

# Unit 01

## Session 5

Humanity  
Rebels  
Gen 11:1-9



By Pieter Bruegel the Elder - The Tower of Babel (Vienna)

**Who *is* this guy?**

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...and what have you  
done with the real  
teacher?



Lynchburg, VA



- Moved to Knightdale two months ago
- Collegiate degrees
  - Symphony
  - Electrical Engineering
  - Education - Adult Learning
  - Theology - Biblical Intrprtn.
- Many years of teaching Adult Sunday School
- Loves to travel/learn
- Strategy board Games!

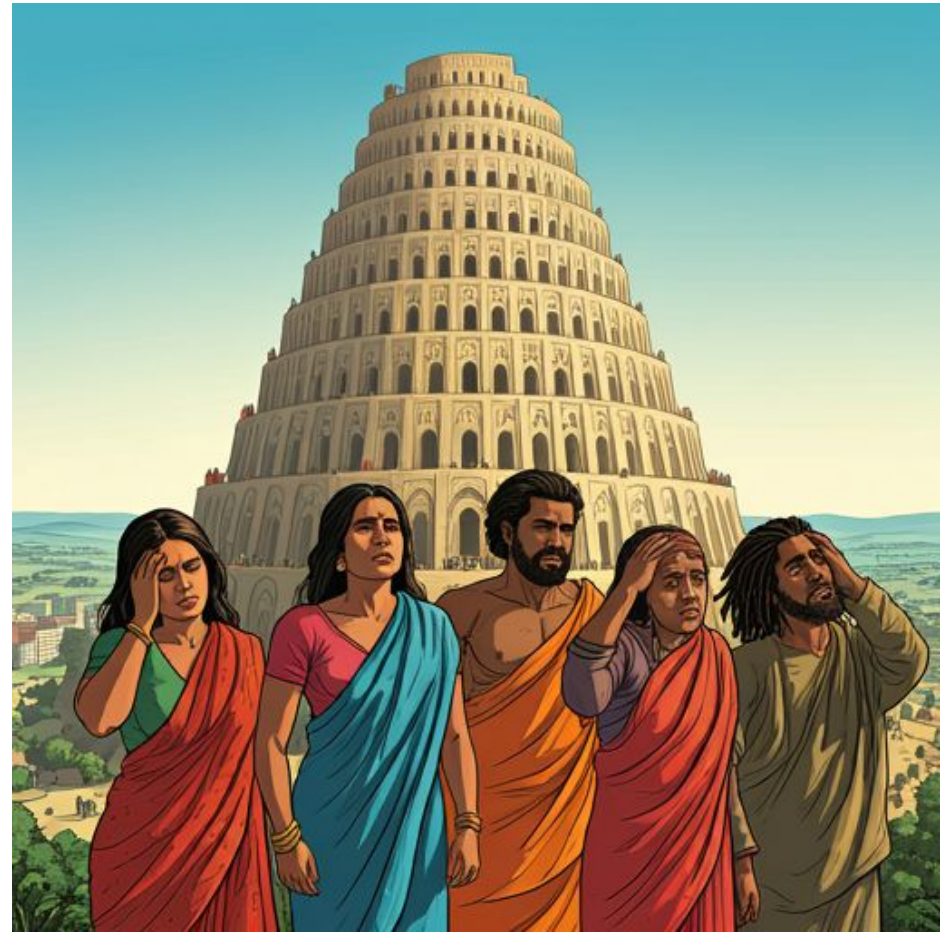


Wedding Family Pic

# Prayer Responses & Requests

# Why?

“Why did God confuse the people?”



# Scriptural Study



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# Genesis 11 - and 'tar' for mortar?

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## Other sources

**Josephus** (ancient Jewish Historian) - describes Nimrod as leading construction (to escape flood)

**Book of Jubilees** 10:22-23 (angels view of event) - took 43 years of building

**Book of Jasher** Chap 9 - due to the tower's extraordinary height, it took a full year for materials to be transported from the ground to the top

# Tower was for the 'gods' to come down

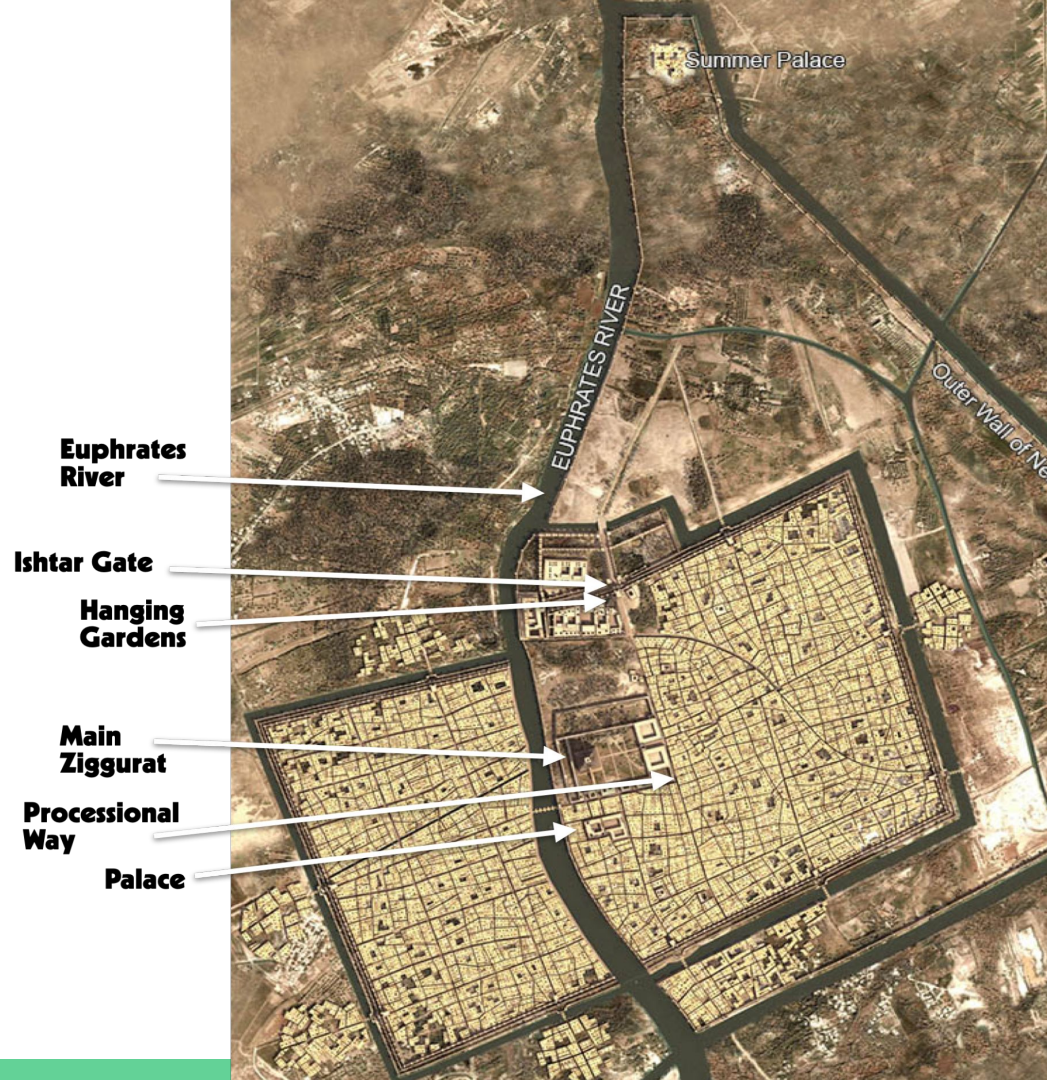


Dr. John Walton, Wheaton College (Illinois)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSPyIs2PVd8>

In the middle of Babylon at the time of the Exile stood a great, 300-foot tall ziggurat, or tower, named *Etemenanki*, that had been built (or completed) by King Nebuchadnezzar II in honor of Marduk, god of Babylon.

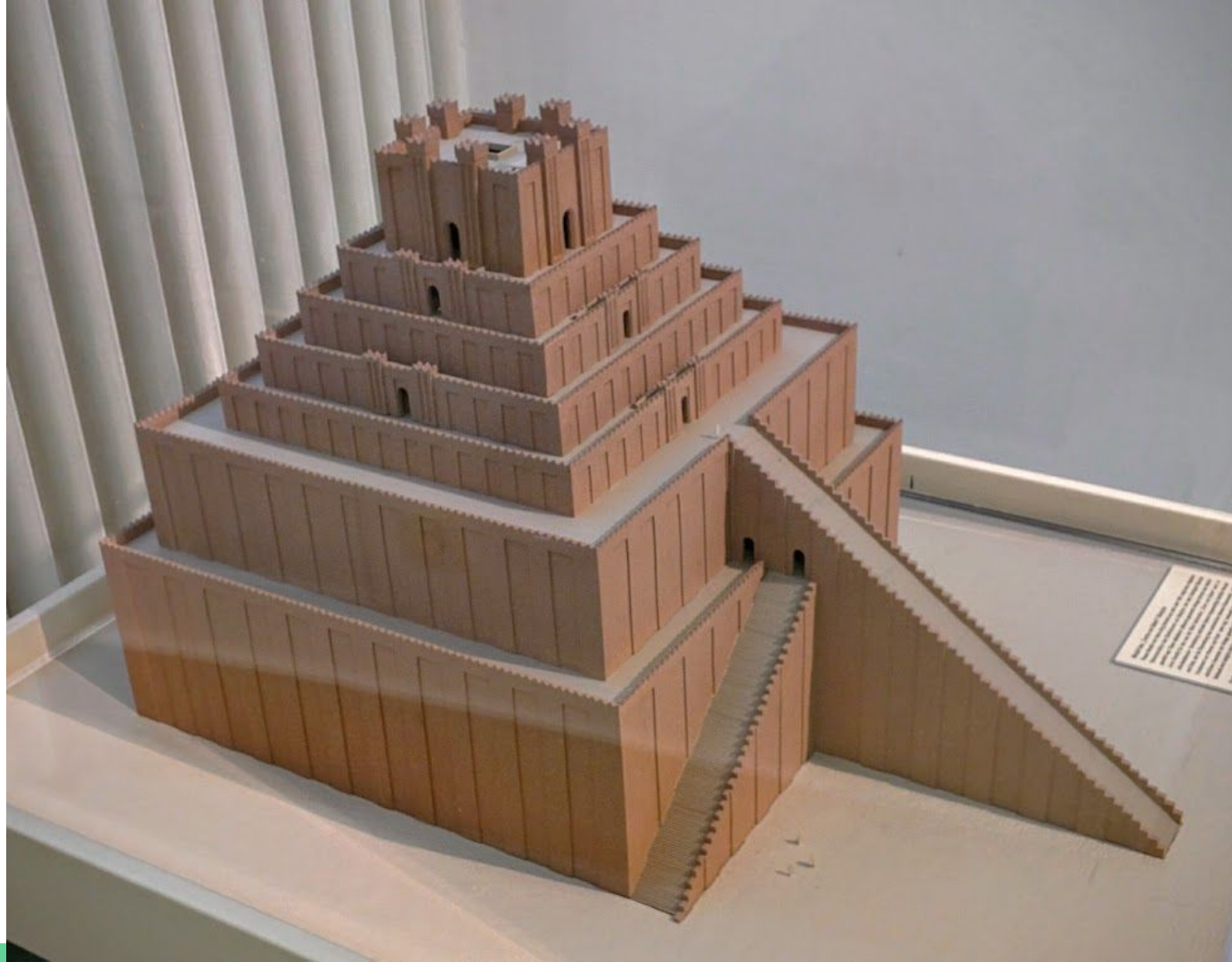
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# Archeological Remains today



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## Model of the „Tower of Babel“/ Babylon

This model shows a possible reconstruction of the stepped tower of Babylon, which was dedicated to the city god Marduk. The model was made by Hans-Jörg Schmid in 1991. This building – in Akkadian called *zikkurrat* – might be the historical background for the biblical story of the „Tower of Babel“. In Ancient Near Eastern thought, this stair-like structure connected heaven and earth, as the translation of the Sumerian name Etemenanki, „House, foundation of heaven and earth“ suggests. To what extent the model represents the correct appearance of the building, is debatable, as only foundations of this building are preserved.



# **What about New Testament? Today?**



Acts 2:1-12

## **The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost**

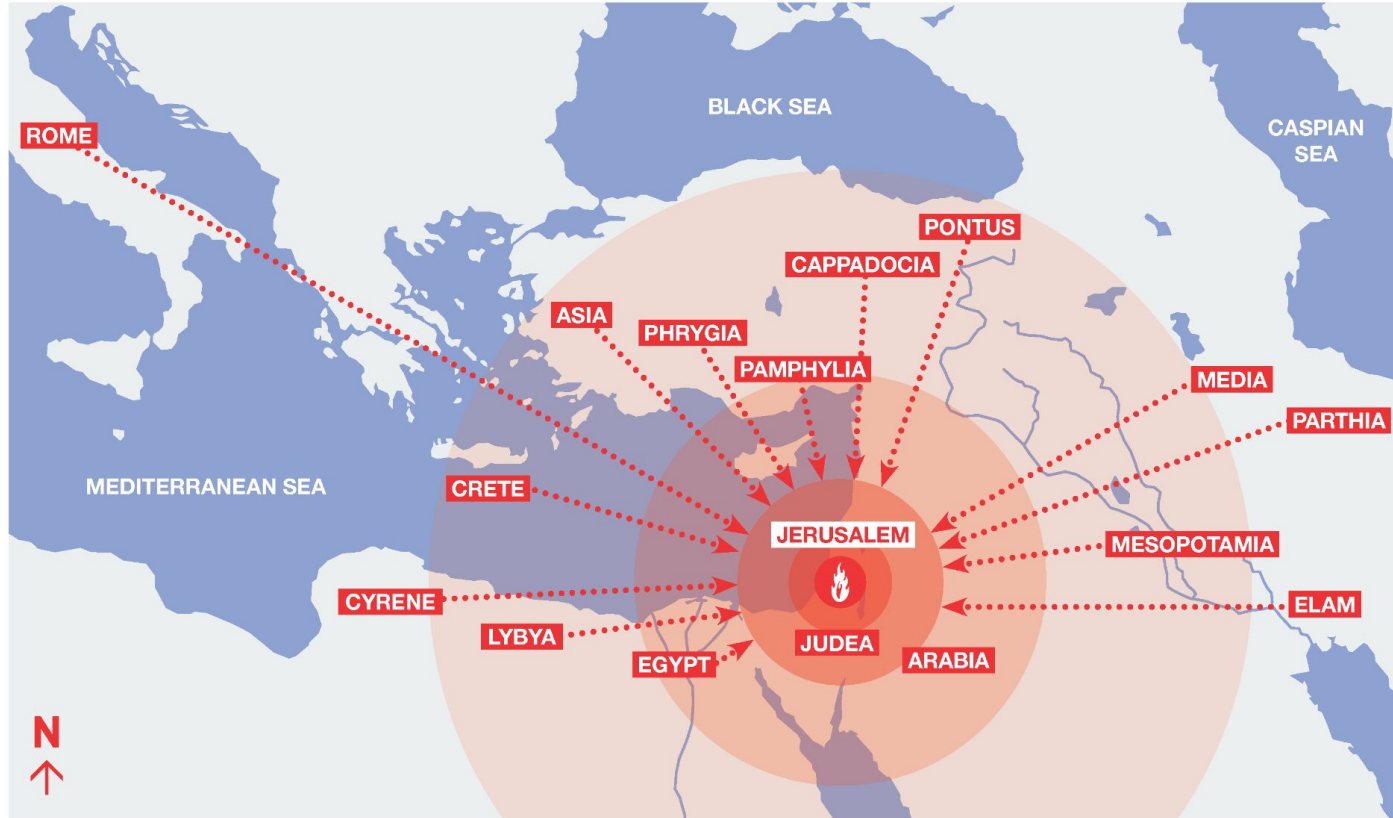
1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues ▼ as the Spirit enabled them.

## Acts 2:1-12

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ▼ 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!'

# THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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