

MAN VS. GOD

Genesis 10-11

1. God instructs; man ignores

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. (9:1)

And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. (11:2)

2. God leads; man rebels

"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. (9:6)

Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord." (10:8-9)

3. Man plans; God controls

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." (11:4)

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 propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. (11:6-8)

4. Man forgets; God remembers

When Terah had lived 70 years, he fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran. (11:26)