

Nimrod and The Tower of Babel

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Genesis 11:5–9 (NIV) **5** But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. **6** 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. **7** Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.” **8** So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. **9** 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.

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THE TABLE OF NATIONS -- THE ACCOUNT OF HAM'S SONS

Genesis 10:6–7 (NIV) — 6 The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put and Canaan. **7** The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah and Sabteka. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

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THE ACCOUNT OF NIMROD

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They gathered at Babel, and under the leadership of rebellious Nimrod. They built a tower so that they would not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." (Gen. 11:4)

- This account is a fact of historical accuracy.
- It help us to know with authority how humanity ended up spread throughout the earth

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How Did Man, With His Human Knowledge Of Good And Evil, Begin To Build A New World In The Post Flood World Of Noah And His Sons ?

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The Tower Of Babel Was A Statement Of Rebellion Against God And His Declared Will:

- *Nimrod Was Chief Perpetrator And Leader Of This Movement*
- *He Built Babylon – A Place Of Rebellion & Opposition To The Lord*
- *A Place To Defy God And To Rally Rebellion Against Him*

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- **Man Would Now Trust Himself Rather Than Trusting God And Depending On His Word For His Life And Happiness**
- **Humanity begins to build a human civilization, based upon his desire to succeed without God—without His wisdom and leadership.**

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- ***Those In Babylon -- Baked Some Bricks To Make Them Strong And To Build For Themselves A Tower***
- The Tower of Babel was a ziggurat... on top of the ziggurat was an altar on which, in certain instances, human sacrifices were offered. --J.V. MCGHEE

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This was a step in humanity's desire to act independently of God

- *They wanted to organize themselves and thereby retain their human identity by building a great empire that would **glorify man in his independence of God.***
- V. 4 ... "Let's build this tower so that we will not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

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This was open rebellion against God, Independent of God.

- They were afraid of a flood.
- They built a tower that was very high to which they could run if the rains ever came again

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Their tower was to reach into heaven.

- **Just as Satan had desired to ascend to the throne of God, this was man's way of showing his rebellion.**

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HOW TO AVOID & OVERCOME THE DREADFUL SIN OF PRIDE

What Is Pride? How Do We Recognize It?

- **Pride assures us that we are not so bad.**

Obadiah 1:3 (NIV) **The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?'**

- **SEE: MALACHI 1:6-7; 2:17; 3:8**

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Pride tends to resist help -- (no, I can do this myself) (I don't need any help)

- **Pride can cause us to resist help from others.**
- **1 Peter 5:5 (NIV) — 5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”**
- **James 4:6 (NIV) — 6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”**

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How Does God Resist the Proud?

- *By Refusing to Speak – He stops talking* (Romans 1:24-28)
- *By Ridiculing their Schemes—He stops their schemes* (Psalm 2:1–4)
- *By Ruining their Success – He stops their success* (2 Chronicles 26:15–16)
- *By Removing their Status – He stops them in their tracks* (1 Corinthians 10:12)

-- June Hunt

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1 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV) — 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

- **Pride Leads to a fall. It happens to all who oppose God**
- **Daniel 5:20 (NIV) — 20** But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory.

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Pride can seem to be very respectable and moral

- In the area of pride, God does not grade on a curve.
- **2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV) — 12** We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

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Pride blinds a person to their weaknesses.

- **Pride doesn't understand the reason God calls us sinners.**
- **The pride of men is an abomination to the Lord.**
- **Proverbs 16:5 (NIV) — 5 The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.**
- **Pride will never give God His rightful place**

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- **Pride leads to a depraved -- reprobate mind. – “a mind of unfit thinking”**
- **Romans 1:28 (NIV) — 28** Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.
- **Proverbs 11:2 (NIV) — 2** When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

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God's Recipe For Overcoming Pride

James 4:7–8 (NIV) — **7** Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

- Submission to the Lord
- Shun Satan
- Seek out the Lord and Draw Close to Him