



### Paradise Lost

#### *Paradise lost*

Adam and Eve are driven forth from Eden, dressed in skins.

Eve weeps and Adam looks back to Eden with regret. He carries a spade, the symbol of his toil. Thorns and thistles are symbols of God's curse upon the earth.

The closed door at left, and the flaming sword above, are symbols of the banishment of humankind.

#### **SYMBOLS**

The wings symbolize the cherubim placed at the east of Eden to prevent humankind's return to paradise.

The flaming sword is a reminder of God's authority.

The spade is the symbol of toil.



### The Tower of Babel

#### *All Peoples confused and scattered*

The builder and foreman are portrayed as not understanding each other's speech. The builder is about to leave his unfinished wall.

The Triquetra above is a symbol of the Trinity showing God's presence even in the midst of separation and confusion.

#### **SYMBOLS**

The unfinished Tower of Babel is shown in the center.

It is depicted as a *ziggurat*, a terraced tower set on a platform. This is a characteristic building form of the ancient Near East.

The brick kilns recall the prevalent building materials.

#### *In memoriam*

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