

**The Scattering of the Human Race Over the Earth:
The People’s Tragic Mistake and Sin —
The Secular City and False Worship (the Tower of Babel)
Genesis 11:01–09**

1. *Two major facts about the early human race*

- a. They had one language
- b. They migrated in mass — as a whole civilization — to the land of Shinar

2. *The tragic mistake and sin of the human race: Building a secular city and false worship centre*

- a. Their excitement and commitment to the project
- b. Their secular purpose: To gain fame
- c. Their worldly purpose: To gain security apart from God
- d. Their religious purpose: To reach heaven by themselves

3. *The intervention of God to restrain man’s godless purpose*

- a. God saw the secular city and false religion
 - 1) He saw their unity, single-minded purpose
 - 2) He saw their one language
 - 3) He saw their great capability
 - 4) He saw the pride of their imagination

1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.

2 As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

3 They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.

4 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; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.

6 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.

<p>b. God pronounced His verdict: To restrain man's evil purposes by confusing man's language</p> <p>c. God restrained man's evil purpose</p> <p>1) Scattered them</p> <p>2) Stopped their secular empire and religion</p> <p>4. <i>The eternal memorial to God's power</i></p> <p>a. The very name of Babel or Babylon</p> <p>b. The different languages and nationalities of the world</p>	<p>7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”</p> <p>8 So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.</p> <p>9 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.</p>
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