



Genesis 11—part 1 [Verses 1-9]
From sermon 10.4.20

Read *Genesis 11:1-9*

Review from Sunday's sermon: The genealogy of chapter 10 gave us the breakdown of nations and kingdoms. But, it only gave us clues into how the ancient people separated. Chapter 11 gives us the how (or, better: who = God). The events at Babel impact the remainder of redemptive history and continue to set up the coming of the next main character—Abraham.

1. What is the main sin at Babel (which is also the root of all sin)? Pride

See also *Isaiah 14:4 & 12-14 & 1 John 2:16*

2. What was mentioned as the symbolic significance of their use of brick vs. stone? Brick is manmade and stone is God-made. Brick will symbolize human effort, works, and rebellion. Stone will symbolize God's will. See *Exodus 5:6-9 & 2 Chronicles 2:1-4*

3. What were the 3 goals of rebellious Babel that we are also seeing desired today and fulfilled in the Tribulation? [Note: going further, the three entities below need to be separate as well]

- A One-World Government
- A One-World Religion
- A One-World Economy

3a. What is the problem with each of those realities? All are/would be run by sinners. Man inevitably corrupts unity efforts for personal gain, power, and control. Leaders cease to view themselves accountable to the law, to the Scriptures, to God, to their constituents, etc.

4. Who was the powerful unaccountable leader of Babel? Nimrod, son of Cush, grandson of Ham. See *Genesis 10:8-11* [Note: the term "hunter". Elsewhere, the same Hebrew word is used for warrior and tyrant. Therefore, it's meaning can be either or both: 1. Hunter = feeds the masses for loyalty and control. Or, 2. Warrior = He hunted men.]

5. Discuss the reality: "Uniformity always necessitates the elimination of dissent". Where do we see this in the Bible? What is the evidence from history? What do the prophecies say about the end-times? Various personal answers and observations.

See *Esther 3:1-13 & Daniel 3:12-15, & Revelation 13:15*

6. Define each term and note how each is a grace of God:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grace</u>
Nationalism	<u>Political/governmental sovereignty</u>	<u>Provides a global checks/balances</u>
Denominationalism	<u>A Church divided on doctrinal grounds</u>	<u>Allows for truth/accountability</u>
Economic diversity	<u>Separate markets and currency</u>	<u>Prevents monopoly/control</u>

7. Comment on the following statements from Sunday's sermon:

- Until Jesus is running the show, separation is needed.
- Disunity is used by Satan to keep man from Holy/Righteous Purposes.
- Disunity is used by God to keep man from Sinful Purposes/Judgment.