

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"Confusion Versus Coherent"
Genesis 11:1-32
Study-30

Genesis 11:1-9

Genesis 10 Table of The Nations:

Genesis 11 Tower Of Babel/Family And A Nation:

Thought Of Our Passage: In Babel Man Followed The Wisdom Of The World, But Abraham The Power Of God.

1. Verses 1-9 Confusion

2. Verses 10-32 Coherent

1. Verses 1-9 Confusion:

Genesis 11:1 Now Context – The events that we are looking at took place before **Genesis 10**. "*Parenthetical Passage*" God now gives the details as to how the earth was scattered and why there are so many different languages.

Genesis 10:5, 25, 32 About 100 years have elapsed since the flood. About 1,000 people on the earth.

Verses 1-4 The Rebellion: the whole earth used the same language and the same words Literally "*one lip, one kind of words*" (Hebrew is favored) **Genesis** is written in Hebrew, a Semitic tongue. Semitic author writing to Semitic readers.

Genesis 11:2 It came about as they journeyed east, or "eastward"

Shinar is lower Mesopotamia, Babylon. **Genesis 10:8-10 Nimrod** built Babel **Nimrod** – "*we shall rebel*"

settled there This was a blatant rebellion to what God had commanded.

God had commanded **Genesis 9:1, 7**

Genesis 11:3 They said to one another, "Come, let us

You see no mention of God ("Let Us") with this united effort.

they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar or "asphalt, bitumen" (They wanted eternal but built with temporal materials)

Daniel 2:33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

The Anti-Christ shall rule this unified empire, that will control the world.

Revelation 13

"Come, let us this was a united effort in rebellion. Nimrod

Genesis 10:10, 12

Genesis 11:4 let us build for ourselves a city, Cain was the first to
Genesis 4:16,17

Babel – which means *"the gate of the god's,"* Later changed to confusion

A City To Unify Them: "Come, let us build for ourselves a city,
Political unity through the building of a city. This push for "Global
Unity"

**Religious Unity Through A Tower: and a tower whose top will reach
into heaven, Tower** - Archeologists have found Ziggurats or "*holy towers*"
built at the top "*sacred rooms*" stargazing, Zodiac, the use of astrology.
Join God or oust God!

Pride: and let us make for ourselves a name, this is Pride. (**Did Not
Make A Name But A Joke of Themselves**)

The same lie that the serpent said to Eve. **Genesis 3:5**

The basis of this rebellion was to exalt humanity, to bind people together, a
permanent union that was held together by defiance of God's will.

**A Name That Will Endure: otherwise we will be scattered abroad
over the face of the whole earth."** they would not be the focus!
Genesis 9:1, 7

Babylon A Religious System: Revelation 17:1-5

New Age Movement: Has its origin in Babel.

God – We believe in One God, New Age God is just one's higher self

Man – Is God in an Embryonic state. Awaken god consciousness

Creation – It is all part of God. **Pantheism** belief that God is in the trees
and rocks. **Polytheism** belief in many gods.

Salvation – cultivate to find out that you are a god. Cultivate self.

Human potential movement - Believe in yourself, visualize

Holistic – crystals, psychic healing. Channeling

Global – Think peace.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

Babylon An Economic System: Revelation 18:4-8

This is a picture of the last days: Nimrod will give way to a man called "The Anti-Christ." Revelation 13:1-4

Verses 5-9 Divine Judgment: Genesis 11:5 The LORD came down to see the city (Transcendent God Intervened) Psalm 2:4; Matthew 23:12

Genesis 11:6 (Leading yet again to pre-conditions of the flood, God will have to step in and stop this growing lawlessness of sin!)

Genesis 11:7 "Come, let Us This is a clear passage that speaks of the trinity. **Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;**

Genesis 11:8 they stopped building the city. No communication scattered

Genesis 11:9 70 languages Babel – sounds like the Hebrew word Babel which means "*confusion*."

because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; Acts 2

future time when man will again be unified. **Zephaniah 3:9; 1 Corinthians 14:33**

abroad over the face of the whole earth. "One Race, One Blood"

1. Don't use "Races" Derived of Evolution; only one Race, the Human race. **Acts 17:26**
2. Don't focus upon the exterior of people, skin. **Romans 12:2-5**
3. Don't be merely hearers of the word but doers. **James 1:22; 1 Samuel 16:7**

2. Verses 10-32 Coherent:

Genesis 11:10 These are the records of the generations (11 times in Genesis, Accounts & Generations Title for what follows) of Shem.

Verses 10-26 God Sustains A Family: (Hope Follows Babel) generations of Shem. Genesis 9:6 God's focus is upon **Shem** who would come **Terah Genesis 11:26 Terah** would give us **Abram. Context – Genesis 10:31-32** Ended with **Shem** allows the narrative to continue with Abram

Genesis 11:11, 26

The important lesson is that God is faithful.

Verses 27-32 God Starts A Nation: Genesis 11:27 Abram – is introduced

Genesis 11:29 Abram later is changed by God to **Abraham**,
Genesis 17:5 Sarai was changed to **Sarah Genesis 17:15** Abram
married his half-sister **Genesis 20:12**

This calling of Abram and his wife was grace. **Joshua 24:2** worshipped the Moon God.

Nahor took wives for themselves Nahor – he became the grandfather of Laban and Rebekah, who later was Abrahams's grandson Jacob.

Genesis 11:30 Sarai was barren; she had no child. For His glory.

Abram – means "*Exalted Father.*" He was childless. His name would become **Abraham** – "*Father of many nations.*"

Abraham is so important that 25% of Genesis is dedicated to his life.

Genesis 11:31 Terah took Abram his son, It's clear that God called **Abram**, not **Terah, Acts 7:2,3 15:7, Nehemiah 9:7**

The Divine Call To Abram: and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; Acts 7:2-4
(Stayed in Haran for 25 years) **Genesis 15:7; Hebrews 11:8-10**

from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan;
Modern Baghdad (Now in Iraq). Along the ancient trade route.

Haran, and settled there. From Ur to Haran (Present-day Turkey) about 1,000 miles.

Genesis 11:32 The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; (Note life span after Noah begins to shorten) The account continues - **Genesis 12:1**

Application:

1. "Authority" And "Authentic" Means "*that which allows growth and life*"
Man's Resentment Of The Authority Of God In Christ Is Therefore Foolish;
It Leads To Destruction And Death.
2. In Man's Pride, Men Attempt To Make A Name For Themselves Which Only Resulted In Making A Joke Of Themselves.
3. Man's Great Error Of Planning And Building Without The Thought Of God, Is The Greatest Mistake That One Can Make.
4. Abram Modeled Obedience When God Told Abram To Leave His Home And God Would Direct Him Where He Should Go. Abram Received God's Word And Obeyed.