

Tower of Babel

CHARACTERS: 3 (*and as many extras as you wish; can be done with puppets*)

PROPS: Tools, optional

RUN TIME: 2 minutes

SCRIPTURE BASED ON: Genesis 11

At rise: Elam and Peleg, who sound like construction workers from New Jersey approach Joktan and any extras having breakfast.

PELEG: Hey, Joktan. Showing up late for work again?

ELAM: Don't bother coming in today.

PELEG: All the work on the great tower has come to a halt. Elam and I just came from there.

ELAM: That's right – I was telling Peleg here its absolute confusion over there. The bricks aren't getting moved, tar got spilled all over. A real mess.

PELEG: Most of the people are speaking some sort of gibberish. Nobody can tell what's going on.

ELAM: It's a regular zoo over there. And I think I know who's at the bottom of it. Nimrod. (*mocking*) Nimrod, the mighty hunter. I think he's got all the Cushites pretending they can't understand us so they don't have to take orders from us.

PELEG: That old dude, the lunatic that keeps saying we're disgracing the name of YHWH by trying to make a name for ourselves and build a tower right up into the heavens ...

Peleg: (*interrupting*) Yeah, that old fool Javan (*Joktan just gives him a blank stare and shakes his head "no"*) the one that says that the heavens and the earth were created in six days, (*Joktan nods "yes" like he's just figured out who the guy is*) Javan says this is something YHWH did to humble us.

ELAM: Get this. Javan says from now on we'll speak in different languages. But that's just crazy talk.

PELEG: We all speak the same language.

ELAM: I'm sure its Nimrod and the Cushites trying to pull one over on the rest of us and grab the glory for themselves.

PELEG: (*excited with his "bright idea"*) Or maybe it's Nahor and Aram playing some kind of practical joke. Everybody pretending they don't understand a word anybody else is saying. What do you think, Joktan?

JOKTAN: Yo no hablo espanole.

OPTIONAL OTHER: Parlez vouz, Francais?

OPTIONAL OTHER: Sprechen Sie German?

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