

## How did all the races and Languages come about?

### Introduction

After God created the first man Adam and the woman Eve, they multiplied as God commanded them to. As the population increased they spread apart all over the world. Centuries later the new generation of people discovered pockets of peoples of different colors like black, white, yellow and brown. They spoke different languages and lived together in large groups. Because they could not understand one another they gave each group a name that best suited the accent of their languages or the place where they lived. Soon that became the name of the race.

### How did the different languages start?

The story of the Tower of Babel in the Holy Bible explains how did all this happen.

Genesis 11:1-4, "**Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.** As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. Then they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.' They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, 'Come let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; **let us make a name for ourselves,** lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth'."

Notice their motive behind: "Let us make a name for ourselves." Men tried to glorify themselves rather than God.

### All New spoken languages started right at the Tower of Babel.

Genesis 11:5-7, "But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, 'Indeed the people are one and they have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand each other's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the earth.'"

### How did the various races start?

Those who spoke the same language group together formed their own cultures and observed their own traditions and multiplied.

Over a period of several generations, they multiplied into great nations and occupied the surrounding areas and settled down. They developed even their written languages and taught them to their children and children's children. They claimed to be special race and created by a god of their own.

Their skin colors changed, due to prolonged living in different geographic

locations, inter cultural marriages and the kind of food they ate while growing up. This gave them additional value to their claim as special race.

**Another reason** is, all human beings have the same organs and features as the first man Adam. Yet each person is unique. Something like a patented product from a company, packaged in different sizes, colors and boxes, but the contents and its manufacturer remains the same. All human beings also need light, water, air, food, Sun, Moon and, Stars etc., for their survival. **Therefore, the whole human race originated from Adam and Eve.**

Therefore, the various races are not created by different gods and guided plans of their lives.

### Consequences of races and languages

These wrong assumptions by people caused devastating effects on the human race. They started to distrust each other, hate each other, dislike each other, fought each other and even taught their children to do the same generation after generation so it continues till today. Now we live in distrust, envy, jealousy and hatred, fear-of-wars, poverty and various diseases as a result of sin and separation from God.

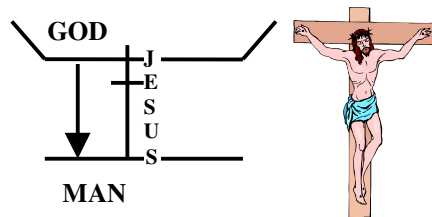
But it has served God's purpose to keep them from being united to the extent to become too evil and destructive.

**The truth of the matter is that there is Only ONE CREATOR GOD and ONE**

**RACE, THE HUMAN RACE. ALL OF US BELONG TO THE SAME BIG FAMILY, THE FAMILY OF GOD.**

God's Word further authenticates this in Genesis 3:20, "And Adam called his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living." **Therefore, the whole Human race originated from Adam and Eve.** But God had to separate us from Himself because of our sin, for He is a holy God.

**What could bring healing to the sickly world?**



**God is reconciling the world to Himself through His Son Jesus Christ.**

Apostle Paul says 1Timothy 2:5, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles."

I believe, if all the human beings accept this truth found in God's Word and accept God's plan of Salvation through His Son Jesus Christ for their lives, we will soon see a dramatic transformation of lives. Attitude changes, like: love in place of hatred, jealousy, envy, murder; generosity in place of greediness;

harmony and peace in place of wars and fighting; and many more, starting with individuals like you and me overflowing into societies, nations and the whole world. As they become God fearing and obedient to God's teachings each person will accept one another as members of God's own family, living in love and harmony with one another. **Isn't it what we are all looking for in this unpredictable, unfriendly and violent world?**

**We will still have the same colors, speak the same languages, carry the same names, citizens of the same countries, yet we will be One People, children of God, citizens of Heaven totally transformed by the power of the Almighty God. Isn't it fantastic?**

**Think of it. What is impossible for God who placed the Sun, the Moon and the Stars and the Galaxies in its places in the Universe? Nothing is too big for Him to do, except anything contradictory to His Holy Character.**

**God has promised in Ezekiel 11:19-21, "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose hearts are devoted to their vile images and detestable idols, I will bring down on their own heads what they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD." This is**

**God's Will and He will surely do it for us.**

After redeeming us from sin He wants to empower us with His Spirit to help us to live a life truly pleasing to Him by loving Him and our neighbors as ourselves as a big family of God according to His teachings in the Bible. At the right time He will take us to be with Him forever.

Ephesians 2:19, "Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."

Colossians 3:11 says, "Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."

**How could we become part of the Great family of God?**

Presently we are separated from God because of our sin. When we receive Jesus Christ our sins will be forgiven and God has promised us to accept us as His children. The following explains how you could become part of the Great Family of God and enjoy the full benefits of all that He has promised us in His Holy word, the Bible.

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