



## The Tower of Babel

**11** Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup> As people moved eastward,<sup>[a]</sup> they found a plain in Shinar<sup>[b]</sup> and settled there.

<sup>3</sup> They said to each other, "**Come, let's** make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "**Come, let us** build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, **so that** we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

<sup>5</sup> **But the LORD came down to see** the city and the tower the people were building. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> **Come, let us go** down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

<sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> That is why it was called Babel<sup>[c]</sup>—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth

## WHAT IS THE BIGGEST TOWER YOU'VE EVER SEEN?

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Numerous efforts have been made to restore the tower to a vertical orientation or at least keep it from falling over. Most of these efforts failed; some worsened the tilt. On 27 February 1964, the government of Italy requested aid in preventing the tower from toppling. It was, however, considered important to retain the current tilt, due to the role that this element played in promoting the tourism industry of Pisa.<sup>[26]</sup>



### **Burj Khalifa**

**Location:** Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**Height:** 2,717 feet

**Completion Date:** 2010

An innovative tripod design, along with the projecting shapes of its edges to cut through the wind like the front of a boat to reduce turbulence, both affording greater stability, are but a few of the smart ways the Burj Khalifa succeeded in rising to its record-setting height. The building soars more than 700 feet over its nearest competitor.

The race upward as accelerated In the last couple decades, as governments and citizens have pulled together the means for erecting record-breaking tall buildings, particularly in emerging economies in East Asia and the Middle





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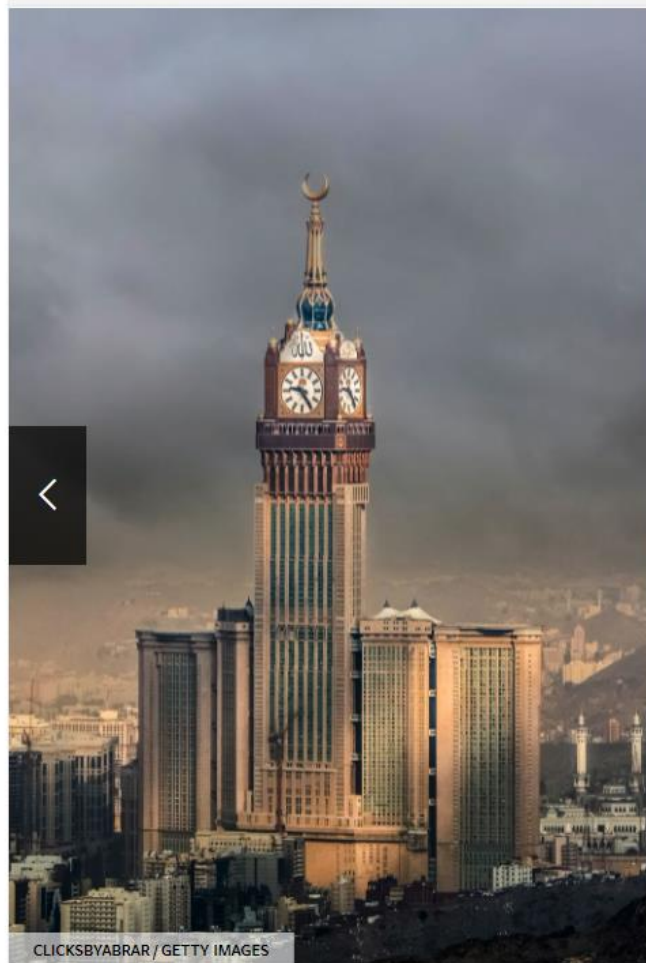
## Ping An Finance Center

**Location:** Shenzhen, China

**Height:** 1,965 feet

**Completion date:** 2017

The Special Economic Zone of Shenzhen, China, has really spurred on growth. And that includes upward growth, seen in the 2017 completion of the concrete and steel Ping An Finance Center. Intensely dense and connected into the center of the city—it sits on the high-speed rail corridor—the mix of hotel, office and retail, the 115 floors designed by American firm Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates offers a modern approach to skyscrapers in China.



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## Makkah Royal Clock Tower Hotel

**Location:** Mecca, Saudi Arabia

**Height:** 1,972 feet

**Completion Date:** 2012

Big Ben done bigger, the Makkah Royal Clock Tower Hotel was built to afford comfortable accommodations to wealthy Muslim pilgrims making the Hajj. A factor that contributes to the building reaching so high: its gigantic footprint—a broader base supports greater height, as we've all learned first-hand playing with blocks as kids. "I think this building is getting by on sheer mass," said Safarik. "You can see the way that the other buildings around it have a stabilizing effect."

## WHY DO PEOPLE BUILD BIG TOWERS? WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY ARE TRYING TO PROVE?

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### GENESIS 1

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “**Let us make** mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,<sup>[a]</sup> and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

### WHAT PHRASE DO YOU NOTICE IS SIMILAR GENESIS 11 AND GENESIS 1 ? WHY DO WE LIKE TO CREATE AND MAKE THINGS?

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### WHY DID THEY WANT TO MAKE A TOWER? V4? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE CREATE TO MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELVES?

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Genesis 9:7 But as for you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out across the earth and multiply upon it.

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### WHAT INSTRUCTION WERE THE PEOPLE DIRECTLY DISOBEYING?

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### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T FOLLOW IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS? E.G PUT PETROL IN A DIESEL CAR – NOT INCLUDE YEAST OR BAKING SODA IN BAKING? WHAT ARE SOME OTHER EXAMPLES?

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### WHY DO YOU THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO FOLLOW GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS? WHAT CAN BE SOME CONSEQUENCES OF NOT

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### WHY DO YOU THINK GOD SCATTERED THE BUILDERS OF THE TOWER OF BABEL?

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### WHY DO PEOPLE DISOBEY GOD?

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Romans 5:19 Adam disobeyed God and caused many others to be sinners. But Jesus obeyed him and will make many people acceptable to God.

John 5:19 So Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself, unless He sees the Father doing it. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

**HOW IS JESUS AN EXAMPLE FOR US? HOW DOES HE REVERSE THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR ACTIONS?**

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