

Genesis 11

Genesis 11.1-9

V1 – This must have taken place before *Genesis 10.5* (probably to maintain the generation of Noah)

-Noah and his family must have used only one language

-**What instructions had God given the people after the flood?** *Genesis 9.7* – to multiply and replenish the earth

V2 – Plains – probably land of Babylon (Iran, etc. today)

V3 – **What did they decide to do?** Build a city (out of bricks and mortar)

V4 – **What plans did they make?** A city and a temple

-**A design of this tower?** Like a spiral staircase?

-Probably only designed to go up so far, with a pagan temple on top (maybe above the clouds)

-**What two purposes did they have in making the tower?**

1. To make a name for themselves.

2. To keep the people united-security (walking on the same goal)

-**Did either of these goals involved giving glory to God?** No

V5 – God was watching them

-Ziggurats = towers of Babylon, about 300 ft. high

-Pagan temple on top; inscription saying they were reaching into heaven

-**Note:** God was left completely out of their goals

V6 – **Why is it not good for man to be able to do anything he wants?** We are so sinful

-The Nazis – if they could have done anything they wanted to do, we would be slaves today

V7 – Notice plural reference to God = Trinity

-**How did God defeat them?** Giving them difficult languages

-**Why would this have confused them?** Could not understand instructions, etc.

V8 – **Lesson?** Human unity is impossible without God

-The only way the nations (languages) today can be united is in Christ

-Thanks to Babel we have to study foreign languages today

V9 – **Result of different languages?** People were scattered over the earth

-Application today: Philosophy of humanism

-Interesting: On the Day of Pentecost (*Acts 2*) people were united in language by a miracle of God (speaking in tongues)

Genesis 11.10-25

V10-25 – General – **Read Luke 3.34-38**

V10 – Shem – oldest son of Noah

Genesis 11.27-32

V 27 – Three sons of Terah are Abraham, Nahor, and Haran

-**Who was Lot?** – The son of Haran - Lot was therefore the nephew of Abraham

-The beginning of the story of the life of Abraham (one of the greatest men in the Bible)

V 28 – **What happened to Haran?** He died in Ur of the Chaldees – Lot was therefore an orphan

V 29 – Abraham and Nahor got wives

-**Who was Abraham's wife?** Sarai (step-sister – *Genesis 20.12*)

V 30 – Sarai did not have any children

V 31 – **Who left Ur of Chaldeans?** Terah, Abraham, Lot, Sarai – got to land of Haran [Turkey]

V 31 – Terah died in Haran

-**What was his age?** 205 (life span is really dropping)

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