

The image features a stylized illustration of the Tower of Babel on the left, a tall, tiered structure with many arched windows. In the foreground on the right, there are silhouettes of several people in traditional, long-sleeved robes, some with their arms outstretched as if in conversation or prayer. The background shows a landscape with rolling hills, a large sun in the top left corner, and a few clouds in a light sky. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by shades of brown, tan, and yellow.

The Beginning of God's Story

Tower of Babel

Hear It: Genesis 1 1:1-9

¹ At this time the whole world spoke one language. Everyone used the same words. ² As people moved from the East, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia. They settled there to live. ³ They said to each other, "Let's make bricks and bake them to make them hard." So they used bricks instead of stones, and tar instead of mortar. ⁴ Then they said to each other, "Let's build for ourselves a city and a tower. And let's make the top of the tower reach high into the sky. We will become famous. If we do this, we will not be scattered over all the earth." ⁵ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the people had built. ⁶ The Lord said, "Now, these people are united. They all speak the same language. This is only the beginning of what they will do. They will be able to do anything they want. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language. Then they will not be able to understand each other." ⁸ So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth. And they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is where the Lord confused the language of the whole world. So the place is called Babel. So the Lord caused them to spread out from there over all the whole world.



The Tower of Babel

- God commanded the people of the earth to spread out over all the earth to take care of it. Instead, they all decided to live together in one place.
- As they were living together, the people of the earth became arrogant again. They wanted to be like God, so they decided to build a great city around a massive tower.
- God came to visit them and, seeing the pride in their hearts and their desire to disobey him, decided to spread them out over all the earth.
- He accomplished this by messing up and confusing their language so that everybody spoke a different language!
- This forced the people of the earth to move away from each other.

**WE MUST OBEY
GOD RATHER
THAN MEN.**

ACTS 5:29

Reflection Questions

1. What did God command the people to do?

Spread over all the earth!

2. What did the people of the Earth do instead?

They all lived in one place.

3. Why did the people want to build a great tower?

So they could be like God!

4. How did God spread the people of the Earth out?

He mixed up their languages!

Challenge Question: How can you obey God this week?