



# Making Sense Out of "Babel"

Genesis 10:8-10; 11:1-9

# Genesis 11:1-4



“Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a ...’”

# Genesis 11:4-7



“name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.’ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, ‘Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there ...”

# Genesis 11:7-9



“confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.’ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.”

(ESV)



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# Museum of the Bible



Existing or In Process

Still Needed



# Three Life Lessons From Babel *genesis*

- It cautions us of the danger of forsaking God
- It admonishes us not to do things for our own glory
- It warns us not to abandon our faith



# They Invented Their Own Plan

“Come let us make ... come let us build ourselves ... come let us make a name for ourselves” (Gen 11:3, 4)

# Genesis 10:8-10



“Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, ‘Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD.’ The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.” (ESV)

# Application



Any time we make plans we should include God. If we make our own plans, on our own terms and do not include God, we have made the same error as Nimrod and the people of Babel—the only difference is degree.



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FOUNDATIONS  
OF FAITH

They Endeavored to Make a  
Name for Themselves

“Let us make a name for ourselves”

(Gen 11:4)

# Application



Our motives should not be to make a name for ourselves, but to give glory to God. It is not about making “us” look good, but to show the goodness of God.



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They Instituted  
Their Own Religion

“Come, let us build ourselves ... a tower  
with its top in the heavens” (Gen 11:4)

# Application



Only those who go God's way, with God's plans, in God's name, in God's manner—will partake in the place that God has prepared.

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Nimrod may have wanted to be a god. The people of Babel wanted to make a name for themselves. But we know there is only one name under heaven by which man can be saved.

# Next Steps



- I will surrender my plans to God.
- I will live to make God's name known instead of my own.
- I will seek to mirror God's character in all areas of my life.
- I will invite \_\_\_\_\_ to join me for Easter.