#416 Ending the USSR to Build the Second Babel – One World, One People



One World, One People. A major theme attached to John Lennon's music was "One World, One People." Inside the vinyl of the single titled "Starting Over" was written, "One World, One People." And the song "Imagine" (which we will be getting back to) includes

the words, "and the world will be as one," and ends with the words, "and the world will live as one."

The spirit of Lennon's words lives in Genesis 11:1-6.

Genesis 11:1-6 (KJV) And THE WHOLE EARTH WAS OF ONE LANGUAGE, and ONE SPEECH.

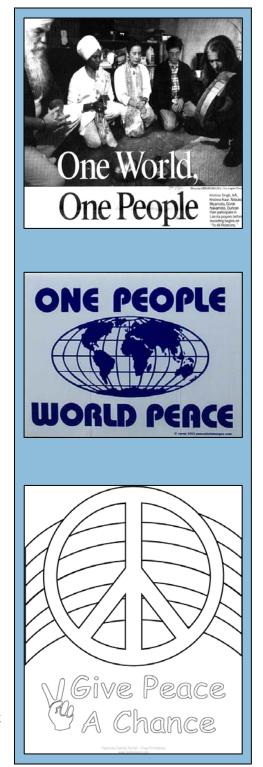
2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
6 And the LORD said, Behold, <u>THE PEOPLE IS ONE</u>, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Give Peace a Chance. The spirit and philosophy behind Lennon's theme of "One World, One People" was also "Give Peace a Chance." "Give Peace a Chance" was Lennon's first single after the break-up of the Beatles. He recorded it on June 1, 1969. It became the anthem of the peace movement in the United States during the latter part of the Vietnam War era. "All we are saying, is give peace a chance."



Key Understanding: The spirit of "One World, One People" in the music and life of John Lennon lives in Genesis 11:1-6.

John Lennon's hopes of "One World, One People" and "Give Peace a Chance" were loaded with the idea of the superpowers of the East and West in the Cold War era somehow sufficiently compromising and reconciling militarily and ideologically to "Give Peace a Chance," or, alternatively, founded upon the panacean recommendation in "Imagine" that there be no countries or religions or possessions to kill or die for.

At the time Lennon was shot on December 8, 1980, and millions were singing "All we are saying, is give peace a chance" in tribute to him, no one was foreseeing that V. I. Lenin's Soviet Union would crumble within 11 years, and that the *revised* formula for Lennon's "Give Peace a Chance" and "One World, One People" was the end of the Cold War.

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