

Day 21: Genesis 11:1-9: Tower of Babel



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Shinar: Babel, sounds like Hebrew: *balal*: to confuse; ancients called city Bab-ilu: gate of God

Let us build a city and a tower: rebellion against command to “fill the earth” Gen. 1:28; 9:1

Let us make a name for ourselves: human pride and arrogance rather than glorification of God as His image-bearers: Gen. 1:26-27

God's response: Let us go down to confuse language and cause them to disperse: Isa. 46:8-11

Reverse of Babel: Pentecost: Acts 2:1-11

Assignment:

How is God's grace evident in the dispersion after the Tower of Babel?

How is Pentecost in Acts 2 the reverse of Babel? What was the purpose there for the gift of tongues poured out on the disciples?

Consider and repent of any ways you have tried to make a name for yourself rather than glorify God.