



Series: Genesis
Passage: Genesis 10 -11
Title: The Tower of Babel
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Discussion Starter – How much time do you think had passed since the global flood of Noah? How do you explain this particular rebellion of man against God? What does this teach us about our own human nature?

The Tower of Babel – (Genesis 11:1-9)

- What is the significance of the bible mentioning that whole earth had one language? What benefits come from having just one language?
- Where is the land of Shinar and who are the people who dwelt there?
- What does the ability to make bricks and build cities tell us about the intelligence and capability of people at this time in history?
- What are some of the possible pitfalls that you see than can accompany advanced learning?
- Read Genesis 9:1. What was God’s intention in for Noah’s descendants this verse? How does this compare to what the people are desiring to do in verses 3-4?
- Why do you think the people resisted “filling the earth”?

The Sons of Ham – (Genesis 10:6-20)

- Who was Nimrod? How many generations was Nimrod removed from Noah’s son Ham?
- What does Jewish commentary (the Targum) teach about Nimrod?
- How is Nimrod’s strategy of rule common to the activity we see in today’s world?
- What does “Babel” mean? What do you think the purpose was for building the Tower of Babel?
- What did the people seek to achieve in their desire to “make a name for ourselves” in verse 4?
- How is Babel related to Revelation 17:5, “Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots”? What was their doctrine?
- What evidence do we find in archeology that mankind was scattered from Babel?
- What do we learn from this account about the concept of “racial differences”? Read Act 17:26. What insights do we see being reinforced about racial differences in this passage?
- Why do you think God decided to confuse their languages?
- What might God have done to promote the scattering the people?
- Why do you think God gave language to mankind?
- How did the languages on the Day of Pentecost serve to unite people?
- What overarching message do we see as we look at circumstances that led to God scattering people at Babel by changing their language, compared to His uniting the people at Pentecost?