

Date: August 11, 2019 Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9

Series: Stranger Things

What do you do when a prophet tells you to take a bath? What do you say to a fig tree with no figs? What happens when some young people mock a bald guy? What is a Nephilim? Is the witch of Endor a Star Wars character? Join as we explore these stranger things from the Bible and how they find themselves in the story of God.

Genesis Overview:

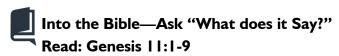
Author and Date: Genesis was perhaps written by Moses around 1445 B.C.

First readers and their location: Because Genesis was written so long ago much of what we know about authorship and audience are handed down from tradition. The first audience is thought to be the nation of Israel on their journey in the wilderness.

Why was it written?: Genesis is an historical narrative of God at work in creation and humanity.

Open-up

If there was a language you wish you could speak, what is it? Why?

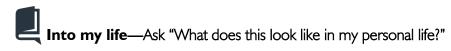


What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points, what did this passage say to the original author and audience)

Describe the situation in verses 1-4. How is it similar to today? How is it different?

What reason is given by God for stopping the building? What had God originally charged humanity to do (see Gensis I:28)? What was humanities desire in building the tower (II:4)?

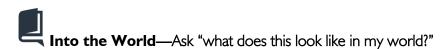
Considering the context of Genesis II, what might God be concerned about when he makes the statement, "nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them?" (See Genesis 6:5)



In what ways are you tempted to make a name for yourself? Why?

The desire of Jesus was to glorify the name of his Father (See John 17:1, Matthew 5:16). In the Psalms we see the same desire (Psalm 34:3, Psalm 86:12). How do you think this brings freedom to the Christian Life?

What would it look like to be ambitious but still have glorifying God as the top priority?



Most effort in our world is about making a name for ourselves. How will you be different from the world this week?