

BOOK OF GENESIS – Part 4

Genesis 11:1-9

2/1/23

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Series – Book of Genesis – Part 4
 - Comment – I intended to cover Genesis 11 in last week's study, but ran out of time – Instead of beginning to discuss Abraham this week, Genesis 11 will get a little more time than I originally planned
 - Part 1 – Set the stage with “Is Genesis History?”
 - Part 2 – Talked about Genesis 1, verses 1 and 2
 - Part 3 – Overview of Genesis 1-11
 - Tonight – Genesis 11:1-9
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- Genesis 10:1-11

Gen. 10:1	Shem, Ham and Japheth
6	Ham begot Cush
8	Cush begot Nimrod – Nimrod began to be a mighty one on the earth
9	Nimrod was a mighty hunter before the Lord
10	leader – beginning of his kingdom
	in the land of Shinar – Babel, Erech, Accad, Calneh
11	from that land, he went to Assyria – built Ninevah
1 Chron. 1:10	Cush begot Nimrod – he began to be a mighty one on the earth
Micah 5:6	the land of Nimrod at its entrances – (synonym – Assyria, Mesopotamia)

- Genesis 11:1-9

Gen. 11:1	now the whole earth had one language – and one speech
2	land of Shinar
3	“Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly” – brick for stone – asphalt for mortar
4	“Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the earth”
5	but the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which they had built
6	“Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what
	they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them”
7	“Come, let Us go down and there confuse their languages, that they may not understand one another's speech”
8	Lord scattered them abroad over face of the earth – they ceased building
9	therefore, its name is called Babel, because the Lord confused the language of all the earth – scattered them over the face of the earth

“2. Now it was Nimrod who excited them to such an affront and contempt of God. He was the grandson of Ham (the son of Noah), a bold man, and of great strength of hand.

“He persuaded them not to ascribe it to God, as if it were through his means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. He also gradually changed the government into tyranny – seeing no other way of turning men from fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence on his power.

“He also said he would be revenged on God, if he should have a mind to drown the world again; for that he would build a tower too high for the waters to reach! And that he would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers!

“3. Now the multitude were very ready to follow the determination of Nimrod, and to esteem it a piece of cowardice to submit to God; and they built a tower, neither sparing any pains, nor being in any degree negligent about the work; and by reason of the multitude of hands employed in it, it grew very high, sooner than any one could expect; but the thickness of it was so great, and it was so strongly built, that thereby its great height seemed, upon the view, to be less than it really was.

It was built of burnt brick, cemented together with mortar, made of bitumen, that it might not be liable to admit water.

“When God saw that they acted so madly, he did not resolve to destroy them utterly, since they were not grown wiser by the destruction of the former sinners; but he caused a tumult among them, by producing in them [diverse] languages; and causing that, through the multitude of those languages, they should not be able to understand one another.

“The place wherein they built the tower is now called Babylon; because of the confusion of that language which they readily understood before; for the Hebrews mean by the word Babel, Confusion . . .”

Caesar Augustus	31 BC – 14 AD	Luke 2:1
Caesar Tiberius	14 – 37 AD	Luke 3:1 and John 19:12
Caesar Caligula	37 – 41 AD	n/a
Caesar Claudias	41 – 54 AD	Acts 11:28
Caesar Nero	54 – 68 AD	Acts 25:8-12, 21; Acts 26:32 and Acts 28:19

Dan. 2:31-32	great image – head – chest and arms – belly and thighs – legs
Dan. 7:4-7	lion – bear – leopard – dreadful & terrible
Rev. 13:2	dragon gave this beast – his power, his throne and great authority
11-12	another beast – exercises all the authority of first beast
Matt. 20:25	rulers lord it over – those who are great exercise authority over
1 Cor. 15:24-28	put an end to all rule, all authority & all power