

The Tower of Babel

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Review: Creation, God in perfect relationship with man and woman (accountable and answer to God), disobey God, Cain and Abel, Enoch, The Flood and Noah, God's promise!

Genesis 11:1-9 (NIV) *Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.*

A Guaranteed Plan to live in willful disobedience to the Lord!

1) Disobey God's Word(s)!

- Genesis 9:1- Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "*Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.*"
- Instead Noah's great grandson (Nimrod) and his people settled.
- Nimrod was evil! Name means, "we will rebel."
- Doug Phillips writing for Answers in Genesis says, "Rather than dispersing and demonstrating self-governance under God, the people gathered at the tower

in the city of Babel. Their mission: an empire of rebellion – a one-world, centralized government under man."

- Romans 1:21-23

2) Get your advice and direction from others!

- Verses 3 and 4- "*They said to each other*"

3) Be prideful and selfish!

- Reach to the heavens (Astrology, stars, etc)
- Worship not of God but things that God had made and turned it into evil.
- Make a name for self
- So they would not be scattered (v 4)

4) God's response!

- Men will continue in evil- nothing will be impossible
- Verse 7 is an act of mercy
- "The decision by practically the entire population to construct an autonomous, man-centered civilization, in direct defiance of God's command, could finally be ignored no longer" (The Genesis Record, Henry Morris)

5) God's plan still prevails!

- We can be on God' team and follow Him willingly or His plan will prevail in spite of us.
- People were still scattered.

Are these true of you?

Are you disobeying (willful) God and His Word?

Are you getting your direction solely from others?

Are you prideful and selfish?