Shem, Noah's son, decided to do something about it. Shem gathered several co-conspirators to help him, and they went after and caught Nimrod and killed him. Remember when I mentioned why I believe they used bricks and slime? Nimrod probably knew uncle Shem wasn't too happy about what he was doing.

Shem had warned them: "Stop what you're doing and start obeying God, or else!"

For more see *The Two Babylons* by Alexander Hislop.

11:5: And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

11:6: And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

11:7: Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

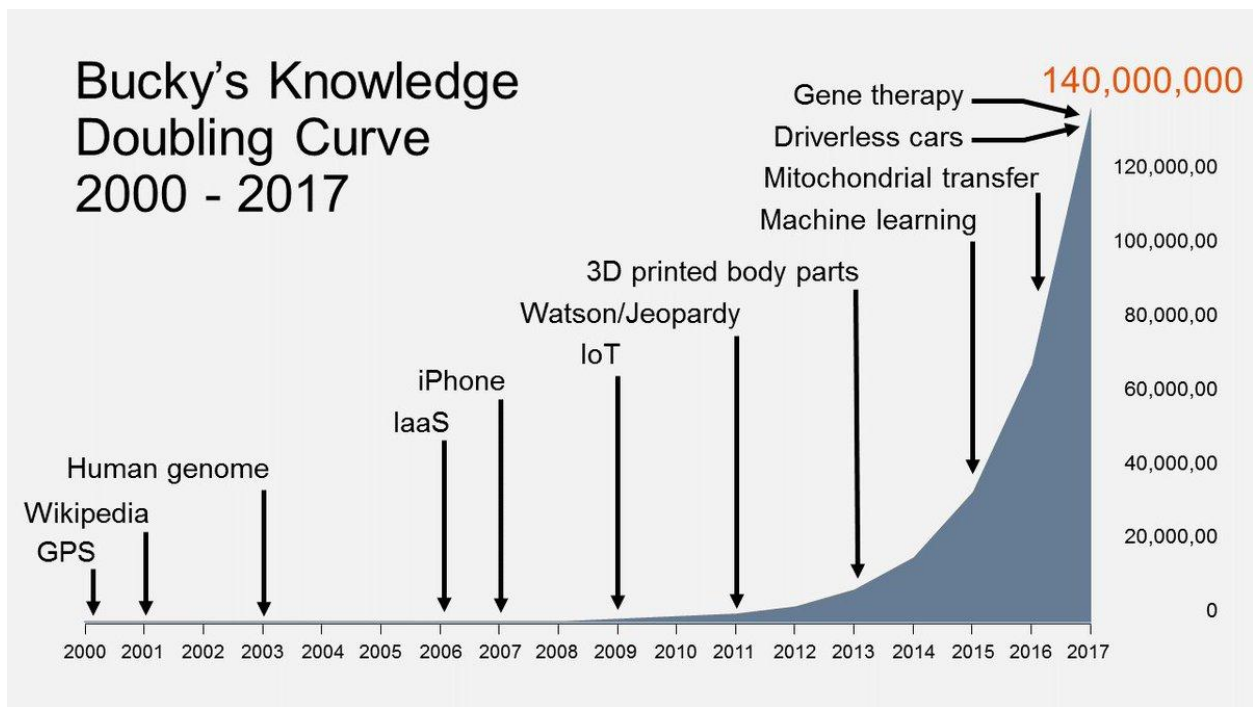
God came to see the tower; this is more than a casual passing by. This is a firsthand inspection, just like He did in Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18:21). And God said the people is one; this strikes of disapproval. This is not what God intended. He divided them according to the tribes of Israel, twelve nations.

Deut. 32:8: When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel (Jacob).

And God say something interesting here:

“...nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do...”

All you have to do is look around you. The automobile was invented almost 140 years ago, and now we are planning on send people to Mars.



Da:12:4: But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Na:2:4: The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

I believe man's achievements are almost limitless. God has given the ability to do anything we set our mind to.

So what does God do? He slows things down, He puts a monkey wrench in the works.

Yes man can do anything, but he still is a fallen creature and without God, whatever he does amounts to nothing.

Psalms:39:5: Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.

Joh:15:5: I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

There are roughly 6,500 spoken languages. The top ten most spoken languages, including native and non-native are the following:

1. Mandarin Chinese (1.1 billion speakers)
2. English (983 million speakers)
3. Hindustani (544 million speakers)
4. Spanish (527 million speakers)
5. Arabic (422 million speakers)
6. Malay (281 million speakers)
7. Russian (267 million speakers)
8. Bengali (261 million speakers)
9. Portuguese (229 million speakers)
10. French (229 million speakers)

This covers 60% of the world's population.

When God said He would confound their language, He really meant it, and really did it.

11:8: So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

11:9: Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

So they didn't fulfill God's plan, and God intervenes and makes sure they do it: the LORD scattered "them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

Now after the incident of the tower of Babel was stopped by God, the Holy Spirit resumes God's plan: providing a Messiah for mankind.

11:10: These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

11:11: And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

Do the math and Shem was born 98 years before the flood, 22 years after Noah started building the Ark. Ham was born after him, and Japheth was born when Noah was 500 years old, 100 years before the flood (Gen. 5:32).

Now we are given the genealogy of Shem, all the way to Abraham. The reader is being prepared for Abraham, just like he was prepared for Adam, and just as he will be prepared for Jacob, and the patriarchs. Shem died 1842 BC. Shem was 450 years old when Abraham was born.

Another thing you will notice is the that man's longevity is rapidly decreasing.

11:24: And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:

11:25: And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

11:26: And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

11:27: Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

11:28: And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

Terah is an important figure because he leaves with his son to go to the land God promised Abraham.

11:29: And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

11:30: But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

11:31: And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

11:32: And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

Terah is the last from Shem's lineage to live over 200 years.

We are introduced to Abram, Lot, and Sarai. We are told Sarai was barren; we are being set up for a miracle. She is one of seven barren women in the Bible—these births are a type of Christ's birth.