

# THE FULLNESS OF TIME:

The Sovereignty Of God  
In Christmas

Alexander  
The Pawn



But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

## Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the

heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.

Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Now the whole earth had **one language** and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

## Genesis 11:4

### Action

### Purpose

### Desire

They built a city ....

... in order not to be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.

Security

They built a tower with its top in the heavens ...

... in order to make a name for themselves.

Praise

## Genesis 9:1

And God blessed Noah and his sons  
and said to them, "Be fruitful and  
multiply and fill the earth.



## Genesis 11:4

Then they said, "Come, **let us build ourselves** a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

## Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "**Let us make man in our image**, after our likeness.

God's division of the world into different languages hinders the rise of a global, monolithic anti-Christian state that would have the power to simply wipe out all Christians. We often think that the diversity of languages and cultures and peoples and political states is a hindrance to world evangelization—the spread of Christ's glory. That's not the way God sees it. God is more concerned about the dangers of human uniformity than he is about human diversity. We humans are far too evil to be allowed to unite in one language or one government. The gospel of the glory of Christ spreads better and flourishes more *because* of 6,500 languages, not just in spite of it.

— John Piper



# Alexander the Great



## 356-323BC

- ◆ Kingdom extended from Macedonia to the Indus river valley
- ◆ Introduced Hellenism to Asia, the conversion of existing cultures to Greek culture
- ◆ Introduced a common language, Koine Greek



# Alexander's Empire



-  Conquered provinces
-  Allied states

Red boundary shows Macedonia and the Hellenic League inherited from Philip of Macedon.

Brown outline of United States shows reach of Alexander's empire

Alexander the Great had the characteristics of a rampant narcissist.

Fortified with grandiose visions, Alexander mobilized a massive army for the sole purpose of meeting his personal ambitions. His view of the world was narrowed by his belief that everyone was either his supporter or his despised enemy.

- Scott Barry Kaufman



## Daniel 11:2-3

“And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them. And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece. Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills.

## Daniel 11:4

And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.

There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, "**Mine!**"

– Abraham Kuyper





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Have you ever wondered by God started the church by enabling the first Christians to speak in tongues on Pentecost (Acts 2)?

This wasn't some ecstatic experience for their personal benefit; it was God demonstrating how he intended to reverse to curse of Babel. On that day, people from all over the known world heard these Galilean Christians speak of what God had done through Christ "in their own native languages."

– Gary Delashmutt

