

Lesson Eleven: Babel Genesis 11:1-9 Paul Goebel – April 11, 2023

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then 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." <sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And 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. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.<sup>9</sup> Therefore 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.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What was the Tower of Babel? Why did the people build a city and tower that reached to the heavens?
- 2. In what way do we seek to build our own towers every day?
- 3. How did God curse the people at Babel? Why?
- 4. Where do we see the effects of the curse of Babel in our world today?
- 5. Read Acts 2:5-11. What does the Pentecost event have to do with Babel?
- 6. Read Revelation 7:9-12. How will the curse of Babel ultimately be reversed once and for all?