



storyline

OF THE BIBLE

Genesis 11:1–9

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Genesis 11:1–9

And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

Genesis 11:1–9

⁵ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ 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

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propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.”

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and they left off building the city. ⁹ 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.

Genesis 9:7

Be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.

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The Problem of Pride

- They aim to make a name for themselves [significance/greatness]
- They aim not to be dispersed over the whole earth [security]

Isaiah 14:13-14

You said in your heart,

‘I will ascend to heaven;
above the stars of God

I will set my throne on high;
I will sit on the mount of assembly
in the far reaches of the north;

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¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;

I will make myself like the Most High.'

The Problem of Pride

Pride takes God's gifts that are to be received with gratitude and stewarded for His glory and makes them a platform for self.

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God's merciful judgment often comes in the form of frustration and disappointment.

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God always pushes his people to look outward, to multiply, toward sending and giving, in order to live for God's glory. Sinful man always looks inward, toward building for his own security and his own glory.

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What God scatters in judgment, will one day be gathered for worship.