#1065 The Door of Heaven and the Gate of God – "Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven"

Revelation 3:7-8 (KJV) And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee AN OPEN DOOR, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.



Key Understanding: *Let us build a tower*. The antithesis of entering through the "open door" into heaven is man attempting to get there another way, exemplified by the events of Genesis 11, "let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven."

Genesis 11:1-7 (KJV) And THE WHOLE EARTH WAS OF ONE LANGUAGE, and ONE SPEECH [Woodrow Wilson's April 2, 1917, 'The World Must Be Made Safe for Democracy' 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, <u>LET US BUILD US A</u>
<u>CITY AND A TOWER</u>, <u>WHOSE TOP MAY</u>
<u>REACH UNTO HEAVEN</u>; 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 <u>ONE LANGUAGE</u>; and this they begin to do: and now NOTHING WILL BE <u>RESTRAINED</u> FROM THEM, which they have IMAGINED to do.

7 Go to, <u>LET US GO DOWN, AND THERE</u> <u>CONFOUND THEIR LANGUAGE</u>, that they may not understand one another's speech.



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