



“Why the World is Messed Up, Part 2”

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.” ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11:1-9

The Bridge – Chapter 10 is a **BRIDGE** between Noah’s drunken stumble and the tower of Babel.

Three families – one **FULFILLMENT** – insights from each

10:1-5 These are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood.

The Japhethites

²The sons of Japheth:

Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshek and Tiras.

³The sons of Gomer:

Ashkenaz, Riphath and Togarmah.

⁴The sons of Javan:

Elishah, Tarshish, the Kittites and the Rodanites. ⁵(From these the coastland peoples spread in their lands, each with his own language, by their clans, in their nations.)

10:6-20 The Hamites

⁶The sons of Ham:

Cush, Egypt, Put and Canaan.

⁷The sons of Cush:

Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah and Sabteka.

The sons of Raamah:

Sheba and Dedan.

⁸Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. ⁹He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD.” ¹⁰The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, and ¹²Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.

¹³ Egypt fathered

Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, ¹⁴ Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom the Philistines came), and Caphtorim.

¹⁵ Canaan fathered

Sidon his firstborn and Heth, and of the Hittites, ¹⁶ and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, ¹⁷ the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, ¹⁸ the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites.

Afterward the clans of the Canaanites dispersed. ¹⁹ And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon in the direction of Gerar as far as Gaza, and in the direction of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

²⁰ These are the sons of Ham, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

10:21-32 The Semites

²¹ To Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, children were born.

²² The sons of Shem:

Elam, Ashur, Arphaxad, Lud and Aram.

²³ The sons of Aram:

Uz, Hul, Gether and Meshek.

²⁴ Arphachshad fathered Shelah;

and Shelah fathered Eber.

²⁵ To Eber were born two sons:

the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided, and his brother's name was Joktan.

²⁶ Joktan fathered

Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, ²⁷ Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, ²⁸ Obal, Abimael, Sheba, ²⁹ Ophir, Havilah and Jobab; all these were sons of Joktan.

³⁰ The territory in which they lived extended from Mesha in the direction of Sephar to the hill country of the east.

³¹ These are the sons of Shem, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

³² These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.

Now on to Babel: Another **CHIASM** – *a repetition of similar ideas in reverse sequence*

A chiasm to explain the present **CHAOS!**

One **LANGUAGE**

Languages **CONFUSED**; the peoples scattered

A **BUILDING** breakthrough

The Lord **INTERVENES**—the building is halted

A grand **PLAN**

The Lord **OBSERVES** their grand plan

PRIDE— “a name for ourselves”

Moses is explaining why things are as they are—why the world is so **MESSED UP!**

Proverbs 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Pride—the **IDOLATRY** of **SELF**—is at the root of our sin problem; it’s at the root of everything!

BUT GOD has a grand plan as well:

A plan for breaking our pride

A plan for healing our wounds

A plan for all the nations

A plan for restoring hope

Jesus Christ is that plan!