

**“Come, Let Us...”**  
Genesis 10:1-11:9

**THE TABLE OF NATIONS. Genesis 10:1-32**

- 1. This is a register for all the peoples of the world, and where they settled (it includes geography).**
  - Ref. 9:19; 10:32. E.g., see 10:2-5
- 2. It is in the form of genealogy, but it is different from other genealogies.**
- 3. It is primarily “ethnographic” – it deals with nations and people groups, rather than individuals.**
- 4. Seventy nations are recorded.** 70 is symbolic of totality – i.e., All the nations descended from Noah’s 3 sons.
  - Chapter 10 lists where all the descendants of Noah ended up. Chapter 11 records HOW they got there.

**THE TOWER OF BABEL. Genesis 11:1-9**

- 1. Mankind’s united rebellion against the LORD. “Come, let us...” v.2-4**
  - The descendants of Noah had one language. v.1
  - They settled on a plain in Shinar. v.2 (between the Tigris & Euphrates Rivers. Ref. Gen. 10:10; Zech 5:11)
  - a. A man-made PLAN: A Great United Kingdom. v.2-3. “Come, let us make...”**
    - Rather than obey God’s command after the Flood (9:1), they congregated together and built a city.
    - No mention of the LORD in their plan. Rather, “...they said to one another, ‘Come, let us...’”
  - b. A man-made RELIGION: A Great Tower. v. 4a. “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower....”**
    - The tower has a connotation of false religion and worship. ‘the gate of heaven’ (Ziggurat)  
→ We will make our way to heaven!
  - c. A great NAME. v. 4b. “...let us make a name for ourselves...”**
    - “...lest we be dispersed...”
- 2. The LORD’s punishment and preservation of humanity. “Come, let us...” v.5-9**
  - a. The LORD “came down” v.5**
    - The language reflects the true insignificance of man’s efforts. → “Yahweh must draw near, not because he is near-sighted, but because he dwells at such tremendous height and their work is so tiny. God’s movement must therefore be understood as a remarkable satire on man’s doing.”
  - b. He CONFUSED their language. v.6-7**
    - He gives the reason in v.6
  - c. He DISPERSED their kingdom. v.8**
    - God did the very thing they feared and worked against.
  - d. He NAMED the place Babel. v.9**

**BABEL IN REDEMPTIVE-HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

- 1. Babel is a picture of every human’s heart—if not born again by the Holy Spirit.**
    - Proverbs 14:12: There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.
  - 2. The Bible says the Kingdom of Christ is the only way to God, unity of mankind, and lasting significance.**
    - Salvation is offered to everyone through faith in Jesus Christ. Ref. Acts 2:1-12  
-At Babel, the tongues were ‘confused.’ At Pentecost, God ‘unconfused’ the languages.  
→ One Gospel, in many tongues, to all nations.
    - Believers are called to share the Gospel with all nations—including our neighbors.  
-At Babel, 70 nations went out. Jesus sent out 70 witnesses to preach, heal and cast out demons. Luke 10
    - God promises to unite His people into one perfect Kingdom.  
-At Babel, mankind sought an ungodly union. At salvation, Christ brings all kinds of people, nations, languages together into ONE body.
    - God promises eternal life and significance to all His children. Philippians 2:10; Rev. 2:17
- The only way not to be ‘dispersed’ for eternity is to come under the name of Jesus Christ. Isaiah 1:18