

“Many Tongues, One Voice”

CAST:

Scene 1 (News Scene):

Reporter 1: _____ (dress pants, shirt, tie)

Reporter 2: _____ (dress suit, blouse)

Reporter on Location (Filmed before): _____ (dress suit, blouse)

EU Parliamentary Correspondent (Filmed before): _____ (dress suit, blouse)

EU Council Member (Filmed before): _____ (dress suit, blouse)

Scene 2 (Tower of Babel):

Nimrod: _____ (dressed subtly in colours of Neb’s image with red cloak over with papal ferula in left hand and bow slung over shoulder and quiver with arrows)

Preacher of Righteousness 1: _____ (Biblical times dress)

Preacher of Righteousness 2: _____ (Biblical times dress)

Queen: _____ (Queen dress)

Builder 1: _____ (Biblical times dress)

Builder 2: _____ (Biblical times dress)

Builder 3: _____ (Biblical times dress)

Angel 1: _____ (large white tunic)

Angel 2: _____ (large white tunic)

Scene 3 (News Scene):

Reporter 1: _____

Reporter 2: _____

Reporter on Location (Filmed before): _____

Scene 4 (Biblical Explanation):

PROPS:

Scene 1: EU flag, table, blue table cloth (long to hide when table shakes), Logo MTOV, Junker's book, lap tops, screens, paper and pencils
Filmed ahead scene: 2 chairs, EU flag, microphone, flag on stick for reporter

Scene 2: white tile, bricks, ferula and bow and arrows, jar of black bitumen, trowel, hammer, chisel, lions, backdrop of Tower of Babel

Scene 3: EU flag, table, blue table cloth (long to hide when table shakes), Logo MTOV, lap tops, screens, paper and pencils, poster of Europe: Many Tongues, One Voice

Scene 4: Bibles

Scene 1(News Scene):

(2 Reporters are seated at news desk at stage center left.

-Darkened stage -news cast music on with logo on the screen.)

(Lights on)

Reporter 1 – “Guten Morgen and welcome back to MTOV, Many tongues, One voice, the News of the people. Coming to you from our Berlin center, I am your host, _____, and joining me today is my co-host, _____.”
(Turns to Reporter 2)

Reporter 2 – “Danke _____, a pleasure to be here! Our Top stories are: Russia continues to threaten Egypt and what that means for Europe. There have also been reports of unexplained phenomena in the East, the Arabian desert. We may hear more on this later.”

Reporter 1 – “Also in the news today, the EU celebrates their union of Nation States at the EU Parliament building from one of our sister cities, Strasburg, France. Our European correspondent _____ joins us now live in Strasburg, France. Guten Morgen, _____! (Reporter on screen waving EU flag) Tell us, _____, what is going on at the EU Parliament today?”

(Anthem of Europe playing in background and picture of EU building behind. Uses microphone)

Reporter on Location – “Bonjour, _____. It is so exciting to be here today! As you can see behind me (*gestures behind*), I am standing in front of the EU Parliament building here in Strasbourg. All of Europe is celebrating their union today. I am not sure if you can see the military exercises going on to my left (*gestures*), but the music you can hear is the Anthem of Europe. All the armies of this massive empire with Russia, our confederate, have assembled together and what an amazing display of military might this is. It would take the world like a storm if let loose. We also have some very eminent visitors present here today, his holiness, the Pope, and the Patriarch of Russia. They have both been incredibly supportive.”

Reporter 1: “Yes. We have heard how supportive they have been. Reporting in an earlier program the Pope had encouraged (*Reads from computer*), ‘As leaders, you are called to blaze the path of a new European humanism made up of ideals and concrete actions. This will mean being unafraid to make practical decisions capable of responding to people’s real problems and of standing the test of time.’ What encouraging words!”

Reporter on Location - “If I may say so, these pillars of humanity truly are the strength on which this Union stands! This is a momentous day!”

Reporter 2 – “There are numerous member states all with different cultures and languages, some strong and some weak. How did the EU overcome these differences to build a Union that will last and stand the test of time?”

Reporter on Location – “Yes, there were and still remain many challenges to deal with in the day to day workings of the EU, but the people were determined to join all of Europe together with Russia, our confederate neighbour to the North. Despite “iron” solid countries like France and Germany who have become the dominant driving force behind the EU, both politically and economically, there are the weaker nation states that are all but crumbling, but in reality it would take a lot to really knock the feet from under this institution.”

Reporter 1 – “Back to the building we are looking at, is it finished? It looks unfinished.”

Reporter on Location – (*Smiles*) “Is it finished? Good question. And the answer is yes and no. _____, our Parliamentary correspondent met with EU council

member, _____, this morning to get me up to speed on the history of the EU itself.”

*(screen changes to **EU Parliamentary Correspondent & EU Council Member** sitting in a library in an interview situation with a large EU flag behind)*

Anaiah – “Hello _____, thank you for coming today.”

EU Council Member – “Nice to be here.”

EU Parliamentary Correspondent – “Tell us, _____, what is the EU and when and why was it created?”

EU Council Member – *(spoken intelligently)* “The European Union is a unique economic and political union between EU countries that together cover much of the continent. The predecessor of the EU was created in the aftermath of the Second World War. The first steps were to foster economic cooperation: the idea being that countries that trade with one another become economically interdependent and so more likely to avoid conflict. This union has evolved into a massive collaboration with guidance from our spiritual leader.”

EU Parliamentary Correspondent – “I thought the EU was established on solely secular principles. Tell us more about the spiritual leader.”

EU Council Member – The significant role is aptly illustrated in the President of the EU, Jean Claude Juncker’s recent commemorative booklet *(shows Juncker’s book)* entitled, The Popes and Sixty Years of European Integration. Let me read an excerpt: “The bond of common values and aspirations between Europeans has proven to be a force more powerful and resilient than the divisions and conflicts that punctuated our long and often troubled history. Throughout this long and difficult journey, the Popes of the Catholic Church have accompanied the men and women who worked to construct Europe with their encouragement, their warnings and their spiritual guidance. This has been true since the very foundation of the European Union was laid with the blessing given by Pope Pius XII to the leaders of our six founding Member States gathering in Rome for the signature of the Treaties in 1957.”

EU Parliamentary Correspondent – Thank you for that information. Back to you _____.

(screen changes back to Reporter on Location standing outside)

Reporter on Location – “Another reason to rejoice in having the Pope here to bless our historic day! So to answer your question, Matthias, this building is finished but it represents the ongoing work of uniting a diverse people for one purpose just like the biblical story of the Tower of Babel.”

Reporter 2 – “The Tower of Babel? What is that?”

Reporter on Location – “Well it is a biblical story that begins after the time of the great flood when Noah and his fam...” *(fade to black)*

Scene 2 (Tower of Babel):

Preacher of Righteousness 1 – “My brothers and sisters! Let us go out and fill and replenish the earth, just as God has commanded us to do.”

Nimrod – “No! *(Gesturing to audience as if to invite them.)* Come, let us build a great city here in the Land of Shinar! Here, we will be unified and strong! Here, we will never be broken up and scattered throughout the earth. I will be your King and I will be your god. Anyone who defies me will be hunted down and destroyed like the lions of the field who I have dominion over!”

Builder 1 - “Oh Nimrod, our mighty hunter! Oh Nimrod, our magnificent god!”
(bowing)

Preacher of Righteousness 2 – “He is a mighty hunter AGAINST Yahweh! Why are we glorifying man? We are to bring glory to God’s great name and do as HE commands!”

Builder 2 – *(Drags Preachers off the stage with other builders help.)* “Nooooo, let us make OUR name great under OUR King Nimrod.”

Builder 3 – *(Gesturing to audience as if to invite them.)* “Come, let US make a tower where we can worship our god-King on earth.”

Nimrod – *(Points to himself.)* “Whose HEAD reaches up into heaven! *(Raises hand as if to grab the sky and pull it down.)* What do you think my beautiful wife? Have you picked out the tile for the tower?”

Queen – “It will be beautiful! Pulls out white tile. I call it “Lavan”. LOOKS good, doesn’t it? So clean and right! And each can be stamped with YOUR name.”
(Smiles adoringly at Nimrod.)

Nimrod – “Hmmm.... Is it strong enough? I want this tower to be strong like my Kingdom that will stand for ever.” *(Taps tile uncertainly.)*

Queen – “Well... that’s just for the outside layer. For show, you know. Our Kingdom will stand forever! All bow to your King the great Baal of the heavens, Nimrod.”

Builders – *(All bow down and worship)* “Great is Nimrod, the god of the sun and his Queen the goddess of the moon!”

Builder 1 – “The inside we’ll just make with plain old bricks - made from the earth - so plentiful here between these two huge rivers.” *(Shows red brick)*

Builder 2 – *(Gesturing to audience as if to invite them.)* “Come, let US make them with our own hands!”

Builder 3 – *(Gesturing to audience as if to invite them.)* “Come, let US burn them thoroughly to make them strong.”

Builder 1 – *(Pulls out glass jar of thick black paint.)* “We can glue it all together with this stuff! Bitumen – that which wells up from the earth itself.”

Queen – *(Comes close to Nimrod.)* “This tower will reach above the clouds, all white and reflecting the light of the sun for all to see. Nothing will be restrained from us of what our hearts have imagined to do.”

Nimrod – “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”

All – “Nothing will stop us!”

(All begin to work. Backdrop of tower unrolled as music, ‘Let us Make us a Name’ plays.)

Angel 1 – “Look, all the people are as one, and they have all one language. This they have begun to do, and nothing will stop them.”

Angel 2 – *(Turns to Angel 1.)* “COME, let US go down, and confuse their language.’

(Angels pass by workers and leave stage. Background sound of many languages playing.)

Nimrod – “Get this tower built faster! I am late for hunting! What’s wrong with everyone?”

Builder 1 – “Nein, nein, nein. Wass???”

Nimrod – “999?? Why are you talking like that?” *(Shakes fist and walks toward Builder 1.)*

Builder 1 – *(Builder 1 runs away saying,)* “Tu mir nicht weh!”

Nimrod – “What was he babbling about?? Barbarian! Everyone get to work!”

Builder 2 - To Builder 2. “Que te pasa? Estos tipos son locos. Vamos!”

Builder 3 – “Ay! Nos entendemos! Que bien! Si, amigo, vamos!”

(Builder 2 and 3 leave together. Nimrod pushes bricks over in disgust and folds arms, standing stationary like Nebuchadnezzar’s image).

Queen – “Don’t worry about these confusing babblers! We will build our empire yet!”

Scene 3 (News Scene):

Lights on (back to news room)

Reporter 2 – “So humankind with powerful leadership came together to build a tower that would reach to heaven and God didn’t like it and confused their languages so they couldn’t communicate to complete the tower?”

Carmel – “Exactly, humankind were united together to make a name for themselves. Europe is united in the same way. The EU Department of Justice has a slogan on one of their promotion posters which reads, Europe: Many Tongues: one voice.” *(Show poster)*

Reporter 1 – “You are saying then that the EU building is a tribute to the struggle of uniting a culturally and linguistically diverse people under one banner?”

Reporter on Location – “Exactly! The Tower of Babel was built to honour the accomplishments of humankind. It was a monument to the names and prowess of its builders. In more recent times the world has seen the erection of the Eifel Tower in Paris in 1889 to commemorate the French Revolution and all the humanistic principles that have come out of it. The EU embraces these same principles. And this tower behind me was built to memorialize the struggle that humankind has to become Great!”

Reporter 2 – “Thank you Carmel, I guess the EU is one member less now.”

Reporter on Location – “Yes, Britain has finally “Brexit” the EU.”

Reporter 1 – “That was a confusing mess wasn’t it?”

Reporter 2 – “I can’t understand why though? They had it so Good in the EU.”

Reporter 1 – *(gets handed a piece of paper from a stage hand)* “This is just in. There are reports coming in from all over Europe of extreme seismic activity, buildings and bridges collapsing..._____ are you seeing any of this?”

(on screen EU building collapses, Reporter on Location screams and “signal lost” appears on the screen.)

Reporter 1 and Reporter 2: *(Look shocked and grab the table which starts to shake violently.)* Scream

(Lights fade to darkness.)

Scene 4 (Biblical Explanation):

(Two young people standing center stage with their Bibles open. Speak to audience and each other.)

Young Person 1 - “Yahweh through the angels brought about judgement on the tower of Babel back in the times of the ruthless hunter and religious ruler Nimrod who attempted to build an empire for himself and the glory of man. This glorification of man’s false religion and worship of self was the beginning of what developed over thousands of years and became known scripturally as the Kingdom of Men which has always been at enmity with God.

Young Person 2 - “Another King named Nebuchadnezzar rose up in Babylon or Babel *(Enter Nimrod without cloak, stands with arms crossed in Neb. stance)* who

embodied the same rebellious spirit as Nimrod. Nebuchadnezzar said, "...Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?"

Young Person 1 - "God gave Nebuchadnezzar a dream of an image that represented the Kingdom of Men. Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar the dream."

Young Person 2 - *(Point to corresponding metals on Nimrod)* "This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together."

Young Person 1 - "Daniel went on to interpret the dream for Nebuchadnezzar saying, "Thou art this head of gold." He explained successive Kingdoms would follow which would exist for a time but their fleshly ways and Godless days were numbered.

Young Person 2 - Daniel continued, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed...but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."

Young Person 1 - "We see in this dream the final and complete destruction of the Kingdom of Men which in the latter days is fulfilled in the European Babel which is the feet of the image. This image stands on its feet and is described in Ezekiel 38 as a confederacy of European nations led by Russia and other sympathetic nations. It contains the political and religious elements of Babel developed over time through the different empires with the religious legs of the Western, Catholicism, and Eastern, Orthodox, once again united and standing strong, opposed to God. This whole corrupt system will in the language of Ezekiel 38 come like a storm against Israel."

Young Person 2 - "Just as the angels brought judgement on the builders of the tower of Babel so will Christ and the saints conquer all the earth as the stone of Daniel 2 and smite the image upon his feet and break it in pieces. The stone that smote the image will become a great mountain that fills the whole earth representing the Kingdom of God. We read of this in verse 44, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be

destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”

Young Person 1 - “We read In Zephaniah 3: 9 how God will bring all men to speak the same language, “For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent.” As God judged Nimrod’s Babel so will He destroy the Kingdom of Men. God’s purpose will finally be accomplished in the establishment of His Kingdom which will never be destroyed but will stand for ever where all flesh will glorify His name and His only. If we serve our God now with reverence and fear, our hope is to be there as the saints of the Most High serving our God forever.”

Sing: “The Most High Rules in the Kingdom of Men”