

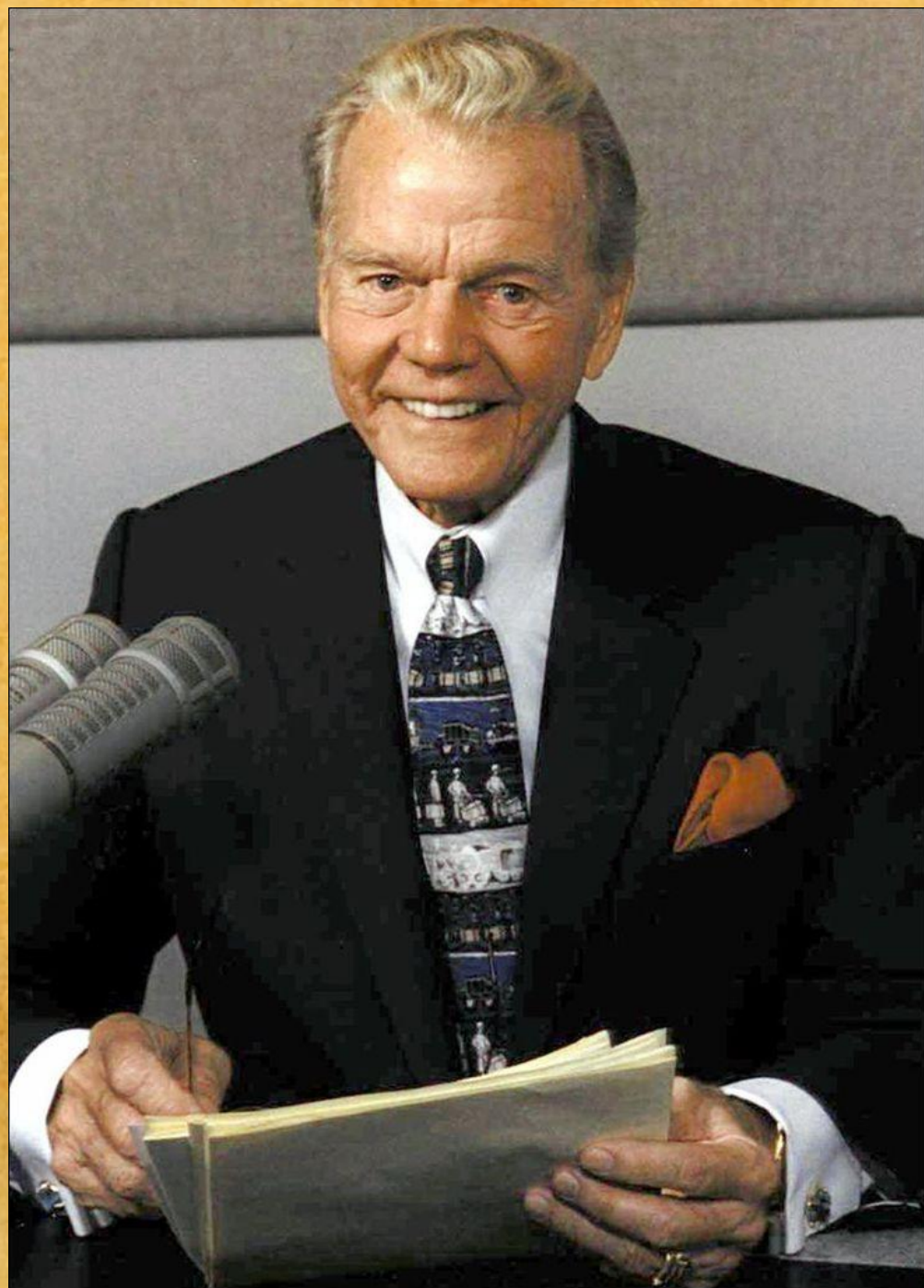
Blessed

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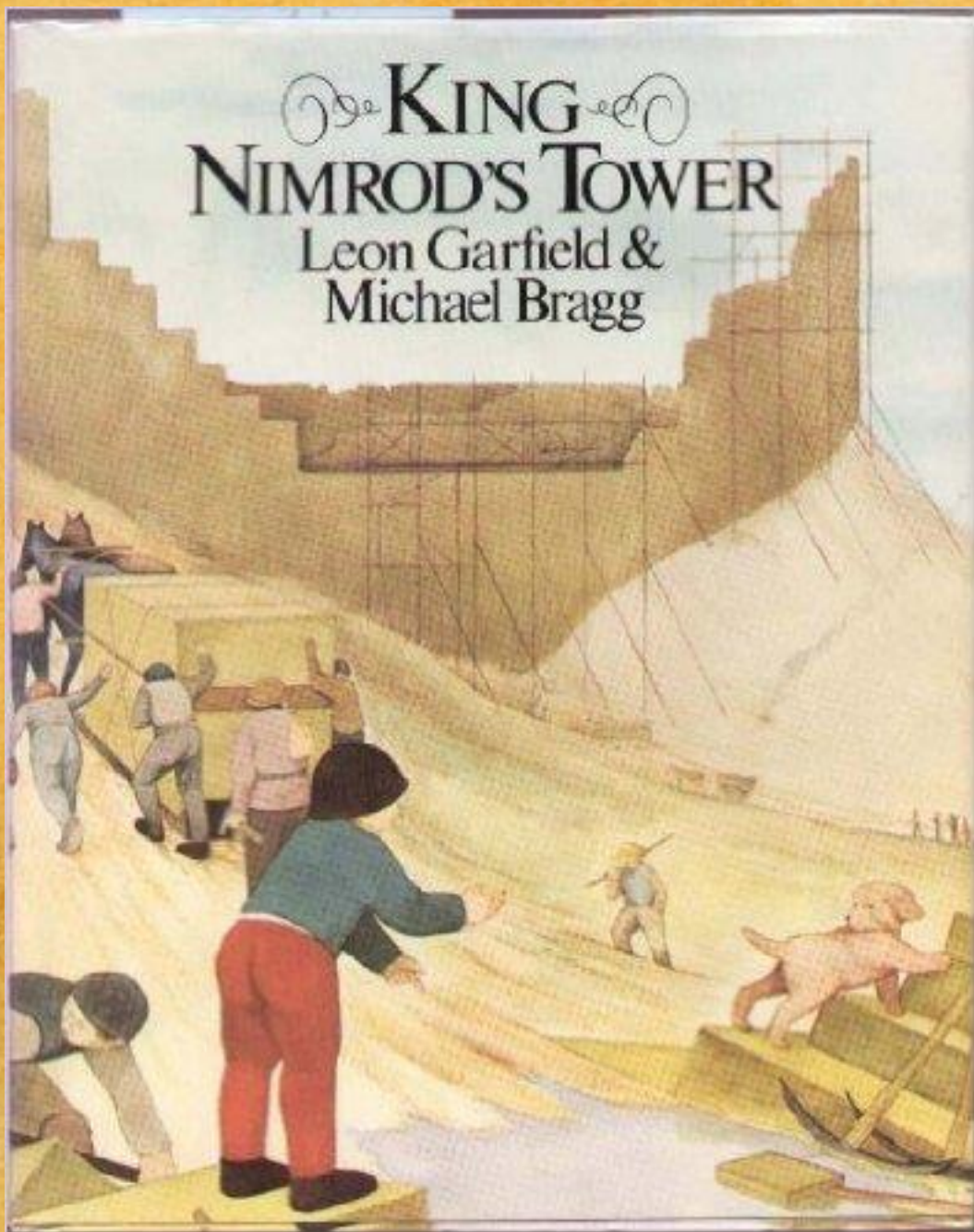


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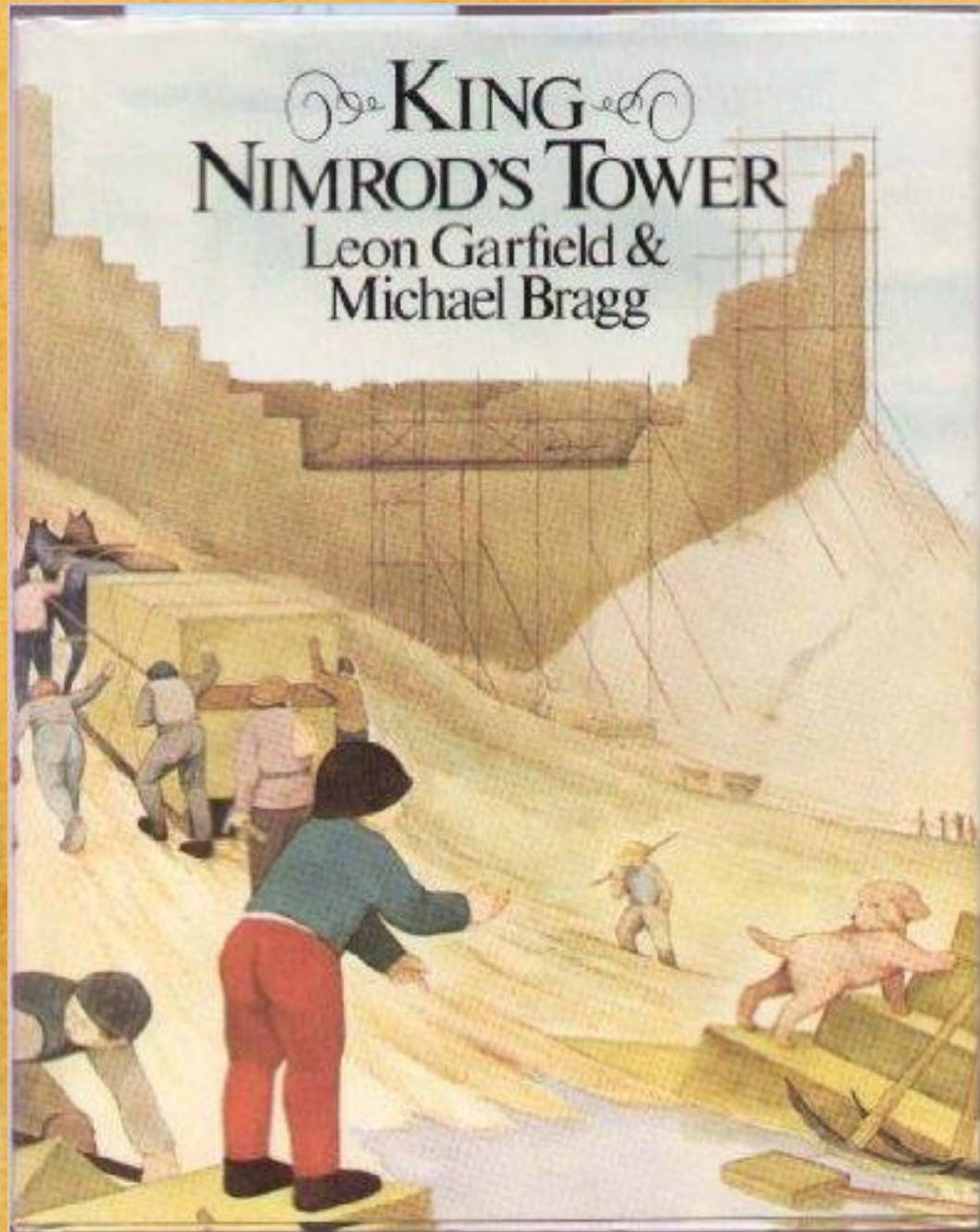
- Gen 3-10 - the Fall, the curse of mankind: flood
- Gen 11 - the scattering of humanity from the Tower of Babel

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THE KING
NIMROD'S TOWER
Leon Garfield &
Michael Bragg



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“The people didn’t realize that the kingdom of heaven is reached by a bridge, not by a tower.”

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Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)

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“God’s characteristically abundant and generous giving of all good to his creatures and his continual renewal of created life. Blessing is God’s provision for human flourishing. But it is also **relational**: to be blessed by God is not only to know God’s good gifts, but to know God himself in the generous giving.”

- Richard Bauckham, The Bible and Mission

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- Egypt - Gen 12:10-20
- Abimelech - Gen 20:1-18
- Philistine - Gen 26:1-16
- Laban - Gen 30:25-30
- Joseph - Gen 39:1-6
- Jacob & Pharoah - Gen 47:7-12, 27-28

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- Exodus 1
- Deut 4:5-8
- Numbers 23-24
- Joshua 6
- Ruth
- Psalm 72:17
- I Kings 8:41-43
- Is. 19:24-25
- Is. 60:1-7

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“God is totally, covenantally, and eternally committed to the mission of blessing the nations through the agency of the people of God.”

- Chris Wright

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So what does this have to do with us?

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Luke-Acts as a case study

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Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “**In you shall all the nations be blessed.**” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:7-9 (ESV)

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After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, **from every nation**, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Revelation 7:9 (ESV)

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