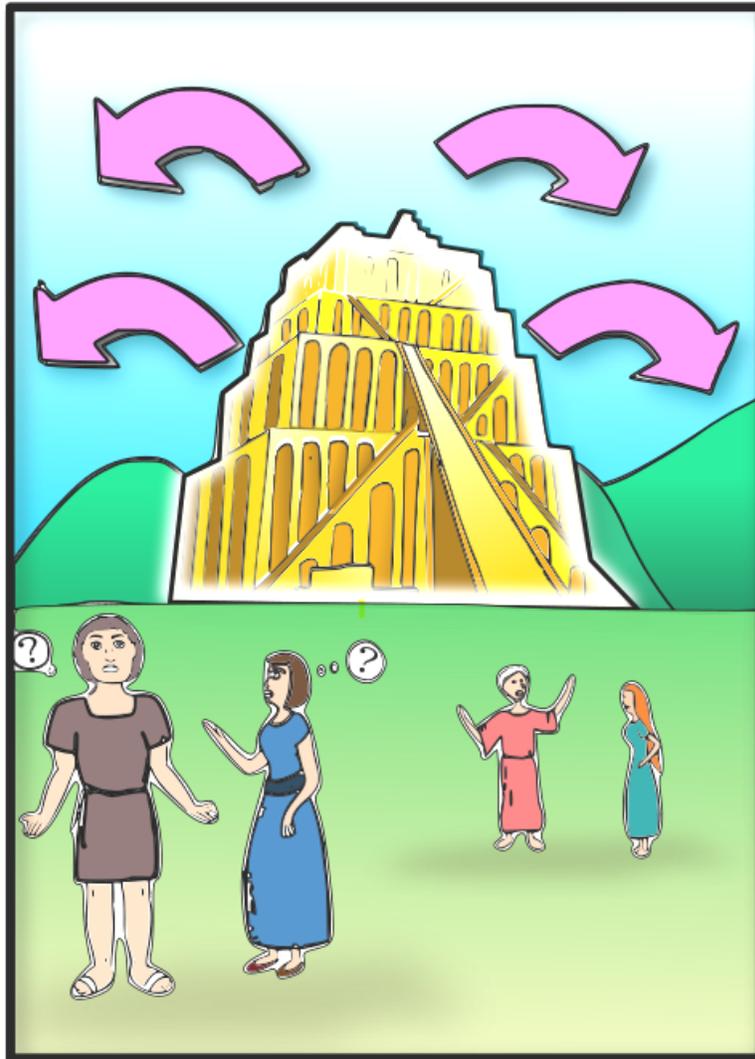


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Genesis 11

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BIBLE

Book	Author	Chapter	Date
Genesis	Moses	11	1450-1410 B.C.

SUMMARY

In Genesis 11, humanity, united by one language, attempts to build a tower to reach the heavens and make a name for themselves. In response, God confuses their language and scatters them across the earth, halting the construction and giving rise to diverse nations.

NOTES

Mankind's Plan Genesis 11:1-4

- All people had the same language, move eastward and found the plain of Shinar (Mesopotamia)
- Planned to make a city with a tower that reaches to the heavens
- *"Come let us make a name for ourselves"* - desiring to exalt their own name and not the LORDS

The LORDS Intervention Genesis 11:5-8

- The Lord came down to see the city
- Could see that this was the beginning of prideful, humanistic pursuit "nothing will be impossible for them."
- God confused their languages so that they couldn't understand one another
- Then he scattered the people across the face of the earth

KEY POINTS

1. Mankind desired to 'make a name for themselves' relying on their own collective effort and not God
2. God intervened and stopped their efforts by confusing their languages
3. The origin of languages and national entities