

**Sacred Roots: Communication: Do You Understand Me Now? (Week 3)**  
**Unearthing Who We Are, Planting Who We Will Be**  
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I. Introduction

*“Good communication is the bridge between confusion and clarity”*  
*Nat Turner*

- Icebreaker: Telephone... LISTEN UP!

**What are some things you noticed during this discussion exercise? What could you perceive as key(s) to effective communication?**

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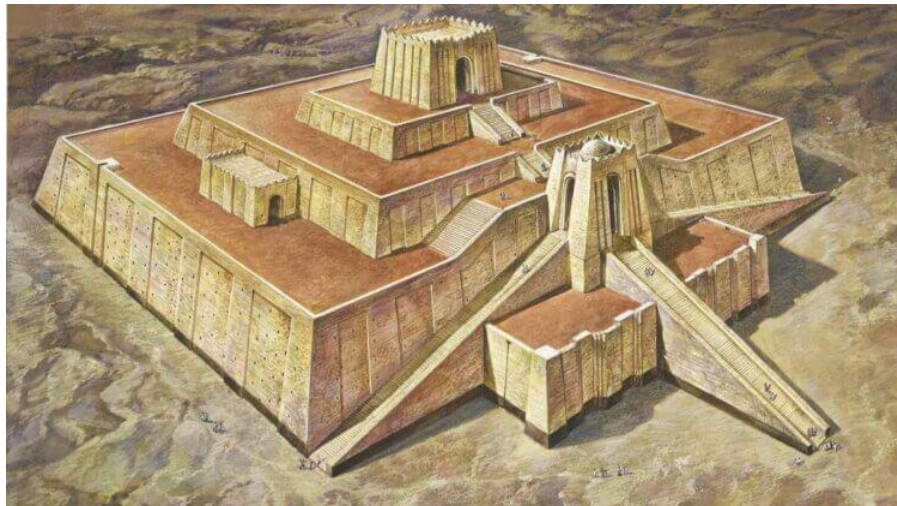
**SCRIPTURE- The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)**

1. **Language and Communication:** The story highlights the power of language and communication in shaping human societies. The confusion of languages served as a catalyst for the diversification of human culture and the formation of distinct nations.

(v.1)- Worldwide Unity

(v.2-3) - Ingenuity and Creativity (DISOBEDIENCE)

- of God’s orders to fill the earth and continue spreading. They decided to settle down in Shinar and build themselves up as much as possible.
- Possible astrology and polytheistic worship. Many believe the Tower of Babel was a **ziggurat structure**, a structure used to worship gods in the heavens. So this would be blatantly worshipping other gods instead of the one True God. (Location- Present Day Iraq)



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2. **Human Pride and Divine Judgment:** It serves as a cautionary tale against human arrogance and the consequences of challenging or defying divine authority. The tower's construction was seen as an attempt to rival God's power and authority, resulting in divine intervention.

(v.4-6) Motive, God's Attention & Intervention

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3. **Cultural and Linguistic Diversity:** The scattering of humanity and the creation of different languages explain the existence of diverse cultures, languages, and nations across the world. It underscores the belief that these differences are a result of divine intervention.
4. **Origin of Languages:** The Tower of Babel story offers one explanation for the origin of diverse languages on Earth. It suggests that all languages trace back to a single origin, but their divergence occurred due to divine intervention. (New languages created)

(v.6-9) Separation, Impending Doom

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**Babel v. Utopia (Heaven) / Confusion v. Clarity**

Conclusion & Notes:

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