

## Open It!

What is one of the greatest human accomplishments achieved because people worked together?

## Discuss It!

Genesis 10 describes the dispersion of the descendants of Noah's sons throughout the world. Genesis 11 describes the event which precipitated this scattering.

Where did the descendants of Noah and his sons settle after the flood (11:2)?

Who settled and built this area (10:8-10)? How did he make a name for himself (10:8-12)?

How did the people of Shinar seek to make a name for themselves (11:2-4)? What were they seeking to avoid (11:4)?

What is wrong with their desire to stay in one place (see Genesis 1:28; 9:1, 9)? How did God intend man to be fruitful? And, to what end?

What was the LORD's assessment of man's plans for a city and tower (11:5-6)?

How did the LORD respond? What did He do (11:7-9)?

Why did God scatter people over the face of the earth? What was His purpose (Genesis 1:28)?

See the stoning of Stephen Acts 7:54-8:5 for a New Testament parallel. What is God's plan for His people (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20)? Why are we more interested in staying than going?

How did God advance his plan to fulfill Genesis 3:15 through Shem the son of Noah (11:10-31)? Who will be the next on earth's stage?

## Live It!

Adoration. I praise Your great name. You are...

Confess. I've been making a name for myself apart from you...

Thanksgiving. Thank you for saving me by your grace and preparing works for me to do (see Ephesians 2:1-10)

Supplication. Ask and keep on asking (see 1 John 5:14-15)

## Lessons in Life From our Forefathers

*Babel: The Ways of Man and the Purposes of God*

Genesis 11:1-32

Sunday, June 7, 2026

## Introduction

The Pattern of Revelation in Genesis 1-11

The Relationship between Genesis 10 and 11

The Literary Structure of Genesis 11:1-9

- A Everyone Spoke One Language (v 1)
- B Everyone Settled There in Shinar (v. 2)
- C Everyone Said to Each Other (v 3)
- D Come, Let Us Make Bricks (v 3)
- E Come, Let Us Build for Ourselves (v 4)
- F A City and a Tower (v. 4)
- G The Lord Came Down to See (v 5)
- F<sup>1</sup> The City and The Tower"
- E<sup>1</sup> Which the Children of Man Had Built
- D<sup>1</sup> Come, Let Us Confuse Their Language (v 7)
- C<sup>1</sup> So that They Don't Understand Each Other (v.7)
- B<sup>1</sup> The Lord Scattered Them from There (v 8)
- A<sup>1</sup> The Lord Confused the Language of Everyone (v 9)

## Sermon Question

How Are You Aligned? Are You in Alignment with the Purposes of God or the Ways of the World?

## **The Ways of Man Do Not Align with the Purposes of God**

People Are Together as One (11:1)

People Migrate and Settle (11:2)

People Determine to Build a City and Tower (11:3-4)

People Seek to Make a Name for Themselves (11:4)

People Reject the Purposes of God (11:4)

## **The Ways of Man Do Not Thwart the Purposes of God**

God Knows the Intentions of Our Hearts (8:21)

God Sees the Works We Do (11:5)

God Assesses the Harm We Will Do (11:6; Jer. 17:9-10)

God Acts to Accomplish His Purposes (11:7-9)

God Sets the Stage for Abram and Sarai (11:31)