

One of the most intriguing stories of the Old Testament is where God destroyed the first global community and forced the people to separate into individual language groupings and nation states. The reasons the Lord did this are always worth reminding.

To start, He knew the freedom of humanity could only flourish in a political system that divides power among different nation states to create checks and balances. He was also aware that even if the first leader, or leaders, of a global government were benevolent in their intentions, sooner or later someone would rise to power and have evil dictatorial intentions.

Last, He didn't want any human being to be deprived of that for which he exists – God Himself! If mankind settled in smaller communities and independent nation states throughout the world, they would be less tempted to rely on the strength and wisdom of a massive centralized system, but would instead seek the Lord!