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Good evening. This is the 11th of March, 2021. We're continuing our dual study, our double-edged sword of Matthew, the gospel and end times.

So if your Bible is within reach, you can be turning to Matthew chapter 15, although we will not be there too long. And, uh, if your Bible is not within reach shame on you, what are you doing here? But yes, we are going to be in the word of God. We're also going to, I'm on a temporary binge of looking at current events and, um, a little of that goes a long way, but it is important to have situational awareness, to know your enemy, to view the signs of the times.

Jesus told his disciples, uh, they should be aware of the signs of the times. He himself was aware of movements, both religious and social. He was aware of history.

He could tell the story of the people, the millstone fell on, and he knew the practices, the deceptive and devious practices of the religious leadership of his day. So, as I say, we're going to take brief note of a few of these things, mainly because I was taught as an instructor in the gunnery department at the field artillery school, that it is a good idea at the beginning of your class to establish the need for the material. Why do I need to know what I'm about to look at? Well, after my brief review here, after we pray, I think you'll feel the need that I certainly do.

And then we will proceed to the material that counts, which is the truth of the word of God. Let's take a moment as we begin to ask God's blessing on our fellowship and on our study. And when I say that our fellowship is really important.

Hopefully you are not gathered with yourself and the Holy Spirit alone, but you have others in your family or someone with whom you can talk as we do before, during and after class. And those ideas that are sparked and memories and recall of other studies and other principles, other passages in the word of God are very valuable. They're hugely important.

It's part of what the Holy Spirit does when two or three are gathered together in the name of the Lord. Our fellowship around the word is one of the great features of our church rather than just a monologue from me. So don't underestimate the value of that kicking things around, asking questions, having a slightly divergent point of view, or don't you think you should have covered this? And I was thinking about that and you can fill in things that don't come out of my mouth.

And in many cases, that's the best part of the study is ideas that are sparked just by being in the passage and having the Holy Spirit awaken other truths into which we're fitting these puzzle pieces. So when I say ask God's blessing on our fellowship and on our study, I consider those to be of equal importance. It's not just the study that issues forth

from where I'm sitting.

It is the interaction with it that all of our souls undertake in the presence in power of the Holy Spirit and those gifts that God has distributed to each and every one of us. So just don't underestimate that part as we go to the Lord in prayer. Father, we are so grateful for the preservation of your word.

There are men down through history and women who gave their lives to preserve it, to undertake, to translate it and make it available to people in the common language to ensure that it has been available. And we have no excuse in this day and age that your word is available as never before. At the click of a button, at the touch of a screen we can have any translation we choose.

We can have any version, we can have any number of helps and lexical aids and concordances. And we know that when you provide plenty, it is to lay up treasure and sustenance for times of want. And it is clear that there could easily be a time of lack and of hardship coming and that this largesse that we have now is useful to be stored up and laid aside for times when it may not be so available.

We pray that as we look at these passages from your word and analyze the events that are taking place around us in its light, that your Holy Spirit will teach us and impress these truths on our hearts. Bring to mind those that we have learned in the past and enable us to be workers that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing your word, fully equipped, thoroughly furnished unto all good works, able to put on the full armor that we are going to need in the days ahead. We pray these things in Jesus name.

Amen. Well, as I said, I'm going to depart from my usual practice, which is to dive right in, or at least to begin with a review of what we've seen in God's word and note a few things that are happening in the world around us. Um, let me begin by pointing out a principle of, of, of what is called progress in, uh, social issues.

And that is if there's something that's controversial, something that meets with resistance, you could take, um, I remember when there was no mention or reference or depiction, uh, of homosexuality in our entertainment. Uh, it was a very rare thing. Didn't really ever see anything even remotely referring to it until the late 1960s with the, the cultural revolution that started taking place at that time.

And then, uh, as, uh, as things began to change, you have maybe the first same gender kiss on screen and it generates a huge furor and backlash and cancel my, uh, support for your sponsors. I'm not going to buy whatever brand of toilet paper was sponsoring that particular thing. And, uh, but then the second one, well, there's only half as much furor.

And the third one, uh, there's, and you know, by the time you get to the 10th or 11th or 12th on screen, same gender smooch, uh, people just can't generate the same level of,

of, uh, controversy that they did for the first one. Well, this is a known tactic that you in your people to something that you want to get across. Um, and that is initially meets with, with a great deal of resistance.

Well, so if you want to see what a trend is likely to be, you can watch for these first toe in the water. First time it happens events. And expect that over time it is going to happen more and more.

And the resistance just can't generate the same level of energy when it happens. The third and the fourth and the 12th and the 20th and the 50th time. So when I tell you that, uh, a couple of, well, actually about a week and a half ago, um, Amazon who famously, uh, withdrew their tech support, Amazon web services.

They withdrew it from the competing tweet platform parlor. You know, parlor ran on that and they didn't like the fact that parlor was a haven for conservatives and was the fastest growing, most downloaded app on three or four different sites. And so Amazon killed it by pulling the heart out of it, which AWS, Amazon web services, uh, is what made it go.

And so they, they revoked their, their contract saying they had violated some term of service or they found a technicality and pulled it out and basically killed it. Well, Amazon, as those of you that are older will remember, started out as a seller of books. That's the first thing they ever sold on Amazon was books.

And they expanded out to become this huge carousel of things that both they directly sell and a third party vendors that that operate under their umbrella and are guaranteed by Amazon, you know, to deliver and so on. So Amazon, uh, on February the 28th, which is 11 days ago, um, has now begun to censor books. They are refusing to sell books because of their content.

Um, you can find this in any number of articles dated February 28 or a day or two later. I'll read you a few snips from the New York post from that date. The headline is Amazon turns from bookseller to sensor by dropping transgenderism book in a new and deeply troubling twist on big text power.

Amazon has decided to quietly squelch a book on transgenderism. Last week, the virtual marketplace stopped selling Ryan Anderson's 2018 book. Uh, when Harry became Sally, you know, this is a takeoff on the, the movie title.

When Harry met Sally had what Billy Crystal and I don't know, somebody, um, when Harry became Sally responding to the transgender movement, which offers a scholarly analysis of transgenderism that questions politically correct sacred cows. In particular, it shares the stories of adults who were encouraged to transition as children and later greatly regretted those irreversible alterations. This follows Amazon's move to deny

service to parlor as that social media site was growing popular with righties as an alternative to censorship prone Twitter.

Amazon now controls an astounding 83% of us book sales and its guidelines say that providing access to the written word is important, including content that may be considered objectionable. Its exceptions to that policy include hate speech and sexual exploitation of children, but neither explains why a book making perfectly legitimate points suddenly vanished after three years on the site. Was it just that the house was passing the equality act, which expands anti-discrimination protection for transgender people to controversial areas like sport? Um, a group of senators including Marco Rubio wrote Amazon boss Jeff Bezos asking why Amazon has unabashedly wielded its outsized market share to silence an important voice merely for the crime of violating woke group think.

That's, that's a phrase you can jot down and see if you can work into the conversation. Woke group think. Anyway, you can go on and read the rest of that.

But remember the first time a thing happens, it creates a stir. Senators will write letters. But as you watch, I predict in my non-prophetic gift that more and more controversial books, uh, questioning woke group think are going to start quietly disappearing from online sellers.

And as a concomitant to that, anything that questions the prevailing mood and the prevailing policy of the day is going to draw fire and ire and cancellation. Let me read you a few things. And uh, it, I doubt this is going to give away anything.

I try to be, you know, pretty much apolitical and, and not talk a lot about these things, but you'll be able to tell by my choice of stories here, uh, what you already know because all of you know me. Um, here's a March 11th, 2021. Uh, note Stanford doctor COVID lockdowns are the biggest public health mistake we've ever made.

Uh, this is a doctor teaching at Stanford university. The professor says the harm caused by lockdowns is both severe and long lasting news week reports. Dr. J Bhattacharya, a professor at Stanford university medical school recently says they're this big mistake.

The harm to people is catastrophic. Uh, Bhattacharya who made the comments during an interview with the daily clout coauthored the great Barrington declaration, a petition that calls for the end of COVID-19 lockdowns, claiming they are producing devastating effects on short and longterm public health. Stanford professor bases his conclusion on two basic facts.

First, the risk and danger of the virus is far greater for older people than it is for all others. Second lockdowns themselves are harmful because they are not a natural, normal way to live. Uh, even worse, the lockdowns are trickled down epidemiology since

they are exposing the essential working class to the disease while protecting the more fortunate non-essential class.

Um, along with that, Dr. Jim Meehan on March the 10th writes, uh, addressing the myth. If masks don't work, why do surgeons wear them? Uh, anybody that says masking is largely a waste of time. If you say that to somebody, they're going to say, well, you know, why do you think doctors and nurses wear them in hospitals? Of course they work.

Well, this is a myth and you can have your head chopped off and handed to you on a plate for saying so, but it is a myth and few doctors are brave enough to come out and say so. But this is one Dr. Jim Meehan, uh, says I am a surgeon who has performed more than 10,000 surgical procedures wearing a surgical mask. However, that fact alone doesn't really qualify me as an expert on the matter.

More importantly, I am the former editor of a medical journal. I know how to read medical literature, distinguish good science from bad and fact from fiction. Believe me, the medical literature is filled with bad fiction masquerading as medical science.

It is very easy to be deceived by bad science. The key word there is easy to be deceived. Since the beginning of the pandemic, I've read hundreds of studies on the science of medical masks.

This is in boldface right here. Based on extensive review and analysis, there is no question in my mind that healthy people should not be wearing surgical or cloth masks, nor should we be recommending universal masking of all members of the population. That recommendation is not supported by the highest level of scientific evidence, i.e. wearing everybody wearing masks is not supported by the scientific evidence at the highest level.

First, let's be clear. The premise that surgeons wearing masks serves as evidence that quote masks must work to prevent viral transmission is a logical fallacy that I would classify as an argument of false equivalence. Those of you that have followed my recommendation to read up on logical fallacies will know exactly what that is.

Go online and get them. I've got a whole textbook on the science of logic and there are chapters on logical fallacies. If you're not going to be deceived, you need to understand how faulty arguments work.

Educate yourself. There's one or two page summaries of logical fallacies. Read them.

There's many. This is false equivalence, i.e. comparing apples to oranges. Although surgeons do wear masks to prevent their respiratory droplets from contaminating the surgical field and the exposed internal tissues of our surgical patients, that is about as far as the analogy extends.

Obviously surgeons cannot socially distance from their surgical patients, unless we use robotic surgical devices, in which case I would definitely not wear a mask. The COVID-19 pandemic is about viral transmission. Surgical and cloth masks do nothing to prevent viral transmission.

We should all realize by now that face masks have never been shown to prevent or protect against viral transmission, which is exactly why they have never been recommended for use during the seasonal flu outbreak, epidemics or previous pandemics. The failure of the scientific literature to support medical masks for influenza and all other viruses is also why Fauci, the U.S. Surgeon General, the CDC, WHO, and pretty much every infectious disease expert stated that wearing masks won't prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2. Although the public health quote authorities flipped, flopped, and later changed their recommendations, the science did not change.

Nor did new science appear that supported the wearing of masks in public. In fact, the most recent systemic analysis once again confirms that masks are ineffective in preventing the transmission of viruses like COVID-19. If a surgeon were sick, especially with a viral infection, they would not perform surgery as they know the virus would not be stopped by their surgical mask.

When surgeons are sick, they don't come and say, well, I can operate anyway because I'm wearing a mask. The mask does nothing to stop viral transmission. Sick surgeons don't operate.

Why? Masks do not protect the patient from viruses. Another area of false equivalence has to do with the environment in which masks are worn. The environment, now listen carefully.

You want to talk about rampant deception? The environments in which surgeons wear masks minimize the adverse effects surgical masks have on their wearers. Unlike the public wearing masks in the community, surgeons work and nurses work in sterile surgical suites equipped with heavy duty air exchange systems that maintain positive pressures, exchange and filter the room air at a very high level and increase the oxygen content of the room air. These conditions limit the negative effects of masks on the surgeon and operating room staff.

And yet, despite these extreme climate control conditions, clinical studies demonstrate the negative effects of wearing masks, which is lowering arterial oxygen and carbon dioxide, rebreathing of these surgical masks on surgeon physiology and performance. In other words, if a surgeon wears a mask very long, he winds up having a carbon dioxide build up in his bloodstream and he has a lowered level of arterial oxygen, which means his brain doesn't work as well. And the longer he operates, the stupider he gets.

That's plain English. Surgeon and operating room personnel are well-trained,

experienced and meticulous about maintaining sterility. We only wear fresh sterile masks.

We don't, we don the mask in a sterile fashion. We wear the mask for short periods of time and change it out at the first signs of excessive moisture buildup, which we know degrades mask effectiveness and increases their negative effects. Surgeons never, and that's in all caps, surgeons never reuse surgical masks, nor do we ever wear cloth masks.

Now don't raise your hands, but how many of you have got one of those blue masks with the white ear strings and you had to run into Walmart and you grab it out of the floor of the car or the glove box or the back seat or wherever it is, stick the thing on and run in there. You know that 90% of the other people in there, if they're wearing one of those masks, it's not fresh out of a package. And if they're wearing cloth masks, how many times have they worn that? How long have they worn it? How full of droplets and you know, you wonder why people are stupid.

Did you ever wonder why, when they painted the arrows on the floor of Walmart and said only go this way, everybody is going the other way because their arterial oxygen is low. Their carbon dioxide is high and they're so dumb. They can't read a great big red arrow that says only walk this way.

The public is being told to wear masks for which they have not been trained in the proper techniques. As a result, they are mishandling frequently touching. You've seen the president touching his mask.

Have you seen the vice president touching her mask? Have you seen every other public person is wearing a mask, talking on a thing, reaching up and lowering it and raising it. As soon as you do that, you have invalidated the mask. The mask is no good.

You have pinched it. You smash droplets into the underside. You have contaminated the mask.

Surgeons never do that and they're wearing, you know, rubber gloves. They're in a sterile field. They've got pressure, positive pressure.

They've got air exchange. They've got high oxygen air in there so that as they're wearing this mask for periods of time, trying to operate on people, they don't go brain stupid. They increase the oxygen because of those masks.

As a result, people are mishandling, frequently touching, constantly reusing masks in a way that increases contamination and is more likely to increase transmission of disease. You are more likely to transmit disease by using these masks and reusing these masks. Just go watch people at the grocery store or Walmart and tell me what you think about the effectiveness of masks in the community.

If you can't help but believe and trust the weak retrospective observational studies and confused public health quote unquote authorities lying to you about the benefits and completely ignoring the risks of medical masks, then you should at least reject the illogical anti-science recommendation to block only two of the three ports of entry for viral diseases. Masks only cover the mouth and nose. They do not protect the eyes and the eyes are just as big, a wet sticky source of viral intrusion into your face as your nose and your mouth.

Ask anybody that's been to nursing school, ask my mom, ask anybody who knows anything, ask my daughter. Anybody who's got even trivial knowledge will tell you, you get viruses in through your eyes. I've suffered innumerable styes in my eyes because they are a viral infection and that's right where they go.

You don't get styes through your nose and mouth and you can wear a mask all day. All you're going to do is blow air up into your eyes and you know, stir up viruses. Anyway, I don't know if you can tell what side of that issue I'm on or not.

Probably not because I am so objective. Here's a constitutional attorney. Welcome to the age of techno fascism.

Welcome to the age of techno fascism. When it comes to free speech activities, regulation is just another word for censorship. Constitutional attorney and author John W Whitehead says in a commentary warning of the dangers of big tech censorship of social media free speech in his video commentary and the title of it is techno censorship.

When censoring quote disinformation becomes silencing truth, Rutherford Institute president Whitehead cautions against short sighted tolerance of censorship, especially when it comes to social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook. Whatever, this is a quote, whatever powers you allow the government and its corporate operatives to claim now for the sake of the greater good or because you like or trust those in charge will eventually be abused and used against you by tyrants of your own making. Welcome to the age of techno fascism, where government and corporations collude to dictate self serving realities, quote unquote, under the pretense of protecting the public from disinformation.

Clothed in tyrannical self righteousness, techno fascism is powered by technological monsters, both corporate and governmental working in tandem to achieve a common goal. Thus far, the tech giants have been able to sidestep the first amendment by virtue of their non-governmental status. When it comes to free speech activity, regulation is just another word for censorship.

Whitehead explains warning against the Orwellian dangers of pervasive censorship creep. The steady pervasive censorship creep that is being inflicted on us by corporate tech giants with the blessings of the powers that be threatens to bring about a

restructuring of reality straight out of Orwell's 1984, where the ministry of truth, polices speech and ensures that facts conform to whatever version of reality the government propagandists embrace. I'm sure you can look this up, look up Whitehead or Rutherford Institute or wherever and find the rest of what he says, but let me, uh, give you a final piece of, of observation from this past week.

I was looking through my email and I have a, uh, a Google account and I'm going to read you something that they sent me. Um, and I have to use it quote unquote, maybe I don't, maybe I'm getting ready to get off of it. But I got a, I got an email on what is that? March the 6th take action to secure your compromised passwords.

That's very helpful. I appreciate that. Google found some of your passwords online.

Anyone who finds them can access your accounts. Your Google account is still secure. This leak came from somewhere else on the web.

You can secure your saved passwords now using password manager. Then there's a button here that says take action. So I click it.

Some of your passwords were exposed in a non Google data breach. You should change them now. Go to password checkup.

Here's my question. So far you think, wow, thank you Google for finding out that my passwords have been compromised. How does Google know what my password is? Well, if you attended our year long end time study, you know how they know who makes your phone operating system, Android, Google, who makes your Chrome browser, Google, who operates your free email account and who provides you free maps and helps you map out your destination and give you turn by turn directions.

Google, who knows every single one of your passwords to all of your accounts? Google. Now they said I had three compromised passwords. Here's the thing.

I formerly for how many years, Matt, 16 years or something. I said, yeah, 13, 14 years. I administrated a, an online chat group.

And so when people's passwords would get messed up, I would go reset their password and then I would test to be sure that password worked. And I would set it to really something simple so that they could get back into their account and then change it to something complex themselves. But they couldn't change their password until they could get into the system.

So I would make these really easy passwords. Well, Google found the accounts of three of these people and the simple password that I had put in to let them get back into the system and change it to something hard and said, this, this is too simple of a password and it has been compromised. It's exposed on the web.

I have found it somewhere. Well, you know where they found it. I can tell you where they found it.

I used my Verizon email, not Gmail. I used my Verizon Gmail to email this simple password to this person and say, log in with this and immediately change your password to something hard. That's the only place that password has ever been exposed and it was changed.

It's no longer that way. But Google has access to my Verizon email where I emailed that password. You know, it's a chess site.

So I would say, you know, your password is king's pawn or you know, rook takes queen or some goofball simple thing related to chess that they could go in, get into their account and change it. There's only one place that password has ever been exposed and that's a personal email I sent from myself to a member of the board. And Google says that password is out in the open and you need to change it.

They know what it is because they have read my Verizon email. Now if that doesn't scare you or at least sober you, it should. When I came to this security checkup, change your three compromised passwords.

Well, here's the name, which is a board member on the chess board and this simple password. You better change this right away. But then it says, uh, you have, uh, when I go to password checkup, it says to change these three compromised passwords, go to password checkup.

Well then you have to verify yourself. Well, not only did it tell me these three passwords, but it said you've got 27 other passwords where you've used the same password on multiple sites. And so, and it goes back years and most of these are no longer active passwords, but Google has reached back to things that don't even exist anymore.

There used to be a service called myfamily.com. It's been gone for nearly 10 years, but I had a family website on there. Well, it said your password to myfamily.com is the same as over here, over here and over here. Google knows what the password is to 27 of these accounts, new and old, alive and dead.

And then it, it showed me a bunch of others. I encourage you, if you've got any kind of a Google account, go to your Google account, look around in the menu and find password checkup and startle yourself at what big tech knows about your private business, your, your banking password, your Quicken password, your most private. I'm getting in to check my medical appointments and so on.

How do they get it? Does your browser ever offer to store your password so you don't have to remember it the next time save this password and you say yes. Well, some of these passwords, I can tell you, I've never used in Chrome. I've used them in Firefox or

I've used them in internet Explorer, but you know how, when you load a new browser, it said, would you like me to import stuff from your other browser? Well, even if you don't say that, it's got the mechanism to go read what is in your other browsers.

And I think I can't confirm this. I think the Chrome and Chromium by the way, derivative, which is an open source, similar thing. You know, it's, it's like open office instead of Microsoft office.

Chromium is an open source version of Chrome. Some of these passwords I know I've only used in Chromium. Chrome can read Chromium's password stash and hash.

It can read the stash and hash from internet Explorer and Firefox. I'm pretty sure. So it can comb my system for all of the passwords.

And what it says when I investigated this, I said, Oh, come on, do you really have my passwords? It said, we don't actually have your passwords. We have the hash of your password. Google's servers have the ability to crack the hash.

Don't kid yourself. How do they know that it's a simple password that it doesn't have enough complexity, that it doesn't have letters and, and special characters. And it's, it's just a simple string of letters.

How does it know that it had to crack the hash? So all I'm saying is just be aware, be wise, be warned. Don't panic. Don't start coming unglued.

The scriptures we're going to look at in our second session are going to affirm God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a power and love and a sound mind. But part of having power and love and a sound mind is knowing your environment, know your enemy, know what you're up against. Don't be fooled and don't be deceived into thinking that you have online privacy.

You have zero online privacy. Don't think that if you invoke, what do they call it? Incognito or one of these things in your browser and you say, Oh, I won't be tracked. And I nonsense.

Every single thing you do online is known. Every password to every site that you visit is known. And if you want a doubly fun thing, and I've mentioned this before, go to your Google maps and dig around in the menus until you find history.

I was showing Patty. I can go back day by day, month by month, week by week, year by year for more than 10 years. Google will show every place I've been.

Every piano customer I visited, every trip I've taken to what cities, when, where did I stop? Uh, and it's even got a little feature where it says, we're not real sure what you were doing right here. Could you fill that in for me? Like, Oh yeah, sure. Uh, let, let me,

let me explain where I was when, when you've gone to a place in Google maps and it says review Starbucks or review a seven 11, you know, how was your, what are they doing? They're not real sure you were there.

They want to be sure you were there and they don't care about your review. They, they, they're trying to make sure, did you really stop there? Did you go in? And this is another data point. Your data is being collected.

You are being monitored. You're being watched. If you've ever gone to a Christian bookstore, if you've gone to church, if you've gone, uh, to a political rally, if you've gone to a concert, if you've gone to a lecture, if you've gone to a speaking engagement by somebody, they'll know and using the right kind of fine tooth comb, everybody can be teased into piles.

You're of this kind. You're of this kind. Did you go to a gun show? Did you go to a ham fest? Did you go to a knife show? Did you go to get Tarlington? Did you go here? Did you go there? Where have you been? What have you been doing? And if you become a person of interest for any reason, if you've got one of these things you can talk to and say, Hey, what do they talk to? What's that box you can talk to in your house? Yeah.

Alexa or, and there's another one. There's two or three of those. Siri, if you've got a ring, if you ever had your phone start answering you when you weren't talking to it, I've turned all that stuff off.

And every once in a while, my phone comes on and says, I don't understand your request. Or can you rephrase that question? Then I've got to go back through because anytime it does a operating system update by default, it turns all that stuff back on your geo location. Every picture you take is stamped latitude and longitude.

You post that picture on Facebook. They'll know exactly where you were. You take a picture of your daughter's recently decorated bedroom, your little eight or nine year old girl.

Look at this, this wonderful decorating job I did Latin launch and, and, and they've been trying to stop that and weed it out. But for a long time and some of those older pictures still have that information in. And if you don't take steps, just be aware when they say big brother is watching you back when that phrase first came out, they had no idea.

They had no idea. Now I'm a good guy, so I don't really care if they see where I go and what I do. But I will tell you this.

If you text, if you email, if you blog aware, be aware. You don't have to be afraid, but you need to be aware that anything you say can be used against you in a court of law. I'm Miranda Ising you.

Now, anything you say can be used against you. If the wind blows the wrong direction, if you get skylined for some reason, but the Bible has something to say about this and it's a very interesting something. And it's what we're going to look at when we come back from the break.

So this is not one where you can break off now and listen to the second session tomorrow. You've got to stick around for the second session today because what God has to say about all of this is a lot more important than what big tech or government or philosophical and social opposites have to say. God's word trumps it all.

And the reason you see a smile on my face and a relaxed attitude is I already know what God's word says and I'm not worried. You shouldn't be worried, but we should all be informed. You look at the sky, you know what the weather's going to do.

Observe the signs of the times. Let's pause here and take our break. When we come back, we're going to see God's perspective on man's tower of babel building.