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(4a) And they said,

(4c) (And)* Let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

(6a) And the LORD said, Behold, the people are one, and they have all one language.

(7) Come, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

(9) Therefore is the name of it called Babel, because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth; and from there did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

* Inserted by the redactor.

The writer spent about thirty minutes with Gen. 11. Perhaps the reader himself would enjoy trying his luck with various New Testament stories, or admittedly united Old Testament accounts, as Gen. 24, for example. Some of these examples could be divided into two or even three fairly reasonable accounts.

In Conclusion . . .

Duplications in the Pentateuch may be there for several

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brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

(4b) (And they said,) Come, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven;

(5) And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

(6b) (And he said,) And this they will begin to do: and now nothing will be withheld from them, which they have imagined to do.

(8) So the LORD scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth; and they ceased building the city.