



STRANGER WEIRD STORIES FROM THE BIBLE THINGS

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

Genesis 11:1-2

They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

Genesis 11:3-4



Common Missteps of Humans

- Seeking to Make a name for ourselves
- Choosing to disobey God out of fear and/or pride
- Trying to obtain power apart from God
- Trying to achieve unity apart from God
- Believing we can get God to conform to our will

A “the whole world had one language” (v. 1)

B “there” (v. 2)

C “each other” (v. 3)

D “Come, let’s make bricks” (v. 3)

E “Come, let us build ourselves” (v. 4)

F “a city, with a tower” (v. 4)

G “the LORD came down ...” (v. 5)

F’ “the city and the tower” (v. 5)

E’ “that the men were building” (v. 5)

D’ “Come, let us ... confuse” (v. 7)

C’ “each other” (v. 7)

B’ “from there” (v. 8)

A’ “the language of the whole world” (v. 9)

But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

Genesis 11:5-7

God intervenes in human history so that people might fulfill the plans he has rather than chase their own glory and fame.

So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel — because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Genesis 11:8-9

The name Babel is a play on words with one meaning being “gate of God” and the other meaning confusion.

God's purposes will be achieved but wouldn't we rather be a part of it as cooperative friends of Jesus.

A diverse humanity
was better for God's
plan for humanity.

Nations are reunited by the gospel. God's kingdom is inclusive of all nations and ethnicities.

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

God uses situations to push us outwards when we choose comfort over being willing participating in His mission and purposes.

How are you making
Jesus the hero of your
story?

How is God asking you
to join in His mission?