# THINKING ABOUT ETHNICITY, RACE, AND LANGUAGE.





# Hon Chris Finlayson

"They don't like tangata whenua. They dream of a world that never was and never could be."

Genesis 1:26

"Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us." "

### Genesis 10:8-10

"Nimrod, was the first heroic warrior on earth. Since he was the greatest hunter in the world, his name became proverbial. People would say, "This man is like Nimrod, the greatest hunter in the world." He built his kingdom in the land of Babylonia."

# Genesis 11:1,2

At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there.

"Empires are rich, powerful nations who believe they have a divine right to rule other nations and a manifest destiny to shape history according to their own agenda, empires want to rule the world.... Empires insist that the only legitimate way of arranging the world is their way."

Brian Zahnd "Postcards from Babylon"

### Genesis 11:3-4

"They began saying to each other, "Let's make bricks and harden them with fire." (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.) Then they said, "Come, let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world."

### **Genesis** 11:7-8

"Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other." In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the Lord confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world."

## Genesis 12:1-3

'The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.""

### Exodus 12:37-38

That night the people of Israel left Rameses and started for Succoth. There were about 600,000 men, plus all the women and children. A rabble of non-Israelites went with them, along with great flocks and herds of livestock.

# Isaiah 66:18,20

'And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory....

And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the Lord – on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,' says the Lord. '

### **Amos 9:7**

'Are not you Israelites
the same to me as the Cushites?'
declares the Lord.
'Did I not bring Israel up from Egypt,
the Philistines from Caphtor
and the Arameans from Kir?

Deuteronomy 10:17

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

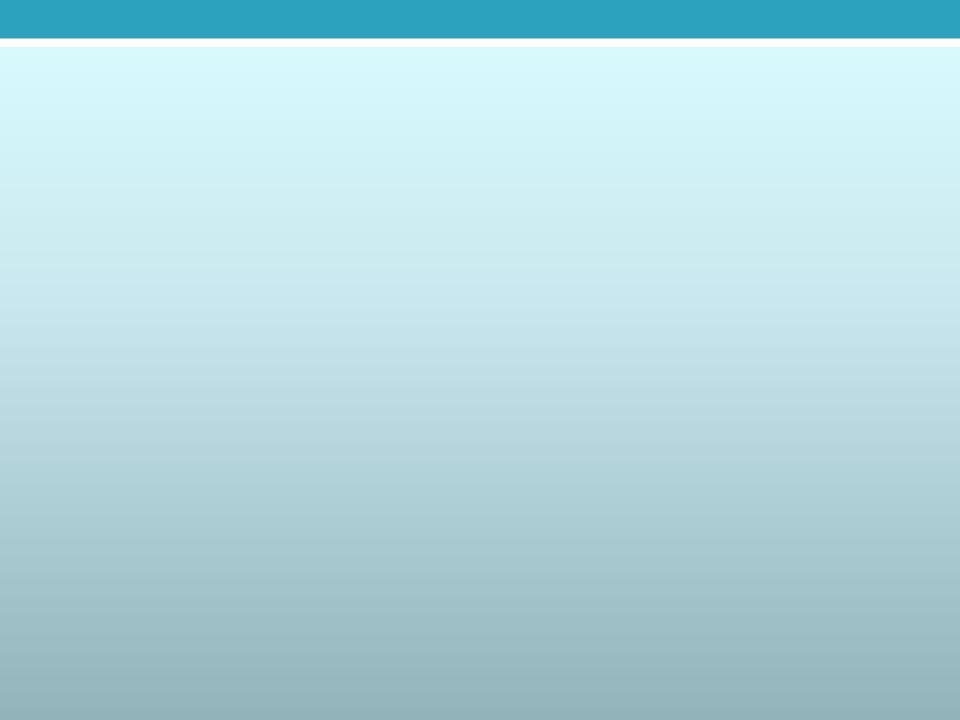
### Matthew 1

- 3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, ...
- 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,
- Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, ...
- 6 ... David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

### Matthew 8:11

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,"



### Acts 2:1-4

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

"From the start the Christian message was translated into idioms and cultural forms other than Jewish ones. The Christian faith doesn't have a sacred language,... Translatable as it is, the Christian faith can be at home in any culture (though it will partly change that culture from within)."

Miroslav Volf, "Allah', p197

### Acts 2:7-12

They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! Here we are -Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs.

And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

### **Happy Brexit Day**

As we finally have our great country back we feel there is one rule to that needs to be made clear to Winchester Tower residents.

We do not tolerate people speaking other languages than English in the flats.

We are now our own country again and the the Queens English is the spoken tongue here.

If you do want to speak whatever is the mother tongue of the country you came from then we suggest you return to that place and return your flat to the council so they can let British people live here and we can return to what was normality before you infected this once great island.

It's a simple choice obey the rule of the majority or leave.

You won't have long till our government will implement rules that will put British first. So, best evolve or leave.

God Save the Queen, her government and all true patriots.



Acts 10: 34,35

"I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts people from every nation who fear him and do what is right."

### Galatians 3:26-29

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

### Revelation 7:9-10

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

Tama ngakau marie, Tama a te Atua, Tenei tonu matou, Arohaina mai.

Son of Peace, Son of God, here we are always, Show us compassion/love us.

### 2 Corinthians 3:3

You show that you are a letter from Christ... written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God.

### Rev 5:11-13

Gathered round the throne.... they all sang in a loud voice:

"The Lamb who was killed is worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and strength, honour, glory, and praise! ....

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever!"