

Genesis: The Battle for Beginnings Week Eight

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ²As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. ³They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴Then 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." ⁵But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. ⁶The 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. ⁷Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." ⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹That 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—⁵you 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. ⁵You 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, ⁶but 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. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.