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**Scripture Series**

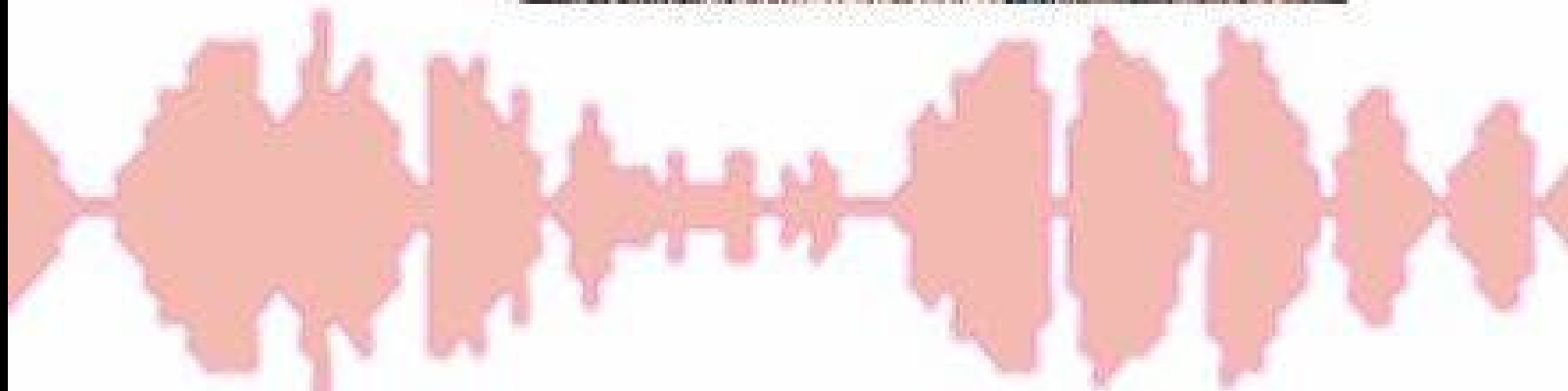
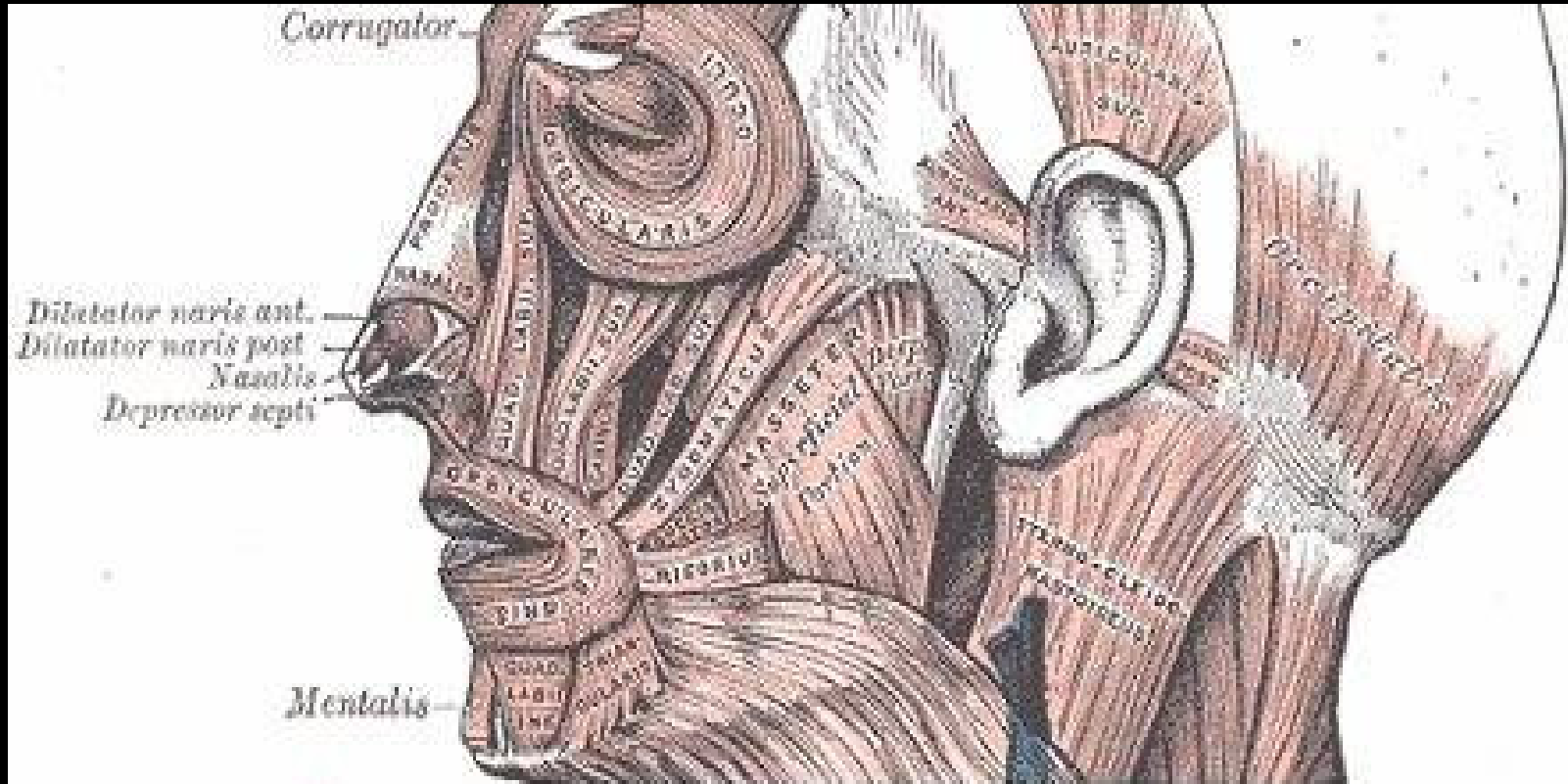
**Confusion**

**Genesis 11**





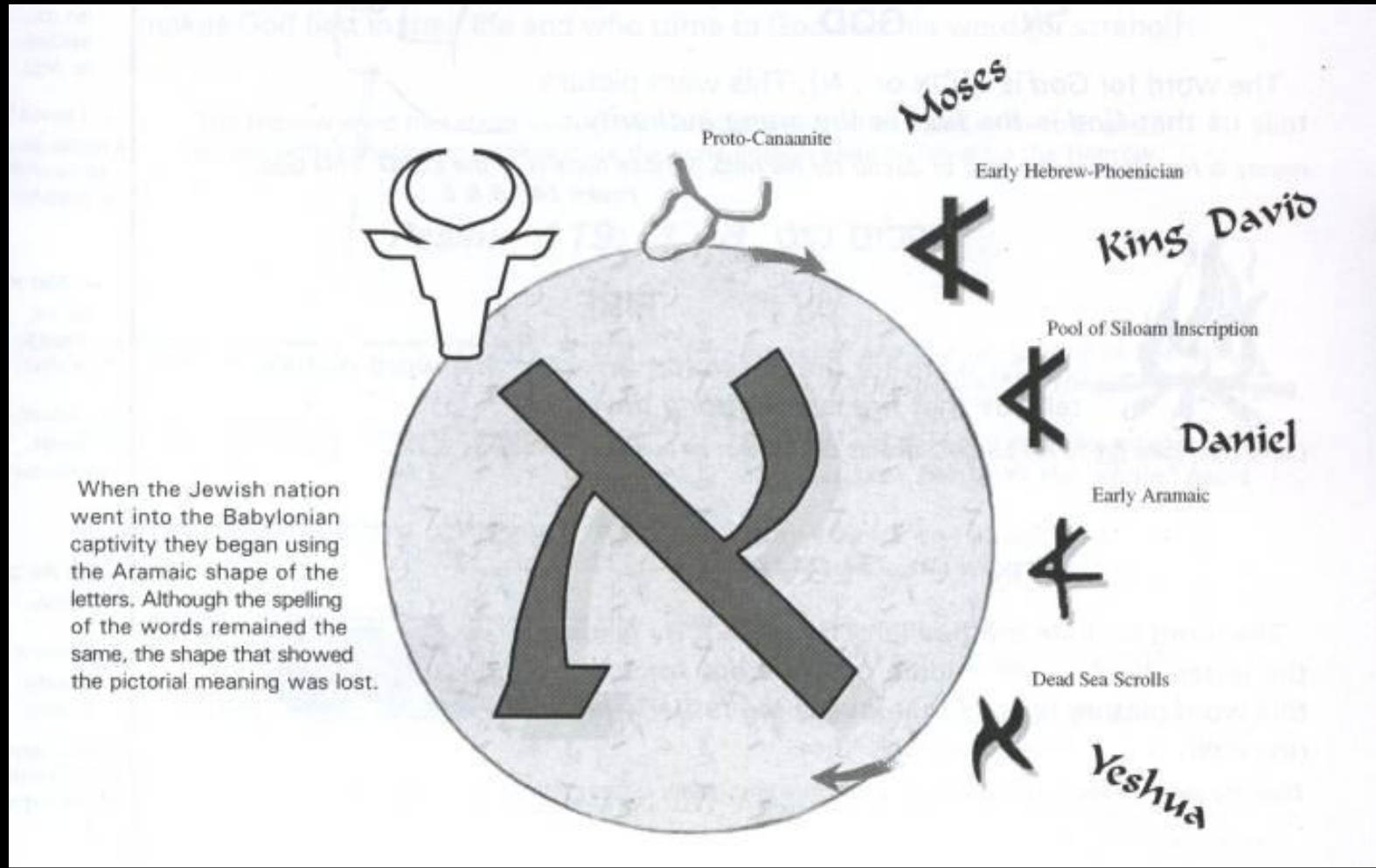
Genesis 11:1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. **Literally “of one lip and one set of words”, that is, one phonology and one vocabulary.**



# Which language was this?



Most likely an ancient form of Hebrew, a Semitic language, since the antediluvian records were transmitted through Noah and Shem, and since it is very unlikely that neither Noah nor Shem participated in the rebellion and judgment at Babel.

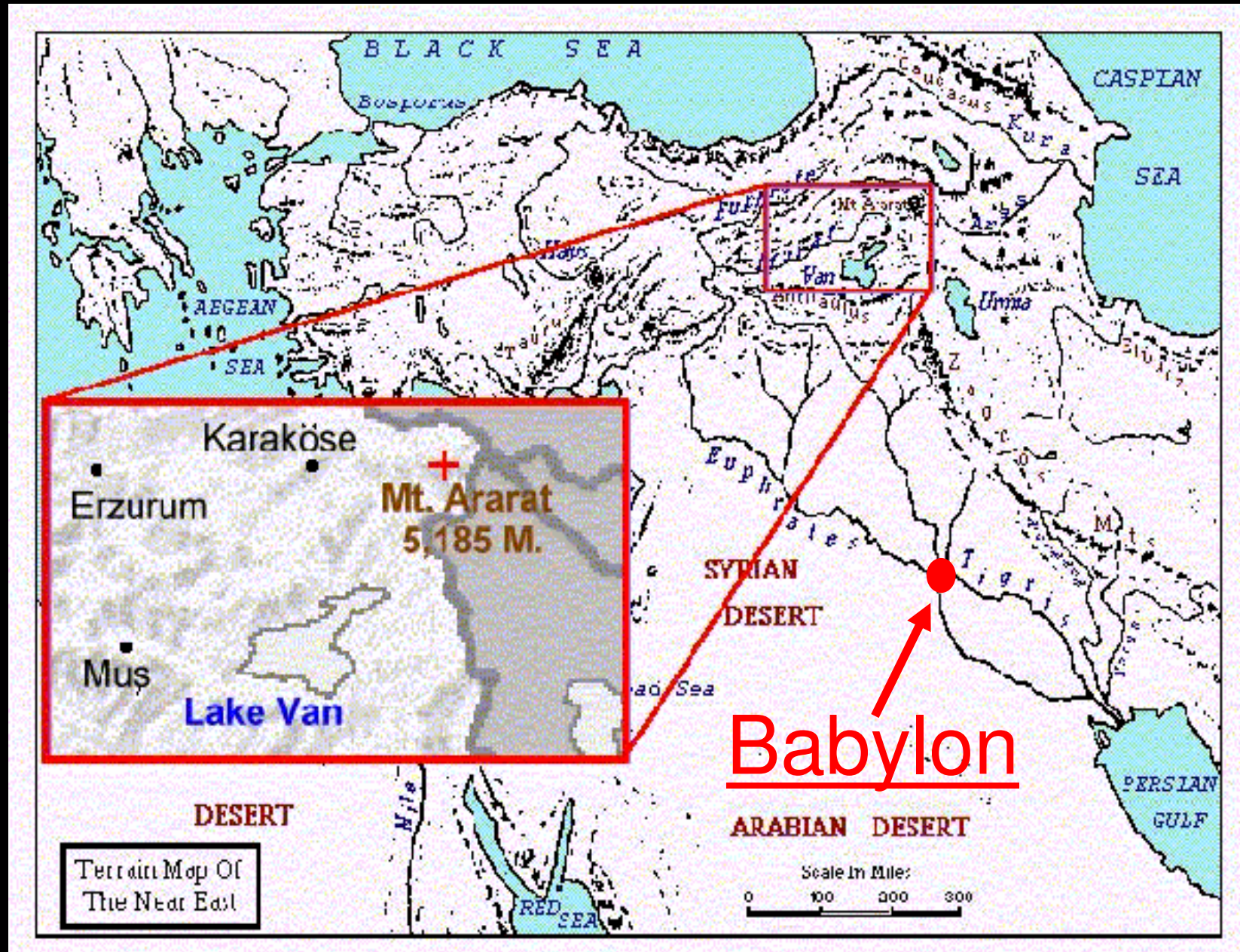




Where did the families of the sons of Noah choose to settle?



Genesis 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.



What type of construction did they employ?



**Brick and mortar.** Genesis 11:3  
Then they said to one another,  
“Come, let us make bricks and bake  
*them* thoroughly.” They had brick for  
stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.



Did they obey the second part of God's command repeated in Genesis 9:1 to "fill the earth" ?



**No!** Genesis 11:4 And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”





What  
was  
the  
purpose  
of this  
tower?

The tower was undoubtedly initially promoted as a great religious monument dedicated “unto heaven”. However, under the leadership of Nimrod (“let us rebel”), worship of the Creator was then changed into worship of the creation. The record of the gospel in the constellations of the stars was corrupted into astrology.



Did the people do what they proposed?



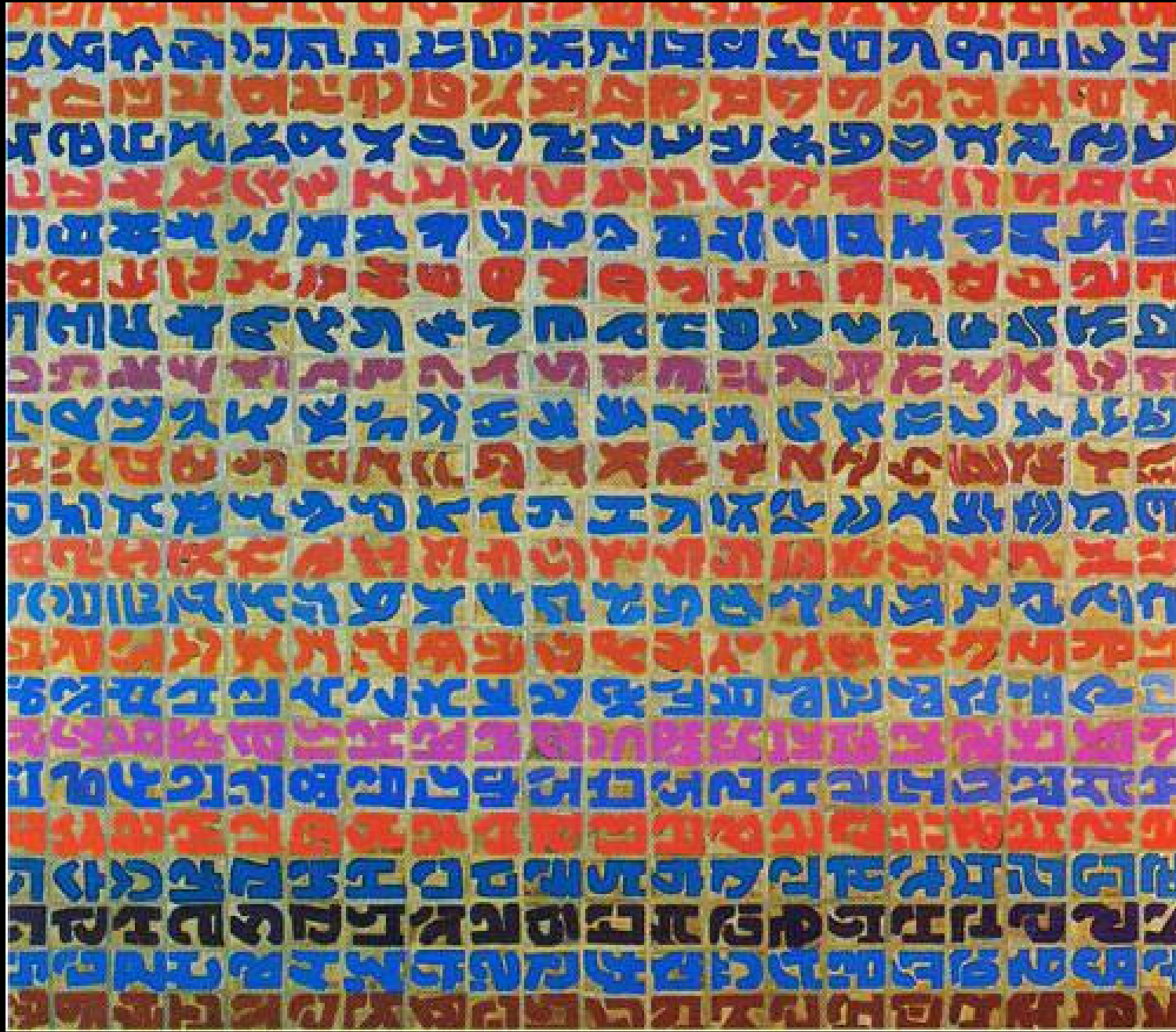


**Yes!**

Genesis 11:5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

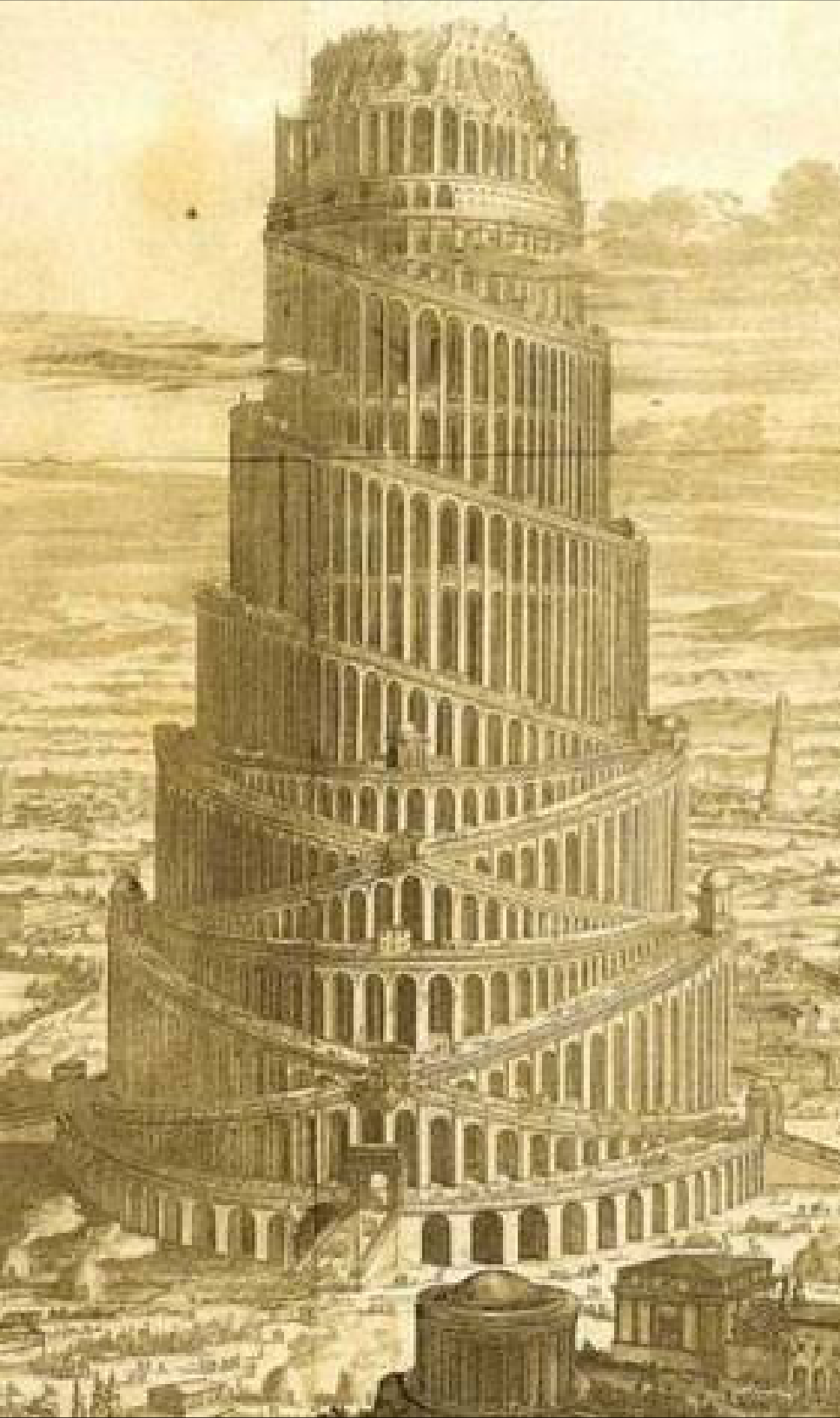


Did God confirm that all people spoke the same language?



**Yes!** Genesis 11:6 And the Lord said, “Indeed, the people *are* one, and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.





What did  
God say  
He would do?

Genesis 11:7 “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.



Was more than one person of the Trinity present on this occasion?



Yes! Genesis 11:7 “Come, let Us go...



What did the Lord cause to happen when He confused their language?



Genesis 11:8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.





What is the name that was given to the city and its tower?

Genesis 11:9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.



What does the word “babel” mean, as in “Tower of Babel”?

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In Hebrew  
the word  
“babel”  
means  
“mixed”  
or  
“confusion”.

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