

## *Fifth Mystery: Intellect and Knowledge in the days before the flood:*

Noah built an ark to house all the animals that God chose to save in the flood; how could he have built it alone with his sons? Those around him would also have helped to build the ark; they help to build, but they themselves were not saved. The scaffolding helps in the construction but is removed once the building is finished.

**Genesis 11:4** *“And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”* They wanted to escape another flood; instead of repenting to escape the judgement, they thought of another way to escape; this is man’s wisdom. But they managed to start building, with the engineering construction skills to reach up to the heavens; it would have been taller than any building we presently have today.

**2 Chronicles 26:15** *And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.*

**Ezekiel 26:9** *And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.*

The knowledge and intellect of man was such that there was nothing that could stop him; he could invent anything he put his mind to. God saw that and knew what would happen if He let it continue. Likewise, the knowledge and intellect in today’s generation is quickly getting to that of the level that existed before the flood.

## *Sixth Mystery: You cannot give to God what you didn't pay a price for – e.g. Tithes:*

**2 Samuel 24:24** *And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.* If you have not paid a price for an item, or worked for it, then you cannot give it as a freewill offering to God. That is why we pay tithes on what we earn, what we have worked for by the grace, strength and gifts God has given to us