

## Genesis: The Battle for Beginnings Week Eight

### Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup>As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup>But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." <sup>8</sup>So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup>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.

#### I. The Curator of the Empire

- Nimrod: means \_\_\_\_\_; prime mover behind the tower of Babel
- Babel became Babylon: the seat of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Nimrod took Noah's sword of stewardship and transformed it into a sword of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Nimrod exchanged kingdom expansion for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Nimrod was a defiant leader who led his people away from the "restrictive" religion of \_\_\_\_\_.

***Which kingdom are you building?***

#### II. The Cause of the Dispersal

- The world begins and ends with Babel. Unify the creation in order to overthrow the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Nimrod is a forerunner to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the last days.
- Babel was an attempt to have a \_\_\_\_\_ society.

***Do you understand the cost of freedom?***

#### III. The Materials of the Empire

- \_\_\_\_\_ was the primary material of this pagan empire.
- The bricks of Babel speak of a \_\_\_\_\_ empire that was being constructed.
- God builds with \_\_\_\_\_ while man builds with \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Peter 2:4-5

*As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup>you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

- Unity of language was used to ensure political \_\_\_\_\_ of the people.
- Self effort is always mankind's \_\_\_\_\_ position.

***Are you building with brick or stone?***

IV. The Method of the Empire

- They were not building a tower reaching the heavens but a tower \_\_\_\_\_ by the heavens.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Babel was that of worshipping the creation and not the Creator.

***What stars are you worshipping?***

V. The Motive of the Empire

- The sin of Babel was the same as Satan's original sin - \_\_\_\_\_.
- They were convinced in their own hearts and minds that the \_\_\_\_\_ or the God \_\_\_\_\_ that they gave themselves would be better than the one God gave them.

***Are you living for your renown or God's?***

John 3:30

*He must become greater; I must become less.*

VI. The Mistake of the Empire

- Dismissing God in our thinking doesn't dismiss the reality of His \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 15:3

*The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.*

- God will not allow sin to go unchecked because sin is never just \_\_\_\_\_, it is always \_\_\_\_\_.

Exodus 20:4-6

*"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing love to a thousand {generations} of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

***Is there a blind spot in your life tonight that needs to be revealed?***

Psalm 139:23-24

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup>See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*