

UNDERSTANDING THE TOWER OF BABEL

The tower of Babel was not built so people could ascend to God in heaven, but so that God would descend down to earth.

THE TOWER OF BABEL WAS A ZIGGURAT

A Ziggurat was an ancient rectangular stepped tower, typically accompanied by an adjoining temple. It was framed in mud brick and the core packed with fill dirt. The facade was then completed with kiln-fired brick. Ziggurats were dedicated to particular deities.

SMALL ROOM

At the top, a bed and table were set, designated to accommodate the deity.

APPROXIMATE SIZE COMPARISON

Great Pyramid of Giza



Tower of Babel

Tower of Babel top view

American Football Field

COMMON PEOPLE

People did not use it to worship. It was a sacred space and off-limits to other use.

STAIRWAY

A visual representation of what was believed to be used by the deities to travel from one realm to another. It was maintained in order to provide the deity with amenities.

Q: What would the people gain from building a ziggurat?

A: Building a ziggurat meant a deity would come into their midst and bring with him or her blessings, prosperity, and protection.

Genesis 11:1-9

What Was So Bad about the Tower of Babel?

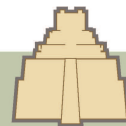
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People lose the presence of God



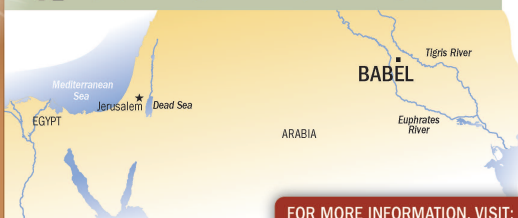
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People attempt to reclaim the presence of God their own way, on their own terms, and for their own selfish reasons



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God's gracious answer: The Covenant with Abraham; God begins reestablishing his presence with his people his way, on his terms, and for his glory



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