

A City Built on Unbelief

Genesis 9-11

Genesis 9:18–25 (ESV)

¹⁸ The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹ These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed.

Noah's Dishonor

²⁰ Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹ He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent.

²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father...

^{22b} and told his two brothers outside.

²³ Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

²⁴ When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵ he said, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers."

Nimrod's Defiance

Genesis 10:8–10 (ESV)

⁸ Cush (*one of the sons of Ham*) fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. ⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the Lord. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord."

¹⁰ The beginning of his kingdom was **Babel**, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Genesis 11:1–4 (ESV)

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.

² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ 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.”

The Tower Represented - A Substitute Religion

The Tower Represented Self-Achievement

The Tower Represented Self-Determination

Isaiah 45:9

⁹ “Woe to *the one* who quarrels with his Maker

God’s Dispersion

God Allowed Faithless Progress

God Attacks Faithless Progress

Genesis 11:5–6 (ESV)

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

⁶ The Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and 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 speech.”

Romans 1:25: (ESV)

“...exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!”