

GENESIS

GOD CAME DOWN

Genesis 11:1–9



BABEL

A. The whole earth had one language

B. There

C. Each other

D. Come, let us make bricks

E. Let us build for ourselves

F. A city and a tower

G. The Lord came down

F. The city and the tower

E. Which mankind had built

D. Come, let us mix up

C. Each other's language

B. From there

A. The language of the whole earth

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 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. 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.

Genesis 11:1-4

The Rebellious Life

Not much had changed since the flood. Not much has changed since Babel.

Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

Ecclesiastes 7:20

*Have you come to terms with your rebelliousness?
Are you living in rebellion now?*

Making A Name

Our pride causes us to rebel against God.

For the Lord of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up — and it shall be brought low... against every high tower, and against every fortified wall.

Isaiah 2:12, 15

Are you trying to make a name for yourself or are you trusting in the one who gives you a new name?

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built.

Genesis 11:5

God Knows Us

God is an active participant in the world. He knows our circumstances, our thoughts, and our actions.

And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought.

1 Chronicles 28:9a

God came down to us even when he knew our hearts.

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."

Genesis 11:6–7

The Grace Dispenser

Sometimes God's grace is given in unexpected ways.

And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as son? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

Hebrews 12:5-6

*Are you accepting or rejecting the Lord's discipline (love)?
What are the problem areas of your life?*

So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11:8-9

The *Missio Dei*

The mission of God will not be stopped.

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.

Luke 24:46–49a

Are you on mission with God?



God Created



Man Sinned



God Redeems



God Restores