



**Date:** 2-11-2024

**Scripture:** Genesis 11:1-9 (LSB)

**Sermon Title:** Cities and Skyscrapers

### **Genesis 9:20-23 (LSB)**

20 Then Noah began [to be] a man of the land and planted a vineyard. 21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk and uncovered himself inside his tent. 22 Then Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took the garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned backward, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

### **Genesis 10:8-10 (LSB)**

8 Now Cush was the father of Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before Yahweh; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before Yahweh." 10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

### **Genesis 11:1-4 (LSB)**

1 Now the whole earth had the same language and the same words. 2 And it happened as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn [them] thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and they had tar for mortar. 4 And they said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top [will reach] into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, lest we be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

**The sin of the tower of Babel is that of \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **Genesis 11:5 (LSB)**

5 Then Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

**God is invested in humanity on a \_\_\_\_\_ level.**

### **Genesis 11:6-9 (LSB)**

6 And Yahweh said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they have begun to do. So now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. 7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand

one another's language." 8 So Yahweh scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city

**God's plan can't be stopped by human effort.**

**Romans 1:20-24 (LSB)**

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, both His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the likeness of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

**Deuteronomy 32:8-9 (LSB)**

8 "When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, When He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the sons of Israel. 9 "For Yahweh's portion is His people; Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.

## **Psalm 82:1-8 (LSB)**

1 A Psalm of Asaph. God takes His stand in the congregation of God; He judges in the midst of gods. 2 How long will you judge unrighteously And show partiality to the wicked? Selah. 3 Give justice to the poor and the orphan; Justify the afflicted and destitute. 4 Protect the poor and needy; Deliver [them] out of the hand of the wicked. 5 They do not know and do not understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are shaken. 6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are sons of the Most High. 7 "Nevertheless you will die like men And you will fall like [any] one of the princes." 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is You who will inherit all the nations.

### **Three Principles:**

- 1) God focused Worship.**
- 2) Kingdom Builders.**
- 3) We are to scatter.**

## **Life Group Question:**

Get to know you question (optional):

1. Do you have an embarrassing moment or interaction with another person that you are willing to share?
2. Read Genesis Chapter 11:1-9 (prior to life group): When you read through the scripture take note of anything interesting, unique, or questions that come to mind when reading. Take some time and dig in deeper in the following areas.

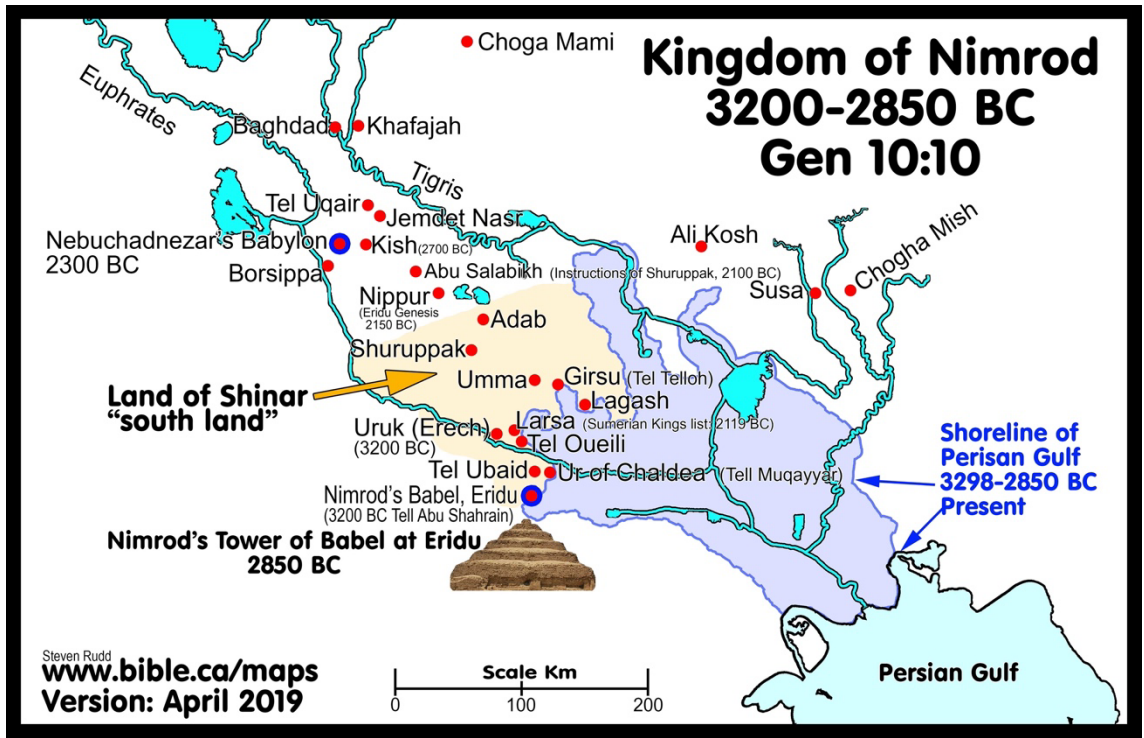
Genesis 11:1-4

What is the issue that God takes with humanity in v 1-4? What specifically are they doing that required God to intervene?

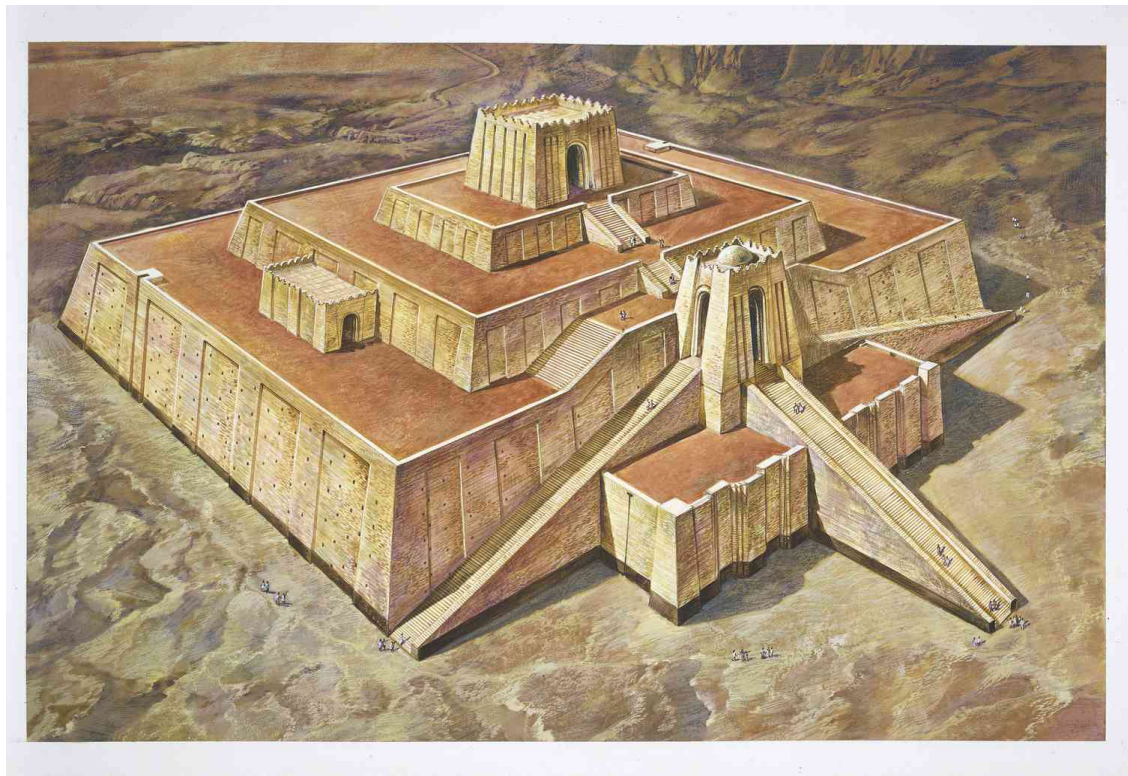
Genesis 11:5-9

What is so important about God shifting his focus from all nations to creating a nation of chosen people? Read Rom 1:20-24: How can this possibly apply to the tower of Babel? How will God bless all the nations through Israel?

3. What keeps us from sharing our faith? What do you believe is the most effective way to share your faith? How can we be more intentional about making God's name great instead of our own?



Example of a Ziggurat from the Mesopotamia region.



Possible remains of the Tower of Babel (90 km south of Bagdad)

