



1. Dreaming of Babel

Alexandre Mitchell, 2022 (42 x 59 cm, Indian ink)



*Alabaster statuette of a praying person [Mari (Syria?)], around 2500 BC.
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The Tower of Babel is an ancient biblical story that explains the diversity of languages and cultures in the division of humanity. This was failed attempt to reach the heavens which ended in great “confusion” (“babel” in Hebrew). All that remains is man’s humility, looking up to the heavens in awe like the bald and bearded man wearing a wool garment, in prayer, his large eyes evoking ecstasy (Psalm 27:4).