

What Did You Say? The Story of Babel Genesis 11:1-9

Introduction

Structure of Genesis 11:1-9

- 1 Unity: one language
- 2 Settled
- 3 Cooperate
- 4 False safety and religion
- 5 The Judge comes and sees
- 6 Judgment of rebellion
- 7 Confusion
- 8 Scattered
- 9 Disunity: many languages

A. Unity (1)

B. Rebellion (2-4)

1. Disobedience [choosing to settle rather than scattering to fill the earth] (2)
2. Self-reliance [depending/trusting on the works of their hands rather than God's provision] (3)

3. Hubris [extreme pride, often from an overestimation of their own competence and abilities] (4)
 - a. Autonomy/disobedience
— rather than obedience
 - b. Man-made religion/false spirituality
— rather than faith
 - c. Pride/arrogance
— rather than humility

C. Heaven Comes Down (5)

D. Divine Judgment (6-8)

E. Disunity (9)

F. The story of Babel is not finished

1. Acts 2:1-12, 21, 40
2. Revelation 7:9-10

Conclusion